

An Executive Order Recommending a Streamlined Process for Student- Initiated Fee Proposal

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University’s mission; and
- The Student Government oversees the following five student-initiated fees: the Student Activities Fee, Athletic Fee, Environmental Sustainability Fee, Student Health Fee, and IT Fee; and
- The Environmental Sustainability Fee and Athletic Fee are facilitated by Student Government committees that solicit proposals and propose slates to the general body; and
- All student fees are set to be reviewed by the Organizational Activities Fee (OAF) Review Committee on a cyclical basis; and
- The OAF Review Committee is tasked with “reviewing the Student Activities Fee one year, and reviewing the Athletic Fee, Environmental Sustainability Fee, and any administration-controlled fees the second year¹,” and
- The OAF Review Committee has faced substantial challenges in 1) reviewing all five student-initiated fees on a regular basis 2) convening an annual committee; and
- The Student Health and IT Fees are largely unreviewed by the Student Government; and
- Given that the Athletic, Student Health, and IT Fees are tied to successful university-wide operations, their review must be regular; and
- The Athletics Fee Accountability Committee is regularly unable to create a funding slate until the Spring semester, which seriously inhibits the university’s ability to participate in the bidding process; and
- Since fiscal year 2018, all student fees have remained stagnant outside of a ten dollar increase to the Student Health Fee in 2019 (Appendix A); and
- Due to declining enrollment, this means that the annual revenue from the five student-initiated fees has declined by \$558,980 since 2018 (Appendix A); and
- This decline, combined with challenges in the OAF review process, indicates a need to revise the student-initiated fee processes; and
- Suggestions provided were created in consultation with Mike Garzanelli, the University Comptroller and David Rector, Vice President for Administration, Finance, and Planning; and

¹ <https://senate.truman.edu/files/2022/02/OAF-Procedures-Document.pdf>



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- Changes to the student-initiated fee process should be institutionalized by the 2022-2023 Truman State University Student Government in the form of legislation and operating procedure revisions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- I, Shania Montúfar, President of the Student Association, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Standing Rules of the Student Government, do hereby issue this executive order to outline a streamlined process for the student-initiated fees; and
- Suggest that for fees directly tied to university-wide operations (the Athletic, Student Health, and IT fees), recommendations be received directly from university administration as opposed to being brought forward through a committee-initiated slate; and
- Suggest that the Student Government work in conjunction with the Student Activities Board and Funds Allotment Council in order to fix issues around recruitment and retention for the review process of the Student Activities Fee and utilize university resources including the accounting department; and
- Suggest that the current Environmental Sustainability Fee committee review process of ESFAC remain largely the same; and
- Request that recommendations from university administration consider both inflation and university enrollment figures; and
- Propose that relevant university administrators from Athletics, the Student Health Center, and Information Technology Services bring forward student-fee recommendations in the fall of each academic year to be approved by the general body of the Student Government.

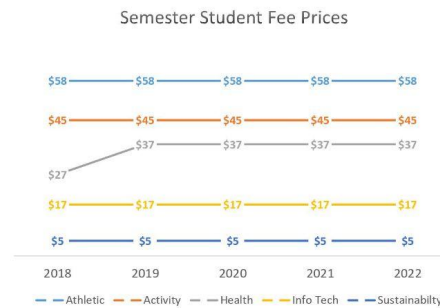
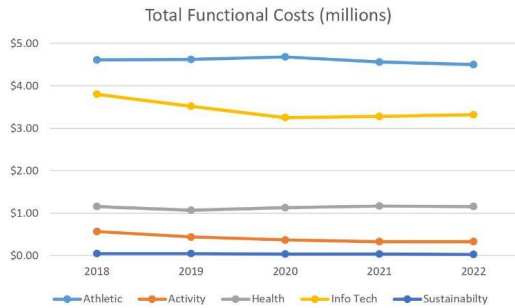
Respectfully submitted on this, the 27 of March, 2022.

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Shania Montúfar, President of the Student Association

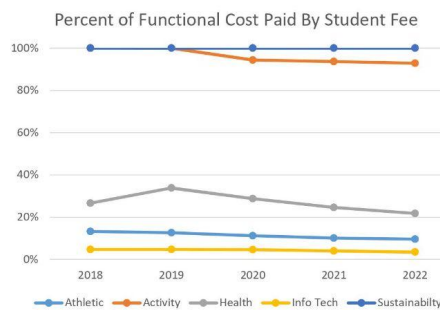
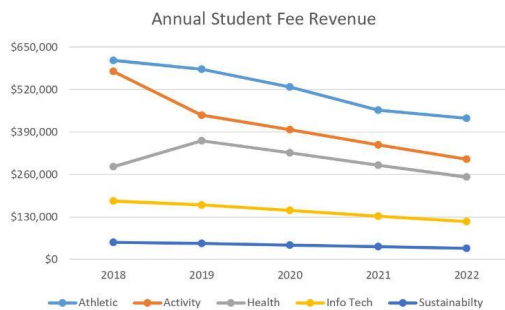
Appendix A:

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY - STUDENT FEE SUMMARY



Fiscal Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Athletic	\$4.61	\$4.62	\$4.68	\$4.56	\$4.50
Activity	\$0.57	\$0.44	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.33
Health	\$1.16	\$1.07	\$1.13	\$1.17	\$1.16
Info Tech	\$3.80	\$3.52	\$3.25	\$3.28	\$3.32
Sustainability	\$0.05	\$0.05	\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.03
Total (millions)	\$10.19	\$9.70	\$9.47	\$9.38	\$9.34

Fiscal Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Athletic	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58	\$58
Activity	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45
Health	\$27	\$37	\$37	\$37	\$37
Info Tech	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17	\$17
Sustainability	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Total	\$152	\$162	\$162	\$162	\$162



Fiscal Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Athletic	\$609,296	\$582,000	\$527,568	\$456,808	\$432,000
Activity	\$575,344	\$441,452	\$397,369	\$350,519	\$306,531
Health	\$283,638	\$362,972	\$326,674	\$288,176	\$252,036
Info Tech	\$178,604	\$166,771	\$150,117	\$132,418	\$115,801
Sustainability	\$52,526	\$49,050	\$44,145	\$38,947	\$34,059
Total	\$1,699,407	\$1,602,245	\$1,445,873	\$1,266,867	\$1,140,427

Fiscal Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Athletic	13%	13%	11%	10%	10%
Activity	100%	100%	94%	94%	93%
Health	27%	34%	29%	25%	22%
Info Tech	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%
Sustainability	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

* Fiscal year 2022 does not end until June 30. Fiscal year 2022 data noted above is based on year-end projected amounts.



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Appendix B:

Recommendations from Mike Garzanelli

1. Student Government will consider annual increases to certain operational student fees to account for inflation as reported by the consumer price index (CPI).
2. University administration will make specific spending recommendations directly to the Student Government as opposed to bringing those items through a sub-committee. Specifically, University administration will develop an annual athletic spending proposal for the Student Government's direct consideration.
3. The Student Government will attempt to consider any spending proposals during the fall term to ensure a positive impact of any spending decisions within the same academic year.
4. The Student Government will investigate what, if any, constitutional changes are necessary to install the aforementioned procedures.
5. When requested, University administration will attend a Student Government meeting to explain the operational student fee structure to new Student Government members.