

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES FOR 2015-16

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GENERAL STUDENT FEES

General student fees are university-wide fees assessed with tuition upon registration. Revenue from these fees is used to pay for programs, facilities, and services that have been determined to be essential for the enrichment and broadening of opportunities for students. Annually, UVU's General Student Fee Board (outlined in UVU Policy 511) reviews existing fees and considers requests for fee changes. This Board's recommendations are presented to UVUSA for action. UVUSA then presents their recommendation to President's Council for approval and forwarding to the Board of Trustees and Board Regents. The Board of Regents has statutory authority for approving general student fees.

Four areas of change are impacting the 2015-16 general student fee proposal.

- A. Based on its fee review process, UVUSA recommended the following fee changes based on the current fee scale and waiver structure:
 - a. Increase of \$2.00 for Student Programs fee
 - b. Reduction of \$7.00 to Building Bond fee in recognition of a bond payoff and corresponding reduction of debt service
 - c. Increase of \$0.60 to Computer Lab fee to support equipment growth and replacement
 - d. Reduction of \$0.60 to Issue Room fee
- B. Due to the new Student Life & Wellness Building, the services provided by the Issue Room have shifted to primarily academic programming support. The proposal is to eliminate the entire Issue Room fee with operational funding to be provided through appropriated funds.
- C. Actions previously taken by President's Council (and outlined below for your reference) have impact on the revenue generated by general student fees. Specifically, students enrolled in online and other distance education courses will now be charged general student fees.
- D. A review of UVU's student fee scale against other USHE institution student fee scales indicates that UVU is the only institution that plateaus fees at the 7 credit hour level; all other institutions plateau at the 10 credit hour level. Thus, students are paying much higher fees per credit at lower credit hour levels which may be contributing to a decline in part-time students.

Based on these considerations, the following general student fees changes and the 2015-16 student fee table is presented to Board of Trustees for approval. The rate at 15 credit hours (commonly used for reporting) will decrease by \$10 per semester or 2.75 percent. This reduction in general student fees is the first reduction in at least two decades.

General Student Fees Proposal 2015-16

	2014-15	UVUSA Request	Proposed 2015-16
Student Programs	\$49.90	\$51.90	\$51.19
Issue Room	\$1.82	\$1.22	\$0.00
Campus Recreation	\$16.66	\$16.66	\$16.45
Building Bond	\$107.34	\$100.34	\$99.55
Student Center	\$28.24	\$28.24	\$27.94
SLWC O&M	\$30.32	\$30.32	\$29.00
Athletics	\$99.10	\$99.10	\$99.05
Conference Affil. Fund	\$7.66	\$7.66	\$7.72
Health Services	\$8.66	\$8.66	\$8.52
Computer Lab	\$7.42	\$8.02	\$7.75
Transportation	\$6.88	\$6.88	\$6.83
Total	\$364.00	\$359.00	\$354.00

General Student Fees Scale

Credits	2014-15	2015-16	Difference
1	\$52	\$39	-\$13
2	\$104	\$74	-\$30
3	\$156	\$109	-\$47
4	\$208	\$144	-\$64
5	\$260	\$179	-\$81
6	\$312	\$214	-\$98
7	\$364	\$249	-\$115
8	\$364	\$284	-\$80
9	\$364	\$319	-\$45
10 +	\$364	\$354	-\$10

OTHER STUDENT FEES

For your information, the following other fees (not general student fees) changes have been approved by President's Council for 2015-16.

Course and Lab Fees Less Than \$10

Approved Change: Effective Summer 2015—Eliminate all “course” and “lab” fees which are currently less than \$10. In Acute Equity Phase I decisions, appropriated funds to replace the loss of fee revenue was identified. These funds will be allocated to departments effective July 1, 2015.

Off-Campus Fees at North Valley and South Valley

Current Practice: Waive general student fees and charge special fee of \$52 per section

Revenue Purpose: Pay for operational support at North Valley and South Valley locations. Expenses in FY14 were \$90,524.

Approved Change: Effective Summer 2015--Eliminate off-campus fee at North Valley and South Valley and continue the practice of not charging general student fees at these sites. The expenses currently being funded by this off-campus fee will be funded by a reallocation of existing appropriated funds within Extended Education.

Elimination of Distance Education Fee (internet, tv, and live interactive receive sites off main campus)

Current Practice: Waive general student fees and charge special fee of \$52 per section

Revenue Purpose: Pay for operational support of Distance Education, including instructional designers, curriculum development, technology infrastructure, Canvas support, etc. Revenues in FY14 were \$1,403,319.

Background: The reorganization of Academic Affairs has dissolved the previous Distance Education department with positions now assigned to support all forms of instructional delivery. UVU currently charges the largest online fee. As nearly 40 percent of UVU students are enrolled in at least one distance education course, a significant portion of students are being assessed this fee.

2014-2015 Fee Comparison Based on 3 Credit Hour Class			
INSTITUTION	STUDENT FEE	ONLINE FEE	TOTAL FEE
University of Utah	\$376.92	\$30.00	\$406.92
Utah State University	\$335.24	\$0.00	\$335.24
Weber State University	\$176.44	\$0.00	\$176.44
Southern Utah University	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Snow College	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Dixie State College	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Utah Valley University	\$0.00	\$52.00	\$52.00
Salt Lake Community College	\$95.25	\$40.00	\$135.25

Approved Change: Effective Summer 2015—Eliminate Distance Education Fee and charge general student fees. New appropriated funds of \$1,400,000 have been identified from Acute Equity to fund the expenses previously funded through the DE fee.

Note: While students will no longer pay the DE fee, more students will be charged general student fees resulting in additional student fee revenue