

Student Fees Advisory Committee

Date: March 1, 2006

To: Dr. Jay Gogue; Chancellor/President
Dr. Elwyn C. Lee; Vice Chancellor/Vice President for Student Affairs

From: Mr. Sean Piper and Ms. Araceli Lopez, 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. In an effort to meet the multiple needs of the campus community, who are dependent upon the Student Fee, the Committee has found it necessary to recommend an increase in the student fee to \$176.00 per fall and spring semester.

The following recommendations include one-time recommendations for fiscal year 2006 to be allocated from existing fund balance in addition to fiscal year 2007 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 2006-07

Number of Credit Hours per Semester	Fee Rate for Fall/Spring (9-12 weeks)	Fee Rate for Summer (6 weeks)
1	76	76
2	92	92
3	108	108
4	124	108
5	140	113
6 and above	156	113
Enrollment Base for FY 06-07	33,500	
Projected Revenue at \$176	\$13,008,614	
Funding Reserve at \$176	\$250,559	

Activities Funding Board

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$114,957

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC recommends that AFB receive a FY 07 base of \$114,957 holding constant the student fee allocation percentage given in FY 06. We are recommending that AFB establish a post evaluation form or interview to evaluate past AFB funded events. Overall, we are proud of AFB's hard work, dedication, and acknowledge the fantastic job you are doing.

Athletics

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$4,023,486

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC recommends that Athletics receive a FY 07 base of \$4,023,486, which is \$227,905 greater than the actual amount requested for FY 07 (\$3,795,419), and holds constant the student fee allocation percentage given in FY06. The committee feels it appropriate to recommend that the VPSA act upon the request of Campus Recreation and reallocate \$40,000 for FY07. We also recommend that athletics annually pay for their agreed upon use of the CRWC Natatorium and designated locker rooms. In addition we recommend a compromise of \$50,000 be reallocated for the FY 04 - FY 06 non-payment of the agreed contribution (for a total of \$90,000 from the FY 07 allocation). SFAC is very excited about the new direction of the athletic program. We recognize the success of the tennis, softball, diving, track and field, as well as the men’s basketball and football programs and hope that this success is reflected through the other athletic programs. SFAC commends you for all your hard work on leading student athletes to graduation and on the formation of Coog Crew. SFAC recommends collaborating with MVP for future community service projects undertaken by student athletes.

Academic Achievers - CMAS

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$51,181

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your \$51,181 base funding. We commend your efforts to make your program open to all students. We acknowledge your efforts in fundraising and ask that you continue to seek external funding as well as your collaboration with the Urban Experience Program-VPSA.

Band Program/Spirit Squad

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$171,400

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC commends the Band Program on its continued success as a unit. 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. Initially we deny your FY07 one-time request for \$80,000 however, should the actual enrollment be greater than the projected enrollment we recommend up to \$40,000 of the extra monies be allocated towards travel expenses.

Blaffer Art Gallery

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$10,000

FY 07 OT: 5,000

SFAC approves your base allocation request of \$10,000 and moves your \$5,000 base augmentation to a FY 07 one-time allocation and ask that you provide a report on the success of this one-time allocation. We would like to commend you on your fundraising efforts and urge you to continue to pursue funding from other sources. We would also like to commend the Blaffer Student Association on its hard work this year, and we encourage them to continue their collaboration with other student groups on campus.

Campus Activities

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$629,084 FY 07 Base Aug.: \$3,200

SFAC commends you on your improvement from last year. We approve your FY07 Base allocation of \$629,084, and we note your request for a \$20,000 base augmentation. The committee feels that most of these activities could be funded by existing funds or could be funded on a much smaller level. Accordingly we recommend a one-time allocation of 3,200 to fund the publications and the admissions insert. We ask that you report on the success and the viability of these programs next year.

Campus Recreation

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$480,019 FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base in dedicated Recreation and Wellness Fees: approx. \$6,231,935.

SFAC acknowledges all your work and commends you on it. We are excited about the increased student usage. We would also like to commend you on all of your energy conservation efforts.

Center for Students with DisABILITIES

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$367,684 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY07 base of \$367,684 however; we believe that your FY06 one-time request should be funded else-where in the university. We recognize your efforts and attempts to fundraise and encourage you to continue looking for external support. We are pleased with your hard work and ask that you continue to supply great services for all students.

