

Student Fees Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2008

To: Dr. Renu Khator; Chancellor/President
Dr. Elwyn C. Lee; Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Student Affairs

From: Mr. Jeremy Ruth and Ms. Chalen Jackson, Student Fees Advisory Committee

Re: **Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) Recommendations**

The Student Fees Advisory Committee respectfully submits for your consideration the attached Student Service Fee recommendations. The SFAC found it possible to recommend that the Student Service Fee remain at \$185.00 per fall and spring semester because of the projected increase in student enrollment. The projected increase in enrollment provides sufficient funding to cover mandated salary increases, increases in minimum wage, and supports several improvements in fee funded student services.

The following recommendations include one-time recommendations for fiscal year 2008 to be allocated from existing fund balance in addition to fiscal year 2009 base budgets, base augmentations, and one-time allocations for various student fee funded units.

The attached report presents budgetary suggestions and effectiveness concerns that were cited by the committee. If there is any need for a more detailed explanation of the report, please feel free to contact us through the Dean of Students Office.

cc: SFAC Members
All Student Service Fee funded units

Student Service Fee Rate Schedule FY 2008-09

Number of Credit Hours per Semester	Fee Rate for Fall/Spring (9-12 weeks)	Fee Rate for Summer (6 weeks)
1	83.50	83.50
2	99.50	99.50
3	115.50	115.50
4	131.50	115.50
5	147.50	120.50
6 and above	163.50	120.50
Enrollment Base for FY 08-09	34,000	
Projected Revenue at \$185	\$13,900,550	
Funding Reserve at \$185	\$420,455	
Salary Mandate & Adjustment Reserve	\$327,965	

Activities Funding Board

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$122,336

FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC recommends that AFB receive a FY 09 base of \$122,336 holding constant the student fee allocation percentage given in FY 08. We recommend that you pursue more active advertisement of fund availability for on campus programming.

Athletics

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$4,281,772

FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC recommends that Athletics receive a FY 09 base of \$4,281,772 which holds constant the student fee allocation percentage given in FY08. The committee feels it appropriate to recommend that the VPSA act upon the request of Campus Recreation and reallocate \$45,000 for FY09. For the future, we urge Student Affairs and Athletics to arrive at a long term agreement that specifies Swimming and Diving use of the CRWC Natatorium and reasonable payment for that usage. SFAC is very excited about the continued direction of the athletic program. SFAC commends you for all your hard work on leading student athletes to graduation.

Academic Achievers - CMAS

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$51,181

FY 09 BA: \$11,742

SFAC approves your \$51,181 base funding. We also approve your FY 09 base augmentation request of \$11,742 for a total adjusted base of \$62,923. We acknowledge your efforts in fundraising and ask that you continue to seek external funding. We remain impressed with both your high GPA requirements and the academic success of your students.

Band Program/Spirit Squad

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$171,400

FY 09 OT: \$40,000

SFAC commends the Band Program on its continued success as a unit and its community outreach efforts, including leading the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo parade. SFAC approves your base request of \$171,400. We are pleased by the dedication of this department to provide enthusiasm and spirit to this university. We deny your FY 09 base augmentation request for \$80,000 however; we award an FY 09 one time allocation of \$40,000 to be used for travel expenses. We further request that these funds be selectively expended for large market games, that would be televised or otherwise achieve the maximum national exposure. We note that your request this year was not responsive to our solicitation of a detailed breakdown of your anticipated expenses, and we renew that solicitation here.

Blaffer Art Gallery

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$15,000

FY 09 Base Aug: \$0

SFAC approves your base allocation request of \$15,000. We would like to commend you on your fundraising efforts and urge you to continue to pursue funding from other sources.

SFAC continues to encourage you to increase your advertising efforts on campus. We also encourage your looking into loaning of student work for display throughout the campus.

Campus Activities

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$693,020 FY 09 OT: \$23,161

We approve your FY09 base allocation of \$693,020 and we approve your request of \$23,161, but as a FY09 one time allocation, with the condition that a Greek Life Task Force be established with at least one member of SFAC to identify the current priorities in light of the Jelke report and evaluate the allocation of the monies in relation to these priorities. We ask you to report on the success of these activities to the committee next year. The committee was thoroughly impressed with your production and distribution of the Greek Life brochure. For continued development and improvement within the department, we suggest advisor and service evaluations.

Campus Recreation

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$539,973 FY 09 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base in dedicated Recreation and Wellness Fees: approx. \$6,069,923.

