



**SGA Executive Branch Local Fees Committee
Introductory Meeting
9/08/2023**

Call to Order: 11:00 AM

Members Present: Student Body Treasurer Bowling, Carson Dale, Madeline King, Tori Kim, Jerryson Cirise, Dr. Shelley Ducatt, Cassandra Brown, Dr. Carlos J. Gomez, Amy Magnuson, Felicia Williams, Gilman Page, Kelly Conner, Andy Johnson, and Angela Crosby

Members Tardy: N/A

Members Absent: Ross Cobb

Guests: Chris Morris, David Peters, Kenny Harrison, Laurel McKinney, Steve Mitchell, Zduy Chu, Phoung, Bryan Senior, and Brandon Bowden

Announcements:

- Chair
 - Land Acknowledgement:
 - The Student Government of Florida State University acknowledges that it is located on land that is the ancestral and traditional territory of the Apalachee Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, the Muscogee Creek Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to their descendants and to all Indigenous people. We recognize this land remains scarred by the histories and ongoing legacies of settler-colonial violence, dispossession, and removal. In spite of all this, and with tremendous resilience, these Indigenous Nations have remained deeply connected to this territory, to their families, to their communities, and to their cultural ways of life. We recognize the ongoing relationships of care that these Indigenous Nations maintain with this land and extend our gratitude as we live and work as humble and respectful guests upon their territory. We encourage all to learn about and educate others on the contemporary work of the Indigenous Nations whose land we are on and to endeavor to support Indigenous sovereignty in all the ways that we can.
- Guests
 - Public Statements: N/A
- Mission Statement of the local fees committee: "The Local Fees Committee at Florida State University is dedicated to the transparent and equitable allocation of student fees. Our goal is to responsibly fund vital campus services and enhance student well-being, guided by thorough evaluation and student input."
- Overview
 - Health Fee Presentation by Dr. Carlos J. Gomez and Amy Magnuson

- UHS Services and plans for 2024-25 funds
 - Mission: promote and improve overall health and wellbeing
 - Request 5% increase in the health fee
 - Would provide \$.61 more per credit hour
 - Would provide for students and staff
 - Supports students in various ways
 - CHAW - provides education on violence prevention, high risk behaviors, healthy decisions, etc.
 - Educational opportunities through internships, peer educators, etc.
 - Medical response unit (mostly students), flu campaign and COVID operations (not as involved now)
 - Team based collaborative care
 - Health care away from home
 - including Primary Care and Priority care for illnesses and injuries. Well and preventative physicals, womens care, referral services, diagnostic imaging, allergy shots and immunizations, travel clinic, mental health, and routine follow ups and chronic medical care
 - Additional specialty services
 - Physical therapy, rapid HIV testing, nutrition consultations, wellness coaching, and virtual services
 - Licensed and board certified staff
- Student usage of UHS Services
 - 42, 083 student visits (predicted to have more visits)
 - 80% undergraduates
 - 20% graduates
 - Top Reasons for Visits
 - Ear, nose, and throat
 - Mental health
 - Musculoskeletal
 - Immunizations
 - Identified innovative and more efficient processes
 - Goal to retain as many services as possible
 - Plan to utilize funds in 2023-24
 - Directly support UHS staff and CHAW staff
 - Ranked 14th best health services in the country
 - Future initiative
 - Provide efficient and timely healthcare services
 - Continue high quality and comprehensive care
 - Ensure all students have access to high quality healthcare
 - Implement electronic check in, digital forms, etc.
 - Impact if fee is not increased
 - Unable to meet timely demand of student health needs

