

# Student Fee Hearings

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

MSUB Ballroom A

1:00 pm - Student Health Fee

1:30 pm - Recreational Sports Fee

2:00 pm - Intercollegiate Athletic Fee

2:30 pm - Student Center Fee

Committee Members:

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Also, we had 22 Students were present for the presentations.

Group Hospital - student Health Fee Presented by Jo Elda Castillo Alaniz

→ Javelina health clinic, disability resource center, counseling services, wellness services

→ Showed the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal year budgets

→ When Javelina Health Clinic was in the portable (April 2023-December 2023), they had a total of 633 visits

→ Student health and wellness advisory council - meetings frequently to discuss all things student health clinic (wait time, visits, transitions from the portable to the actual building), discussing all the events they have had this year.

Questions:

→ When the TAMUK/non-TAMUK visits, does that include the community? No, that means it was staff and factually here on campus only. They are charged, and billed through insurance

→ No further questions

#### Rec Sports - presented by Marcus Wirth

Facilities: STRC, RCS, Old IM complex, Javelina Gaming Lounge, Bowling Alley

August - Feb in 23-24 - usage percent 40.8%

Aug - Feb 24-25 - usage percent 47%

Fitness class attendance: Aug-Feb 23-24: 852, Aug-Feb 24-25: 681

18 TAMUK students have participated in outdoor opportunities

Event highlights: RECTravaganza, REC @ night, pickleball tournaments

Roughly 2.4 million used for rec operating budget: 60% debt service, 18.6% campus operations, 10.2 student wages, 4.2% benefits, 2.3 maintenance

University service fee/student service fee - \$255,228 (pays pro staff Salaries)

Borrowed from reserve - \$193,795

Capital expenditures: washer (16,824), generator repairs

(5 Questions: Debt services, when does that plan to be paid off? Half gets paid off in 2028, and then again in 2030. Last year went over budget, what are we doing this year to not do the same?

Scale back on hours, closing an hour early on Sunday as well as breaks and intercessions, also using community passes to help create revenue

#### Intercollegiate Athletic-Presented by Michael Salinas

18 programs: 10 women's programs, 6 men's programs, and 2 coed programs

Admin: 8 full time, 2 part time, 2 grad assistance

Coaching staff: 11 coaches, 1 assistant coaches, 6 grad

Amount received: 2,620,045

20 dollar/credit hour - max @ 260

Funds the annual athletic budget - total expenses

Areas supported by the athletic fee: scholarships, recruiting, team travel, game expenses, equipment/uniforms/supplies, team meals (non-travel), spirit groups

Scholarships: 213 students on aid (2,765,362)

Athletic aid types: flat dollar amount, text books, tuition and fees, housing (on or off campus) meal plans, in state tuition waivers

Recruiting: \$142,359, off campus: in and out of state, high schools and junior colleges, rental vehicles, meals and hotels

Team travel: 1,703,019. Charter buses, rental vehicles,

Game expenses: officials, game day workers, PA announcer, security, ambulance services

Equipment/uniforms/supplies: 550,132, uniforms, practice and travel gear, cleats/tennis shoes/sandals/golf shoes, tennis balls/baseballs/softballs/volleyballs/footballs/golf balls, tennis rackets/bats/protective equipment

Team meals: 82,019, pre and post game meals Spirit groups: 80,696, band/cheer/JCREW, meals/travel/equipment

Questions: Expenses: repairs, are they not under budgets? They don't come exactly from the athletic budget. They pull from other budgets to help out any and all repairs.

Student Center Complex Fee: Chris Vela and JoAnne

FY 2025 - Budget: 1,281,900 projections- 1,203,000

Reserve accounts: 1,428,299.62, always trying to add 200,000 every year

Campus operations: building maintenance, custodial services, groundskeeping, utilities, security and safety services, capital improvements

Other areas supported: hoco, fall carnival and spring fling, concerts, mesquite grove, library, esports, SPEC, rodeo

The fee helps us maintain, contribute, support, and enhance all areas of student life and campus

Questions: Are you in charge of just funding these operations or the employees as well? In charge of the employees, they are in house now. We no longer get bills per project.

# Deliberation

MSUB Alumni Room 3:00-4:00pm

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**Group hospital fee:** The committee unanimously approves how the funds are met: **Yes**/No recs on this fee?

Discussion: Potential to compare fees that are within the same school size within our system- to the \$60. Hospital fees have been 57 since 2009, this fee is too low for our students. Juan wants to propose a 3 dollar increase to make it an even 60 to be able to get more staff to supplement the number of students we have. Currently Student health is using the reserve for whatever they may need post using their budget. Hopefully, we can possibly raise the fee in 2026 depending on the ability to raise the fees. There's also a cap on that fee that we are nowhere near but need to look out for.

**REC Sports fee:** The committee unanimously approves how the funds are spent: **Yes**/No

Discussion: Why did cheer come out of rec when athletics supervises them? As long as the fees are serving the students, the money can come out of both fees. It's split between athletics and REC. Is it even split before the two? No athletics pays for more of the fees since they work with stunt.

The funds for the water heaters? Where is that coming from? Who is paying? Are these industrial? We would need 3, so the total would be \$75,000. These types of fees come from the

reserve and not operating. Detailed lined items to what the money is being used for - within presentations was well presented

**Athletics Fee:** The committee unanimously approves how the funds are spent: Yes/No recs on this fee?

Discussion: If there are split fees, put where they come from. Detailed item breakdown to see what the money is being used for - within presentations. Increasing community service hours

**Student Center Complex Fee:** The committee unanimously approves how the funds are spent: Yes/No recs on this fee?

N/A

## Recommendations

The committee found no misallocation of fees and determined all fees were spent appropriately.

The committee recommends comparing our Group Hospital Fee to similar-sized Texas A&M University System schools. If our university's Group Hospital Fee is lower, the committee recommends raising it to at least the minimum of those universities when the opportunity presents itself.