SFAC acknowledges all of your work and commends you on it. We approve your base allocation of \$539,973. In the absence of a detailed estimate and firm plan, we decline to approve specific funding for the CRWC Field Lighting proposal (which we nevertheless favor, and for which we look forward to further information.) We suggest you research the use of green technology in your future field lighting project. We have approved your request for a \$45,000 reallocation for Athletics' use of your facilities. For the future, we urge Student Affairs and Athletics to arrive at a long term agreement that specifies Swimming and Diving use of the CRWC Natatorium and reasonable payment for that usage.

Center for Students with DisABILITIES

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$381,454 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 09 base of \$381,454. However, we do not approve your FY 09 base request. We suggest that CSD research the possibility of securing a graduate assistant to work with students who have Autistic Spectrum Disorders. We also suggest that the unit research the potential of grant funding for this initiative.

Central Business Offices

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$63,330 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC thanks this unit for the valuable services that it provides.

Child Care Center

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$116,417 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your base funding of \$116,417. We commend you on running a quality child care center for students, faculty, and staff. We are aware of the potential loss of the food program, and urge inquiry into funding sources to maintain the kitchen and the continuation of the program. We are pleased with your collaboration with the Greek Community.

Council of Ethnic Organizations

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$106,071 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your base funding of \$106,071. SFAC continues to commend CEO on its improvement and asks you to continue providing student programs. However, we encourage more efforts on results based marketing for programs and would like to see increased attendance at CEO events.

Counseling and Psychological Services

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$1,129,666 FY 09 OT: \$49,157

SFAC recognizes the value and importance of this unit. We approve your FY 09 base request and deny your two FY 09 base augmentation requests. However, we approve a FY 09 one time allocation of \$49,157 for hiring an Assessment Post Doctoral position.

DOS Handbook

FY 08 OT: \$7,290 FY 09 Base \$35,745 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your base funding of \$35,745 to fund the production of 20,000 hard copies. We also approve you FY 08 one time allocation for student handbooks to be distributed at this year's new student orientations. SFAC is pleased with the efforts of this unit to produce a high-quality handbook and excited about the student cover contest. In the future we suggest that the number of student handbooks needed for 2009 new student orientations be set aside once they have been printed prior to campus distribution.

DOS Student Information and Assistance Center (SIAC)/Ombudservice

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$190,830 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your base funding of \$190,830. We hope to see continued success and ask that you strive to make more students and visitors aware of your services. SFAC continues to recommend that you explore alternative names for Ombudservice to make the service more recognizable to students.

DOS Success Programs

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$99,431 FY 09 OT: \$0

Because of the increase and reach of multiple mentor services on campus, and the limited and ambiguous responses to the program, we recommend a phase out of the Excel Program

by September, 1 2008, and that funding be shifted to the Parent Program and other services offered by the DOS office.

Debate/Forensics

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$91,550 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 08 base request of \$91,550. We do not approve your FY 09 base augmentation request or your two FY 09 one time requests. We support your efforts to expose the university on a local and national level, but we encourage you to do so from other sources of funding.

Frontier Fiesta

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$0 FY 09 OT: \$75,439

On the basis of problematic attendance and decreasing support from the University community, we recommend the formation of a DOS Task Force to look into the viability of "Fiesta," with particular attention given to the problem of perceived insularity of the contributed venues. As such, SFAC does not approve your base requests as well as your base augmentation request. Additionally, we are converting your previous base to a FY 09 one time allocation of \$75,439, and request that demonstrated improvements be reported back to the committee next year.

Health Center

FY 08 Base in dedicated Health Center Fees: \$1,666,916.

The committee has maintained the Health Center Fee at \$21.50. SFAC recognizes both the value of this unit and its current leadership. We commend you on your continuing efforts to keep health services affordable.

Homecoming

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$43,527 FY 09 OT: \$0

We are excited about the elevated stature of Homecoming as a campus-wide event and we appreciate the improved cross-campus collaboration. We ask that you continue in this vein and improve to whatever extent possible. We also support your pursuit of equitable student compensation rates. However, we feel these positions should only be compensated on a nine month calendar.

Learning and Assessment Services

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$48,590 FY 09 OT: \$0

We approve your base request in the amount of \$48,590. We appreciate all that your unit has done for students in the past, including your support of the SGA elections and the administration Student Satisfaction Survey/Needs Assessment.

