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TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: BIENNIUM FISCAL YEARS 2008 AND 2009 STUDENT ACTIVITY & SERVICE FEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT, STORRS AND REGIONAL CAMPUSES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve a schedule of Student Activity and Service Fees for Biennium Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 comprised of increases in the following: General University Fee (GUF), Activity Fees (Student Union Board of Governors, Storrs Summer Session Fee, Law School Student Bar Association, Stamford Student Government Fee), and Other Fees (Parking Fees-Storrs Residents, Storrs Commuters, Storrs Graduate Assistants, North/South Garage, Law School; Transit Fee-Storrs).

BACKGROUND:

Beginning in 2002, the University embraced a new student fee review process. Three categories of fees were established: (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 a permanent committee 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. Membership of the committee is comprised of students, faculty, and administrative representatives. The 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 annual Student Activity and Service Fees.

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University of Connecticut (Storrs & Regionals)
Summary of Recommended Annual Student Activity & Service Fees
Fiscal Years 2007-2009

Fees designated as “student activity and service fees” include the General University Fee, the Student Activity Fees and the Service Fees (Parking and Transit). These fees are typically paid by all students thus making it desirable to have students involved in the fee establishment, continuation and review process. These fees are recommended by the Activity and Service Fee Sub-Committee of the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

	Annual Rates				
	FY 2007 Approved	FY 2008 Proposed	% Increase	FY 2009 Proposed	% Increase
General University Fee					
Undergraduate-Storrs	\$1,344	\$1,416	5.36%	\$1,488	5.08%
Graduate-Storrs	\$990	\$1,044	5.45%	\$1,098	5.17%
Activity Fees					
Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG)	\$36	\$46	27.78%	\$46	0.00%
Storrs Summer Session Fee	\$8	\$16	100.00%	\$16	0.00%
Law School Student Bar Association	\$150	\$158	5.33%	\$164	3.80%
Stamford Student Government Fee	\$60	\$80	33.33%	\$80	0.00%
Other Fees					
Parking Fees:					
Storrs Residents	\$102	\$102	0.00%	\$110	7.84%
Storrs Commuters	\$80	\$80	0.00%	\$86	7.50%
Storrs Graduate Assistants	\$82	\$82	0.00%	\$88	7.32%
North/South Garage	\$300	\$300	0.00%	\$324	8.00%
Law School	\$30	\$40	33.33%	\$40	0.00%
Transit Fee-Storrs	\$50	\$70	40.00%	\$70	0.00%

Student Activity and Service Fees

The Student Fee Advisory Committee has reviewed and by consensus, endorsed the enclosed set of recommendations and adjustments for FY08 and FY09 for the University's Student Activity and Service Fees. On behalf of the Committee, the following recommendations are being forwarded for your consideration.

Storrs Based Activity Fees

The Daily Campus

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Daily Campus Fee continue to be assessed on the fee bill at a rate of \$14/year (\$7/semester).

Graduate Student Senate

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$26/year (\$13/semester).

Nutmeg Yearbook

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Nutmeg Yearbook Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$6/year (\$3/semester) as part of the USG fee.

UConn Public Interest Research Group (PIRG)

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the UConn PIRG Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$10/year (\$5/semester) and students have the option of waiving the fee on their fee bill.

UCTV

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the UCTV Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$10/year (\$5/semester).

WHUS Radio

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the WHUS Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$18/year (\$9/semester).

Student Union Board of Governors (SUBOG)

Requested a \$10/year (\$5/semester) increase for FY08

The Committee recommends that SUBOG receive an increase of \$10/year (\$5 semester) to \$46/year (\$23/semester) beginning in FY08 from its current fee of \$36/year (\$18/semester).

The additional funds were requested to provide more programming for students with the expansion of the Student Union. SUBOG held a Referendum during April in which 16.5% of the total undergraduate student body voted. The results were as follows: 46% (1,219 students) of those voting were in favor of the increase; 39% (1,037 students) of those voting were against the increase and 15% (401 students) abstained.