- Challenged to meeting the needs
 - Continual cost increases
 - Stagnant health fee
 - Budget constraints, increased overhead
 - Nationally, 60% increase in physician salaries
 - Service reductions and unmet student needs
 - Healthcare provider and CHAW positions unfilled
- Requesting 5% increase
- Counseling and Psychological Services
 - Comprehensive counseling center
 - CAPS at a glance - clinical staff (& psychologists and 18 mental health specialists, but 13 vacancies)
 - Provide walk in triage consultations - average wait 35 minutes; above industry standards
 - Single session interventions, individual psychotherapy, group therapy, crisis intervention, 24/7 crisis hotline, treatment coordination and referral services, alcohol/drug assessments, psychological testing, EMDR, and online psychoeducational programs and behavioral health consultations
 - Clinical utilization
 - 10-15% of student population
 - 3972 unique students were seen at CAPS either virtually or in-person for a total of 28,091 appointments
 - Behavioral Health Consultation: 689 student visits for 302 UHS patients
 - CAPS received over 441 after-hour calls for crisis intervention
 - Over 700 students referred to Treatment
 - Most students are juniors, seniors, and graduate students
 - Each year, meet students where they are at and improved individualized treatment
 - Top presenting concerns
 - Majority present with anxiety, 50-60% present with depression
 - 90-94% of students show a stabilization or decrease of distress
 - Last year - CAPS served over 4320 individuals through 300+ outreach programs
 - Renew
 - Peer advising group
 - 39 RENEW members
 - 32 health and wellness programs reaching nearly 1,000 students

- Consultation and Crisis Management
 - Addressing thoughts
- CAPS academic liaison program
 - Have a name to call when in need of outreach; mental health services coming out of the different departments; embedding clinicals around the university
- Mental health withdrawal/ course drops
- #13 best student support and counseling services
 - Ranked by the students
- Health fee funding
 - No increase in the past 10 years
 - Increase in building costs, overhead, technology, and continuing education
 - Increasing turnover rates post-pandemic - 5-10 clinical leaving for higher pay
- Vacancies
 - 13 vacancy psychologist positions
 - Competitive salaries for current staff; no funding for the vacancies
- Questions: Gilman Page - 0.61 cents to be divided between Counseling center and UHS? Is that 5%?
 - CAPS receives \$2.51, UHS \$11.42, so 5% would be \$.69
- Activities and Service Fees Presentation by Andy Johnson and Dr. Felicia Williams
 - Introduction of Chris Morris, and David Peters, and Brandon Bowden, and Kenny H., and Laurel Mckinney
 - Local fees are an important funding source for the university
 - A&S fee at Florida State
 - Directly supports Campus Recreation, the Student Union, and Student Government
 - 13 facilities across campus
 - Over 200 acres of outdoor space
 - Approximately 1,000 student employees
 - Over 110 full-time staff and administrators
 - Also provides supplemental support for
 - FSU childcare, Center for Global Engagement space access, SAFE bus, WFSU radio station, FSU Food for Thought Pantry, Graduate student research and scholarship through grants programs, RSO training and programming/funding for 650+ organizations, Academic Student Organizations travel and programming, and Sports Clubs travel and competition
 - Engagement and Programming
 - 450,000 visitors to the student union each month

- 81,000 attended movies and 20,000 participated in gaming at ASLC
- 27,000 different students participated in Campus Recreation programs
- 23,600 different students participated in fitness programs at the Leach Center
- 25,000 students participated in Welcome FSU activities
- 9,900 students participated in Intramural sports and sports clubs
- 13,500 attendees at over 175 cultural, educational, and social events sponsored by SGA
- 8,300 students visited the FSU Rez/Lakefront Park or participated in outdoor adventure programs
- 16,000 attended FSU Flying High Circus shows
- 105,500 games bowled in 11 months at the Bowling and Billards Center
- 8,000 students attended the involvement fairs
- 12,000 students attended Union production events and CDU concerts
- 750+ Recognized Student Organizations
- Moments of Engagement and Memories
- FSU A&S Fee - \$12.86 per credit hour
 - Last increase 2013 (raised by \$0.32)
 - Costs will be very likely to increase in the future
 - The minimum wage in the state of Florida has increased \$4.21 per hour (or 54%)
 - Full-time employee health insurance costs have increased more than 50%
 - Deferred maintenance of aging facilities has resulted in increased maintenance costs
 - Required contributions for shared University costs have risen by hundreds of thousands of dollars
 - If the A&S fee only increased to keep up with inflation, the fee would be \$16.83 per credit hour in this fiscal year
 - Over the years, stagnant A&S fees have meant
 - Reduction of facility hours and access
 - Reduction of programs and service
 - Smaller scope of programs and services
 - The inability to be nimble and innovative with lack of resources
 - Projected Upcoming Costs
 - Cost to continue services continues to increase
 - Staffing costs and increase to meet market demand and recruit top talent