Learning Support Services

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$436,979

FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 09 base of \$436,979. We do not approve your FY 09 base request for a .5 FTE Learning Strategies Counselor in the amount of \$26,569. SFAC feels with the demand created by Scholar's Community and other academic areas, the possibility of funding for the counselor could come from these units.

Metropolitan Volunteer Program

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$41,840

FY 09 OT: \$0

We approve your base request of \$41,840. SFAC continues to be pleased with the improvement of this program. We continue to recommend that you reach out to other campus organizations with a view for collaboration.

SFAC Operating

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$4,500

FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC encourages the next Committee to provide the student body with more information about the student service fee, the units funded, and the services offered. We recommend that this occur prior to the start of the 2009 SFAC hearings.

Student Government Association

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$123,352

FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 09 base allocation of \$123,352. The committee was extremely impressed by the efforts and productivity of the SGA this year. SFAC commends your efforts with SGA Cares and your continued support of other student organizations.

Student Legal Services

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$90,667

FY 09 OT: \$0

In view of the presence of much more extensive legal services at comparable Texas universities and the University of Houston's plan to become an increasingly residential campus, SFAC approves your FY 09 base of \$90,667. SFAC recommends that you research more extensive advertising of your services and interaction with UH Law School.

Student Program Board

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$110,808

FY 09 OT: \$36,336

SFAC acknowledges the improvement in the programming sponsored by SPB this past year. In light thereof, we have increased your base allocation by \$36,335, for a new total of \$110,808 for FY 09. However, we still see room for improvement in the areas of student leadership development and attendance at your unit's events. Therefore, we continue to hold \$36,336 as a one-time allocation for FY 09.

Student Publications

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$181,124 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your base request of \$181,124. SFAC believes firmly in the value of this unit. We continue to recommend that you strive for better accuracy in reporting. We applaud your new website and encourage promotion of the online publication of The Daily Cougar.

Student Video Network

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$40,725 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC commends SVN on the amazing job your unit has done with the growth of the organization and the diversity of programming provided to the UH Community. SFAC also supports your proposed year round compensated student leader positions.

University Career Services

FY08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$792,040 FY 09 BA: \$29,500

SFAC approves your base request and your FY09 base augmentation request of \$29,500 for an employer relations coordinator. We look forward to your report on the success of this position and commend you on the fine job you are doing to serve the student body.

University Center

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$1,317,035 FY 09 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base in dedicated University Center Fees: \$2,713,583

SFAC approves your base request of \$1,317,035 and commends all of your hard work. We remain supportive of the proposed marquee. We ask that you continue to work on building student awareness of the services, facilities and programming available to the student body. We look forward to learning the results of the feasibility study. SFAC recognizes the improved operation of SPB under the new reporting relationship.

Urban Experience

FY 08 OT: \$0 FY 09 Base: \$101,374 FY 09 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 09 base request of \$101,374. We urge you to continue your efforts to seek external support in both financial and in-kind donations. We suggest you revise your logo to incorporate the University of Houston and its colors.

Veterans' Services

FY 08 OT: \$7,000 FY 09 Base: \$79,083 FY 09 BA: \$10,658

SFAC approves your adjusted base allocation of \$89,741. We also approve your FY 08 one-time allocation of \$7,000 to upgrade your computer lab. SFAC acknowledges your

community outreach efforts and we encourage you to focus on improving services for currently enrolled veterans at UH.

UH Wellness

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 09 Base: \$194,111

FY 09 OT: \$0

We approve your FY 09 base request of \$194,111. However, we decline to fund your FY 09 base augmentation requests for a .50 FTE GLBT Director and a .50 FTE Outreach Counselor as they were presented. SFAC suggests that administrative approval be secured and a more detailed plan for these positions be developed before presenting to SFAC in the future.

Calculation of the Fees for Student Services Cap

For purposes of calculating the total level of FY 09 fees for student services, the \$21.50 Health Center Fee will continue to be added to the Student Service Fee. While the Health Center Fee will count towards the total, it will remain a dedicated fee. (As such, it is not included in the percentage-based allocation calculations.) Therefore, for FY 09 the total level of fees for student services will be \$185.

Student Fees Advisory Committee

Recommendations Approval
February 25, 2008

By signing below, the members of the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) approve the attached recommendations concerning FY 08 one time allocations, FY 09 Base budgets, FY 09 Base augmentations, FY 09 one-time allocations, as well as other related policy and/or budgetary issues cited in the SFAC Report.

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