Storrs Undergraduate Student Government (USG)

Requested a \$10/year (\$5/semester) increase for FY08

The Committee does not recommend that USG receive an increase of \$10/year (\$5 semester) to \$70/year (\$35/semester) in FY08 from its current fee of \$60/year (\$30/semester).

USG requested an increase in their fee to provide additional funds to support programming for registered student organizations. USG held a referendum during April in which 16.5% of the total undergraduate student body voted. The results were as follows: 40% (1,057 students) of those voting were in favor of the increase; 43% (1,142 students) of those voting were against the increase and 17% (455 students) abstained. The Student Fee Committee supports the requested fee increase for the USG budget; however, based on the outcome of the referendum we do not recommend the increase at this time. The Committee will support an effort by USG to hold another referendum on the requested increase.

General University Fee (GUF) Funded Programs

Student Health Services

Requested a 6.0% increase for FY08 and a 6.4% increase for FY09

The amount requested for FY08 is \$6,764,905 and for FY09 the requested amount is \$7,197,501. The Student Fee Committee supports these requested budget allocations.

Division of Athletics

Requested a 8.0% increase for FY08 and a 7.0% increase for FY09

The amount requested for FY08 is \$7,267,908 and the amount requested for FY09 is \$7,776,661. The Student Fee Committee supports these requested budget allocations.

One Card Office

Requested a 3.3% increase for FY08 and 3.4% increase for FY09

The amount requested for FY08 is \$264,852 and the amount requested for FY09 is \$273,786. The Student Fee Committee supports these requested budget allocations.

Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts

Requested an increase of 5% for FY08 and FY09

They are requesting \$1,006,343 in FY08 and \$1,056,660 in FY09. The Student Fee Committee supports these requested budget allocations.

Student Activities and Student Union

Requested a 7.9% increase for FY08 and a 5.3% increase for FY09

The amount requested for FY08 is \$6,984,293 and the request for FY09 is \$7,355,073. There is a strong campus-wide desire to provide enhanced programming for students with the opening of the completed Student Union this past June. This request also fully funds Club Sports and the newly constituted Fraternity and Sorority Life program. The Student Fee Committee supports these requested budget allocations.

Off Campus Student Services Office

Requested a 11.1% decrease for FY08 from FY07 (FY07 was the first year and the budget included non-recurring start-up costs) and a 4.8% increase for FY09

The Committee recommended that the University create this office and FY07 was the first year for the Off Campus Student Services Office. The goals of the Office are 1) to serve as a critical connection with the Town of Mansfield, 2) provide outreach and support for students in addressing issues like leases and unsafe living conditions, and 3) improve the quality of life for

students and full time residents of the town, and 4) provide services to traditional commuter students.

Other Storrs Based Service Fees

Parking

Requested an increase of ~ 8% per student permit in FY09

The Committee recommends the Storrs Student Parking permits be charged at the following rates: Commuter Student Permits \$86 (7.5% increase in the fee from \$80 per student per year); Resident Student permits \$110 (7.8% increase in the fee from \$102 per year); Graduate and Teaching Assistants \$88 (7.3% increase in the fee from \$82 per year), and the North and South Garages \$324 (8% increase in the fee from \$300 per year).

Transportation

Requested an increase of \$20/year (\$10/semester) for FY08

The Committee recommends the Storrs Transit Fee be increased to \$70/year (\$35/semester) from its current rate of \$50/year (\$25/semester) beginning in FY08.

Storrs Summer Session Fee

Requested an increase of \$8 per student per summer for FY08 (Calendar year 2007)

The Committee recommends the Storrs Summer Session Fee be increased to \$16 per student per summer beginning in FY08 (Calendar year 2007).

This fee has not been increased in over 20 years. The fee increase is being requested in order to fund more summer programming with the expansion of the Student Union, the addition of a movie theater and the forecasted expansion of academic programming in the summer.

Regional Campus Activity Fees

Avery Point Student Government Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Avery Point ASG fee continue to be assessed on the fee bill at a rate of \$70/year (\$35/semester).

Hartford Student Government Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Hartford ASG fee continue to be assessed on the fee bill at a rate of \$60/year (\$30/semester).