- Creative programming and staffing during Union transition
 - Goals to expand athletic training program and meet national guidelines
 - Budget requests for the current fiscal year were over \$17.5 million, about \$3 million more than was available for A&S funds
 - Early FY 2025 Budget Outlook
 - Base scenario: no increase in A&S fee
 - A&S Fee Revenue (at \$12.86/credit hour) - \$14,089,995
 - Projected Budget Shortfall - \$3,429,815
 - Recommendation: Increase by \$0.69
 - A&S Fee Revenue (at \$13.50/credit hour) - \$14,845,990
 - Projected Budget Shortfall - \$2,673,820
- Recess: 11:46am
- Return: 12:00pm
 - Athletic Fees Presentation by Bryan Senior
 - Overview of Athletics Success
 - Directions Cup last four years
 - Team National Championships
 - US News and World Report
 - Direct Student Support
 - Seminole Productions
 - Employs 150 students per year for production
 - Student employment in athletics
 - Over 200 students employed in athletics department each year
 - Marching chiefs
 - Approved budget from athletics \$263k
 - Post game concert
 - Free admissions for students (Spring Game)
 - State University System of Florida
 - Athletics fee chart for comparison as of 2023-2024
 - FSU - \$7.90
 - FAMU - \$16.97
 - FIU - \$16.50
 - UCF - \$14.32
 - USF - \$10.00
 - The state average is \$13.14
 - History of FSU Athletic Fees
 - 1999-2013
 - Student athletic fees increased every two years

- No fee increase since 2013 (eleven years)
 - Longest stretch in modern program history
 - Request
 - At least \$0.43 per credit hour increase
 - Approximately \$461,000 generated annually with moderate increase
 - Would bring total athletics fee to approximately \$8.33
 - Well below the state average of \$11.77
- Deliberations
 - Adam Bowling: In a situation where we are desperate to the fact these fees have not been raised for a decade; representatives made a great point for raising each of their fees; we have to be careful in our decisions and looking forward to hearing what everyone has to say
 - Gilman Page: 0.69 (Health), 0.69 (Activities), 0.43 Athletics, we are over by 0.8 cents // From a student's perspective, do any of these have a direct impact?
 - Adam Bowling: Health Fee, A&S Fees, then Athletics - seeing the health fees have a direct impact is undeniable
 - Carson Dale: Agree with Adam - due to the competitive salary increase
 - Jerryson Clr: The A&S fees, we are biased for we see where they go on campus, as well as the health services. The vacant positions they do not have funding for is essential for providing services for students
 - Adam Bowling: The A&S Fees are a "Learning Lab" - they have taught me more about leadership and management, you are leading people and compromising, which is incredibly important. It goes directly to the students and are essential to maintaining university life and culture on campus
 - Angela Crosby: Dr. Gomez referenced risk of losing their accreditation
 - Dr. Shelley Ducatt: the presentations were very good, and provided very good information, but as someone whose office works with students who interact with Health and Wellness, it is frightening to hear they may not be able to fill the vacant 13. Students will wait longer for needs. The A&S Fees are also, referencing Adam's Statement, is so important for leadership building as well
 - Adam Bowling: Recommend fee increases after this year, for it may be enough now, but may not be for the future.
 - Adam Bowling: Asking the Committee, where would we start
 - Dr. Shelley Ducatt: Is it the sum total of each asking for 5%, are we over 5 cents?
 - Gilman Page: Yes
 - Angela Crosby: Important to not round up.
 - Gilman Page: Health fees .69 cents, A&S fees .65 cents, Athletics fees.39 is the proposal
 - Jerryson Cirise: Athletics is important for the university culture, yet Health and A&S Fees impact the students on a day-to-day life
 - Carson Dale: This proposal would be good with me
 - Gilman Page: A&S Fees asked for 5%, which is .69 cents but the proposal is .65 cents. So both receive 5%

- Adam Bowling: Seeing the proposal, Health fees .69 cents, A&S fees .65 cents, Athletics fees.39.
- Next Local Fees Meeting
 - Deliberation meeting - coordinating with Administration to see if meeting is necessary on Tuesday
- Questions:
 - N/A

Date and Time of Next Meeting: TBD

Increase Recommendation Agreed to by Unanimous Consent: (Health fees \$0.69) (A&S fees \$0.65) (Athletics fees \$0.39)

Meeting Adjourned at 12:21pm