

Student Fees Advisory Committee

Date: March 7, 2007

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

From: Mr. Jeremy Ruth and Ms. Lydia Clay, 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 \$185.00 per fall and spring semester.

The following recommendations include one-time recommendations for fiscal year 2007 to be allocated from existing fund balance in addition to fiscal year 2008 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 2007-08

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 07-08	33,500	
Projected Revenue at \$185	\$13,696,130	
Funding Reserve at \$185	\$79,669	
Salary Mandate & Adjustment Reserve	\$320,000	

Activities Funding Board

FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base: \$121,683

FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC recommends that AFB receive a FY 08 base of \$121,683 holding constant the student fee allocation percentage given in FY 07. In answer to the question posed, SFAC feels that “retreats” do not fulfill the requirements of a conference and should not be funded as so. Overall, we are proud of AFB’s hard work, dedication, and acknowledge the fantastic job you are doing.

Athletics

FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base: \$4,258,910

FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC recommends that Athletics receive a FY 08 base of \$4,258,910 which holds constant the student fee allocation percentage given in FY07. The committee feels it appropriate to recommend that the VPSA act upon the request of Campus Recreation and reallocate \$45,000 for FY08. SFAC is very excited about the continued direction of the athletic program. We recognize the success of the tennis, baseball, softball, diving, track and field, as well as the men’s basketball and especially 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. We are excited about the continued success of Coog Crew and urge you to encourage the activities of other student spirit organizations such as Bleacher Creatures. We encourage you to work with Student Video Network to broadcast current and past athletic events across campus.

Academic Achievers - CMAS

FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base: \$51,181

FY 08 OT: \$10,656

SFAC approves your \$51,181 base funding. We also approve your FY 08 one time allocation of \$10,656. We ask that you report next year to SFAC on the success of the new office assistant II position. We acknowledge your efforts in fundraising and ask that you continue to seek external funding. We are impressed with both your high GPA requirements and the academic success of your students.

Band Program/Spirit Squad

FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base: \$171,400

FY 08 OT: \$40,000

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. We deny your FY 08 base augmentation request for \$80,000 however; we award an FY 08 one time allocation of \$40,000 to be used for travel expenses. For future years, SFAC, requests that you include your full detailed budget on the request forms.

Blaffer Art Gallery

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$10,000 FY 08 Base Aug: \$5,000

SFAC approves your base allocation request of \$10,000 as well as your FY08 \$5,000 base augmentation request. 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. SFAC encourages you to increase your advertising efforts on campus. We applaud your success in fundraising and encourage your looking into loan displays of student work throughout the campus.

Campus Activities

FY 07 OT: \$4,000 FY 08 Base: \$670,792 FY 08 OT: \$20,980

We approve your FY08 Base allocation of \$670,792 and we approve your request for \$20,980, but as a FY08 one time allocation. Also, we approve your FY 07 one time request of \$4,000 for printing. We ask you report on the success of these activities to the committee next year. We realize that you have staffing issues and we encourage that you overcome these as soon as possible. We also ask that you make a start on the enhanced Greek life efforts by including the information brochure in this summer’s orientation packet.

Campus Recreation

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$485,218 FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base in dedicated Recreation and Wellness Fees: approx. \$6,401,152.

SFAC acknowledges all of 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. We are excited about the proposed ropes course, however we ask that you get a commitment for the land before approving the funding. We are also excited about your leisure pool enhancement project.

Center for Students with DisABILITIES

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$373,680 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 08 base of \$373,680. However, we do not approve your FY 08 one-time request. SFAC feels that the three affected departments should have sufficient combined expertise to deal with this issue. If numbers of students to be served increase as you predict, we encourage you to revisit the recommendation at that time.

Central Business Office

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$62,057 FY 08 OT: \$0

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

Child Care Center

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$101,417 FY 08 Base Aug: \$15,000
FY 08 OT: \$7,604

SFAC approves your base funding of \$101,417. We also approve your FY 08 base augmentation request and your FY 08 one time request. We commend you on running a quality child care center for students, faculty, and staff.

Council of Ethnic Organizations

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$106,071 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC continues to commend CEO on its improvement and ask you to continue providing student programs.

Counseling and Psychological Services

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$1,095,081 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC recognizes the value and importance of this unit. We approve your FY 08 base request and deny your two FY 08 base augmentation requests. The committee urges you to investigate the possibility of achieving the test scoring or report writing needs by collaborating with the appropriate academic departments and ask that you report the results of this investigation to SFAC next year.

DOS Handbook

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base \$35,745 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC is pleased with the efforts of this unit to produce a high-quality handbook. We have funded the production of 20,000 hard copies and we ask that you evaluate the utilization and distribution of these. We ask that you improve the utility of the website and encourage its use.

DOS Student Information and Assistance Center (SIAC)/Ombudservice

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$186,236 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your base funding of \$186,236. SFAC is extremely pleased with the new dress code. We hope to see continued success and ask that you strive to make more students and visitors aware of your services. SFAC recommends that you explore alternative names for Ombudservice to make the service more recognizable to students.

