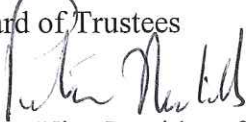




University of Connecticut
*Office of the Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer*

March 23, 2011

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Peter J. Nicholls 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Richard D. Gray 
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Fiscal Year 2012 Academic Materials Fees for the University of Connecticut,
Storrs and Regional Campuses

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a schedule of Academic Materials Fees for Fiscal Year 2012 as follows: creation of new major or course fees (Fine Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Nursing) and adjustments to course fees (Liberal Arts and Sciences).

BACKGROUND:

The University has an established student fee review process that categorizes the fees as follows: (1.) Institutional Fees, which require central administrative approval, such as Tuition, Room, Board, Infrastructure Maintenance Fee and self-supporting programs; (2.) Academic Materials Fees, which are for consumables and instructional materials that are specific to a particular course or major; and (3.) Student Fees, which include the General University Fee and student activity and service fees. Senior Management charged permanent committees with promoting a fee structure for the academic and student fees that supports excellence, provides comprehensive procedures, and is uniform without sacrificing efficiency and flexibility. The committees are comprised of students, faculty, and administrative representatives. These fee proposals were presented to and approved by the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and the Provost.

See attached schedule for summary of recommended Academic Materials Fees.

Attachment

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Summary of Recommended Academic Materials Fees

Fiscal Years 2011-2012

Academic Materials Fees are assessed for essential consumables, instructional materials and other direct costs (such as equipment rentals and field experiences) that are specific to particular courses and majors. These fees are recommended by the Academic Materials Fee Committee.

	Fee Per Semester		Notes
	FY 2011 Current	FY 2012 Proposed	
Major Fees			
Fine Arts			
Drama Fees- Acting Program	\$0	\$60	New
Nursing			
Advanced Health Assessment Fee (DNP Programs)	\$0	\$250	New
Course Fees ^A			
Chemistry (CHEM 1122)	\$20	\$50	Increase/Level 4
Chemistry (CHEM 1125)	\$10	\$20	Increase/Level 2
Chemistry (CHEM 1137)	\$10	\$25	Increase to actual
Chemistry (CHEM 1138)	\$10	\$35	Increase/Level 3
Chemistry (CHEM 1148)	\$35	\$20	Decrease/Level 2
Chemistry (CHEM 3332)	\$50	\$25	Decrease to actual
Marine Sciences (MARN 4898)	\$0	\$50	New/Level 4
Molecular & Cell Biology (MCB 2000)	\$20	\$25	Increase to actual
Molecular & Cell Biology (MCB 2413)	\$20	\$50	Increase/Level 4
Molecular & Cell Biology (MCB 2610)	\$20	\$30	Increase to actual
Molecular & Cell Biology (MCB 2225, 3010, 3633, 4026W and 4624)	\$20	\$75	Increase/Level 5

^A Course Fees are assessed at pre-determined levels unless the fee existed prior to the Academic materials Fees Process. There is flexibility at level 3 and below to charge actual cost upon approval by the committee.

Level 1 = \$10, Level 2 = \$20, Level 3 = \$35, Level 4 = \$50, Level 5 = \$75

University of Connecticut (Storrs and Regional Campuses) Academic Materials Fees Committee

The Academic Materials Fees Committee has reviewed and by consensus, endorsed the following recommendations and adjustments for FY 2012. On behalf of the Committee, the following recommendations are forwarded for your consideration.

Major Fees

School of Fine Arts

Drama

Recommendation: To approve a \$60 drama fee for the Acting Program.

Purpose: For consumable artistic materials, portfolio costs and audition/performance costs.

Justification: The actual cost per student is approximately \$174. This major fee already exists for BFA/MFA Design & Technology, BFA/MA/MFA Puppet Arts, and the BA Theatre Studies Program. Students in the Acting Program should be added to this major fee as the consumable cost listed above also applies to this program.

School of Nursing

Recommendation: To approve a new major fee of \$250.

Purpose: All nursing students in the MS and DNP nursing programs take clinical skills sessions. Nursing students perform comprehensive physical exams and several sensitive exams using the UConn Health Center Clinical Skills Assessment Center with trained clinical models.

Justification: Cost per student is \$250 (trained clinical models: \$100 for physical exams, \$150 for sensitive exams).

Course Fees

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Chemistry

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$20 to \$50 for CHEM 1122.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The actual cost per student is approximately \$69.

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$10 to \$20 for CHEM 1125.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The cost per student is approximately \$35.

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$10 to \$25 for CHEM 1137.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The approximate cost per student is \$28.

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$10 to \$35 for CHEM 1138.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The cost per student is approximately \$37.

Recommendation: Approve a decrease from \$35 to \$20 for CHEM 1148.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The approximate cost per student is \$24.

Recommendation: Approve a decrease from \$50 to \$20 for CHEM 3332.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The approximate cost per student is \$26.

Marine Sciences (Scuba Diving)

Recommendation: To approve a \$50 fee for MARN 4898.

Purpose: To cover the cost of scuba tank air refills.

Justification: Cost of air is \$5.50 per tank and each student uses approximately 10 tanks of air per semester.

Molecular & Cell Biology

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$20 to \$25 for MCB 2000.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The actual cost per student approximates \$26.

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$20 to \$75 for MCB 2225, 3010, 3633, 4026W and 4624.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The cost per student approximates \$78 to \$191.

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$20 to \$50 for MCB 2413.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The approximate cost per student is \$58.

Recommendation: Approve an increase from \$20 to \$30 for MCB 2610.

Purpose: For consumable lab supplies.

Justification: The cost per student is approximately \$31.