Central Business Office

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$61,231 FY 07 OT: \$0

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

Child Care Center

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$101,417 FY 07 OT: \$15,000

SFAC approves your base funding of \$101,417. We have moved your FY07 base augmentation request to a one-time allocation, and we strongly urge you to seek outside funding to continue these scholarships. We would like to commend you on your national accreditation, and we would like to thank the University for providing the funds for the utility and administration charges of the Child Care Center. We continue to recommend that the Child Care Center collaborate with MVP, the Five Star Program, and other student organizations in order to seek help for renovations needed in the facility. We commend you on running a quality child care center for students, faculty, and staff.

Council of Ethnic Organizations

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$105,431 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC continues to commend CEO on its improvement and ask you to continue providing student programs. We commend you on your efforts to work with Frontier Fiesta, and recommend that you continue to be involved in the early planning stages.

Counseling and Psychological Services

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$1,065,413 FY 07 Base Aug.: \$12,000

SFAC recognizes the value and importance of this unit. We approve your FY 07 base request and your FY07 base augmentation of \$12,000 for a part-time office assistant. We commend you on the hard work and dedication of the counselors.

DOS Handbook

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base \$40,376 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC is pleased with the efforts of this unit to produce a high-quality handbook and is delighted with the easy-access website.

DOS Student Information and Assistance Center (SIAC)/Ombudservice

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$168,625 FY 07 Base Aug: \$10,000

SFAC approves your base funding of \$168,625 and your base augmentation request of \$10,000. SFAC feels strongly that you should implement a dress code, and we suggest that you use some of your fund balance this year to provide shirts for your employees. We hope to see continued success and ask that you strive to make more students and visitors aware of your services.

DOS Success Programs

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$95,908 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC has a lot of concerns regarding this unit; we understand it is under a change of leadership and we expect improved participation in the future. We ask that you complete user satisfaction surveys at the end of each year to improve this program. We also would like to see improved record keeping. We also recommend that you collaborate with other enrichment programs in multi-purpose planning to increase and diversify your events. Finally we would like to see marked improvement on your SFAC report next year so that it reflects the scope of the program.

Debate/Forensics

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$50,720 FY07 Base Aug 23,790 FY 07 OT: \$17,040

SFAC approves your FY 07 base request of \$50,720 and FY 07 Base Augmentation of \$23,790 for student employees. We acknowledge your \$34,080 and your \$62,000 one-time requests for the director's position and the office renovations. While both of these are

extremely worthwhile projects the committee feels it appropriate to recommend \$17,040 for the director's position. We strongly urge you to investigate sources of additional funding from both on and off campus. While the office space is somewhat lacking in comfort and amenities the budget is such this year that renovation funding is not possible. We also ask that you continue to seek more coverage by the Daily Cougar, so students can be aware of the success of this unit.

Frontier Fiesta

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$75,439

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC approves the FY 07 base request of \$75,439. We acknowledge your efforts in trying to diversify this event. We commend you on your success with last year's event, and your efforts this year to provide the university and surrounding community with such a large-scale event.

Health Center

FY 07 Base in dedicated Health Center Fees: \$1,512,940.

SFAC recognizes the value of this unit. The committee feels that the Health Center does a good job in marketing to make students aware of what services are available at the Health Center. We request that you really expedite the search for a dermatologist. We would also like to see more outreach efforts due to the increase in mental health problems and depression.

Learning Support Services

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$403,624

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 07 base of \$403,624. We do not approve your request for a Learning Strategies Counselor and recommend that LSS seek funding from the respective colleges in order to pay for this position. We ask that you really make an effort to coordinate services with other support groups such as the Math Lab, Writing Center, and other tutoring services.

Metropolitan Volunteer Program

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base: \$41,840

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC is very pleased with the improvement of this program. We recommend that you increase student involvement in community service and stress the importance of documenting community service hours in your program. We also recommend that you form a campus-wide collaboration with Athletics and continue cooperation with Homecoming. We encourage MVP to continue to be a strong volunteer clearinghouse for the university.

Religion Center Utilities

FY 06 OT: \$18,861 FY 07 Base: \$0 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 06 one-time request for \$18,861 to cover the increase in utilities this year. We do not approve your FY 07 one-time request to cover utilities, and we urge the administration to include the religion center's utility needs in a proposed utility fee.