DOS Success Programs

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$97,061 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC still has a lot of concerns regarding the Excel program; we found the data presented to be not indicative of a successful program. For next year’s SFAC, we urge you to determine data associated with mentor/mentee interactions. If these do not represent a substantial improvement then we recommend shifting the emphasis of the success program

to its other valuable aspects. During the next year we urge you to increase emphasis upon these other aspects, in particular the parents' newsletter and its distribution.

Debate/Forensics

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$74,510 FY 08 Base Aug: \$17,040 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 08 base request of \$74,510 and FY 08 base augmentation of \$17,040. We do not approve your FY 08 one time request of \$28,000. We encourage you to seek a higher percentage of renovation funds from other sources and consult with the administration of the University Center for a build out of the entire space in question. The committee was impressed with the ongoing activities of this unit.

Frontier Fiesta

FY 07 OT: \$2,326 FY 07 Base: \$75,439 FY 08 OT: \$19,607

SFAC approves the FY 08 base request of \$75,439. We also approve the \$19,607 as a FY 08 one time allocation. In addition, the committee approves your FY 07 one time request of \$2,326. The committee is concerned about the amount of funding dedicated to Fiesta from other fee funded groups. SFAC urges Frontier Fiesta to investigate the possibility of group pricing negotiations for supplies (tents, sound systems, lighting, building materials, etc...) in an attempt to reduce the costs to these fee funded units. In addition, the committee is concerned about reports of student grades suffering in result of student participation in Fiesta. The committee suggests consideration of a higher minimum GPA required for participation. SFAC urges you to increase the amount of scholarships awarded to a minimum of 5% of total expenditures. 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 08 Base in dedicated Health Center Fees: \$1,689,816.

The committee has increased the Health Center Fee to \$21.50 in order to solve your staffing issues. SFAC recognizes both the value of this unit and its leadership. The committee is excited about the updating of marketing materials

Homecoming

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: 43,527 FY 08 OT: \$0

We are excited about the new direction of Homecoming and we appreciate the cross campus collaboration in this event. We ask that you continue in this vein and improve to whatever extent possible.

Learning and Assessment Services

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$44,503 FY 08 OT: \$0

We approve your base request in the amount of \$44,503. We appreciate all that your unit has done for student activities in the past and we anticipate a mutually beneficial relationship in the future.

Learning Support Services

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$413,305 FY 08 Base Aug: \$13,752 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 08 base of \$413,305 and your FY 08 base augmentation of \$13,752. The committee was extremely impressed with the increase in student usage and we encourage you to continue to achieve even higher numbers. We are really excited about your new learning strategies counselor.

Metropolitan Volunteer Program

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$41,840 FY 08 OT: \$0

We approve your base request of \$41,840. SFAC is still very 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 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$4,500 FY 08 OT: \$0

Student Government Association

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$122,196 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 08 base allocation of \$122,196. The committee was extremely impressed by the efforts and productivity of the SGA this year. We hope that next year's officers will continue this good work.

Student Legal Services

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$87,987 FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC commends this unit for the excellent services it has consistently provided to the students at 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. We ask that you update your promotional brochures to include a new design and the inclusion of your website.

Student Satisfaction Survey

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$0 FY 08 OT: \$8,440

SFAC approves the FY 08 OT allocation of \$8,440 for the Student Satisfaction Survey.

Student Program Board

FY 07 OT: \$0 FY 08 Base: \$72,672 FY 08 OT: \$72,671

University Center

FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base: \$1,283,834

FY 08 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base in dedicated University Center Fees: \$2,648,800

SFAC approves your base request of \$1,283,834 and commends all of your hard work. We are excited about the proposed marquee, however we ask you that you get approval to install the marquee before approving the funding. We commend your programming through the years and congratulate you on your 40th anniversary. We ask that you continue to work on building student awareness of the services, facilities and programming available to the student body. We are also excited about your new working relationship with the SPB and commend you for your assistance with that unit.

Urban Experience - VPSA

FY 07 OT: \$10,076

FY 08 Base: \$99,271

FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your FY 08 base and we also approve your FY 07 one time request of \$10,076 to be used at your discretion. We do not approve your FY 07 one time request for a printer. We suggest that you examine the priorities associated with the approved allocation to possibly fund the printer. SFAC is pleased with your efforts to seek external support in both financial and in-kind donations, including books. We are very pleased with your attempts to diversify your program.

Veterans' Services

FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base: \$78,123

FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC approves your base allocation of \$78,123. The committee's major concerns is the relationship between funding recruiting at the seeming expense of services to those veterans currently on board and the data you have provided to substantiate those services. We encourage you to work with the Office of Admissions on recruitment efforts. Next year, we look forward to seeing more thorough data in support of currently enrolled students using this service

UH Wellness

FY 07 OT: \$0

FY 08 Base: \$191,040

FY 08 OT: \$0

SFAC commends you on your hard work and your ability to maintain two offices. We are happy to see that the addition of the new outreach counselor is 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 08 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 08 the total level of fees for student services will be \$185.

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Recommendations Approval
March 5, 2007

By signing below, the members of the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) approve the attached recommendations concerning FY 07 one time allocations, FY 08 Base budgets, FY 08 Base augmentations, FY 08 one-time allocations, as well as other related policy and/or budgetary issues cited in the SFAC Report.

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