

Board Meeting
July 23, 2009

APPROVE CHANGES IN STUDENT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010, URBANA

Action: Approve Changes in Student Fees for Fiscal Year 2010, Urbana

Funding: No New Funding Required

The Chancellor at Urbana recommends the following changes to three student fees for Fiscal Year 2010. The first is approval of a \$2.00 per semester decrease in the Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF) which funds Student Legal Services, the Tenant Union, and Registered Student Organizations from \$14.00 per semester to \$12.00 per semester based upon the results of the student referendum held on March 3 and 4, 2009. Student voters approved with 5,238 “yes” votes to 919 “no” votes the referendum question: “Do you support the continuation of the Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF), which funds the activities of Registered Student Organizations, Student Legal Services, and the Tenant Union (this is currently a \$14 refundable fee)?” Student voters approved with 3,929 “yes” votes to 2,126 “no” votes the referendum question: “Assuming the continuation of the Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF), do you support a decrease of \$2.00 to SORF (a refundable fee) to help support student activities on and off campus?” The fee is prorated for summer session.

Second, is approval of a \$1.00 per semester increase in the Cultural Programming Fee (that currently supports African American, Latina/o, Native American,

and Asian American programming) to support Women's programming and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) programming from \$2.00 per semester to \$3.00 per semester based upon the results of the student referendum held on March 3 and 4, 2009. Student voters approved with 3,290 "yes" votes to 2,875 "no" votes the referendum question: "Do you support including Women's programming and LGBT programming in the Cultural Programming fee (which currently supports African American, Latina/o, Native American, and Asian American programming) by increasing the Cultural Programming fee to a refundable \$3 per semester from its current amount of \$2.00 per semester?"

Third, is approval to create the Collegiate Readership Program with a \$2.00 per semester fee to provide free weekday copies of *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *USA TODAY* to students based upon the results of the student referendum held on March 3 and 4, 2009. Student voters approved with 3,894 "yes" votes to 2,297 "no" votes the referendum question: "Do you support the creation of a \$2.00 student fee per semester to fund the Collegiate Readership Program, which will provide free copies of *The New York Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, and *USA TODAY* to students Monday through Friday across campus?"

The Board action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The President of the University concurs.