SFAC Operating

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$4,500 FY 07 Base Aug \$0

Student Government Association

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$121,287 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC is very pleased with SGA's improvement in keeping their office hours, updating their website and filling all vacant seats in a timely manner. We also acknowledge SGA's drive to keep in touch with the student body. We urge you to get the website up and running again as soon as possible.

Student Legal Services

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$86,828 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC commends this unit for the excellent services it has consistently provided to the students of the University of Houston. We commend you for offering services of such value for such little monetary expense. We commend you on your marketing efforts and we ask that you continue to market your services in such a way.

Student Needs Assessment

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$0 FY 07 OT: \$6,590

SFAC approves the FY 07 OT allocation of \$6,950 to Student Needs Assessment.

Student Program Board

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$201,141 FY07 Base Aug: 15,000 FY 07 OT: \$5,000

SFAC approves the Base Augmentation of \$15,000 to be added to your \$25,000 homecoming budget. We also approve \$5,000 for homecoming banner installation, but as a one-time allocation rather than a base augmentation. We ask that you seek other sources of funding for this installation. We would also like to charge the Dean of Students to assign a task force to look into the possibility of separating homecoming from SPB. SFAC asks that you get colleges involved in Homecoming and continue to seek external funding for the event. We ask that you be more proactive in your marketing, and market more widely to the entire campus. We would like to commend you for working with a number of diverse groups, but we would like to see more diverse programming as a result.

Student Publications

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$180,018 FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC believes firmly in the value of this unit. We recommend that you continue to strive for better accuracy in reporting. We also recommend that you continue to improve your campus news coverage in order to promote Cougar Spirit. We encourage the development of an improved search capability for the archives of The Daily Cougar website.

University Career Services

FY06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$736,516 FY 07 OT: \$29,500

SFAC approves your base request and to carry-forward the one-time allocation of \$29,500 from FY06 for an employer relations coordinator. We ask that you report the success of this position and commend you on the fine job you are doing to serve the student body.

University Center

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$1,268,995 FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base in dedicated University Center Fees: \$2,576,589

SFAC approves your base request and commends all of your hard work negotiating contracts associated with the food services. SFAC is very pleased with the renovations being made to the facility and the improvements in technology. We recommend that you continue to seek financial solvency in food contracts. We commend your programming through the years and congratulate you on the creation of Shasta's. We ask that you continue to work on building student awareness of the services, facilities and programming available to the student body.

Urban Experience - VPSA

FY 06 OT: \$0 FY 07 Base: \$97,583 FY 07 OT: \$37,476

SFAC approves your FY 07 base. SFAC strongly recommends that you continue to seek external support both financial and in-kind donations including books. We are very pleased with your attempts to diversify your program. We acknowledge your collaboration with Academic Achievers.

Veteran's Services

FY 06 OT: \$8,390 FY 07 Base: \$77,313 FY 07 OT: \$20,000

SFAC realizes the value of this unit and will continue your base funding. We congratulate you in finding a full-time coordinator, and urge you to follow the Human Resources procedure to enhance the position. We recommend granting the one-time for the oral history for FY06. We do not recommend the allocation of the one-time request for FY07, rather we feel like you should seek funds from more appropriate (academic) sources. We approve the FY07 one-time request to enable better access for disabled veterans. We

request that next year's report contain more quantified data of your unit's effectiveness. We recognize the unofficial staffing proposal presented by Mr. Sean Graves, UH student, during the public comment period, however, precedence requires that funds be requested through the appropriate chain of command.

UH Wellness

FY 06 OT: \$0

FY 07 Base Aug.: \$188,764

FY 07 OT: \$0

SFAC commends you on your hard work and your ability to maintain two offices. We are happy to see the new outreach counselor resulting in an increase in activities. We would also like to commend you on your unit's website.

Calculation of the Fees for Student Services Cap

For purposes of calculating the total level of FY 07 fees for student services, the \$20 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 07 the total level of fees for student services will be \$176.

Student Fees Advisory Committee

Recommendations Approval
February 27, 2006

By signing below, the members of the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) approve the attached recommendations concerning FY 06 one time allocations, FY 07 Base budgets, FY 07 Base augmentations, FY 07 one-time allocations, as well as other related policy and/or budgetary issues cited in the SFAC Report.

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