15.6 UGA Extended Campuses Student Fee Policy

Policy Statement
A fundamental goal in creating administrative policies and procedures for UGA’s extended campuses is to ensure that UGA students on these campuses have access to the same or appropriate services, privileges, and benefits as do the students on the Athens campus. To effect this goal in the context of mandatory student fees, the University has set consistent fee packages for each extended campus which recognize both the available and the desired student services and opportunities needed at each of these campuses – all within the parameters of logistical feasibility.

Reason for policy
The unique fee package created and assessed for each individual campus will enable all UGA students to utilize the services and to participate in the co-curricular activities – these services and activities being integral to a complete UGA education – as are logistically feasible and desired. Each bundled fee package shall be premised upon the Athens bundle concept, which consists of Athletic, Activities, Health, and Facilities. The dollar amount of any student fee for extended campus students will be set by the UGA senior administration and Extended Campus Student Fee Committee and may be less than but not greater than the dollar amount for the comparable fee assessed to Athens campus students. Waiver of the student fee package will be permissible only under the same fee waiver logic as governs Athens students, including the <6 hour rule. A Technology fee is assessed to all UGA students, regardless of hours taken, and is, therefore, included herein. Thus, the following fee packages for each extended campus are as follows (current fee dollar amounts are in the attached document):

**Gwinnett Campus:**
- Activity / Recreation fee
- Technology fee

*Rationale:* The activity fee will enable the Director of Student Affairs to work with a student advisory board to provide a variety of programs and events tailored to the student body. UGA students in Gwinnett are non-traditional, working graduate students likely to have access to health services and fitness facilities in conjunction with their employment and / or in closer proximity to their homes. As working, graduate students, access to UGA athletic events is likely to be a) not in significant demand or b) gained through channels other than student tickets.

**Griffin Campus:**
- Activity / Recreation fee
- Technology fee

*Rationale:* The activity fee will enable the Assistant Director of Student Affairs to work with a student advisory board to provide a variety of programs and events tailored to the student body. The 2+ hour driving time between the Athens and Griffin campuses renders it unlikely that UGA Griffin students would use either the Health Center or Ramsey facilities on the Athens campus as are covered by the Health and Facilities portion of the Athens bundle. The distance also precludes regular attendance at athletic events as would warrant inclusion of the Athletic fee. UGA Griffin students who are interested in attending athletic events are, moreover, able to secure individual tickets to athletic events of their choice, negating the need for inclusion of the entire Athletics fee in the bundle.

**Tifton Campus:**
- Activity / Recreation fee
- Clinical fee
- Technology fee

**Rationale:** The activity fee will enable the Program Coordinator and the Director of Student Affairs to work with a student advisory board to provide a variety of programs and events tailored to the student body. The 3½-hour driving distance between the Athens and Tifton campuses precludes a Tifton student’s regular use of either the Ramsey Center or participation in/attendance at UGA athletic events. A UGA Tifton student does have access to neighboring ABAC’s Health Center under a Provision of Services Agreement between UGA and ABAC, thereby warranting inclusion of the Clinical fee.

**Periodic Review:** All bundled fee packages shall be subject to annual periodic review by the UGA Extended Campuses Student Fees committee to ensure that the fee package remains appropriate and reasonable as campus services and student needs develop at the UGA extended campuses.

**Assessment Protocols:** Extended campus bundled fee packages shall be established by central UGA administration with input from extended campus officials and members of the student body. All fee packages shall further be assessed and collected in accordance with UGA student fee policies and procedures as established by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of the Bursar. No fee waivers or exemptions shall be granted by the extended campus officials, absent prior approval by the Office of the Bursar.

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[1] For those students who are Gwinnett Campus students but are taking all or the majority of their courses at the Athens campus in any given semester, a “pay as you go” charge for use of the Ramsey facilities may be investigated in the future, analogous to that offered to faculty and staff.

**Procedures**

There are no procedures associated with this policy.

**Forms/Instructions**

There are no forms associated with this policy.

**Additional contacts**

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**Policy definitions**

There are no definitions associated with this policy.

**Responsibilities**

Responsible University Senior Administrator: Vice President for Finance Administration

Responsible University Administrator: Senior Associate Vice President for Finance Administration

Policy Owner: Budget Division

Policy Contact: Budget Office
Record Retention
Description: This series includes: operating budget expense by categories and functions report; estimated gifts, grants, contracts and clearing account summary report; student fee income and application of funds report; statewide public service source and application of funds; other reports specified by the Chancellor's Office; and institutional budget preparation instructions.

Retention: Annual operating budget: PERMANENT; All other records: 7 years.

Policy Appendices
There are no appendices associated with this policy.

FAQs
There are no FAQ's associated with this policy.

Policy Dates
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