Hartford UConn PIRG Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Hartford UConn PIRG Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$10/year (\$5/semester). Students have the option of waiving the fee on their fee bill.

School of Social Work Student Activity Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the School of Social Work Student Activity Fee continue to be assessed at \$50/year (\$25/semester).

Torrington Student Government Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Torrington Student Government Fee continue to be assessed at \$70/year (\$35/semester).

Waterbury Student Government Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Waterbury Student Government Fee continue to be assessed at \$70/year (\$35.00/semester).

Law School Student Bar Association Fee

Recommend an increase of \$8/year (\$4/semester) for FY08 and \$6/year (\$3/semester) for FY09

The Committee recommends the Law School Bar Association Fee increase to \$158/year (\$79/semester) in FY08 and \$164/year (\$82/semester) in FY09 from its current rate of \$150/year (\$75/semester).

The Student Bar Association held a referendum in spring 2006 in which 28% of the total Law School body voted. The breakdown was as follows: 75% (147students) of those voting were in favor of the increase; 25% (49students) of those voting were against the increase.

Stamford Student Government Fee

Recommend an increase of \$20/year (\$10/semester) beginning in FY08

The Committee recommends the Stamford Student Government Fee be increased to \$80/year (\$40/semester) beginning in FY08 from its current rate of \$60/year (\$30/semester).

The fee increase is being requested in order to fund more clubs and more events and services. The Stamford Student Government held a referendum in February and 71 of 82 students (87%) voted in favor of the increase (11% of the student body voted in referendum). The original request was for a fee increase of \$30/year but the Committee felt a \$20 increase would be more appropriate given the scope of programs currently funded. If the Stamford Student Government can clearly demonstrate the need for additional funds in the future, the Committee would consider an additional fee increase.

Regional Campus Parking Fees

Avery Point Parking Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Avery Point Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Hartford Parking Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Hartford Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Stamford Parking Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Stamford Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Torrington Parking Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Torrington Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Waterbury Parking Fee

No increase was requested or recommended

The Committee recommends the Waterbury Parking Fee continue to be assessed at a rate of \$40/year (\$20/semester).

Law School Parking Fee

Recommended an increase of \$10/year (\$5/semester) in FY08

The Committee recommends the Law School Parking Fee increase to \$40/year (\$20/semester) from its current rate of \$30/year (\$15/semester) beginning in FY08. This fee increase will make the Law School Parking fee consistent with all the regional campus parking fees and allow for better maintenance and upkeep of the parking lot.

The Law School staff held two fee hearings for law students and distributed a summary of changes. There was no student opposition to the proposal.

University of Connecticut (Storrs and Regional Campuses)
 General University Fee
 Fiscal Years 2007, 2008 and 2009

FY 2007 Current						
Classification	Undergraduates - Storrs/Regionals		Graduates/Professional Schools ^(A)			
	# of Credits	Annual Rate	Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Storrs:						
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$1,344	(0 - 9)	\$990	(9)	\$990
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$672			(5 - 8)	\$660
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$336			(0 - 4)	\$330
Regional Campuses:						
Torrington		\$56				
Other than Torrington		\$84				
Professional:						
School of Law						\$56
School of Social Work						\$56

FY 2008 Proposed						
Classification	Undergraduates - Storrs/Regionals		Graduates/Professional Schools ^(A)			
	# of Credits	Annual Rate	Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Storrs:						
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$1,416	(0 - 9)	\$1,044	(9)	\$1,044
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$708			(5 - 8)	\$696
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$354			(0 - 4)	\$348
Regional Campuses:						
Torrington		\$60				
Other than Torrington		\$90				
Professional:						
School of Law						\$60
School of Social Work						\$60

FY 2009 Proposed						
Classification	Undergraduates - Storrs/Regionals		Graduates/Professional Schools ^(A)			
	# of Credits	Annual Rate	Graduate Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate	Non-Grad Assistant # of Credits	Annual Rate
Storrs:						
Full-Time	(12 or more)	\$1,488	(0 - 9)	\$1,098	(9)	\$1,098
Half-Time	(6 - 11)	\$744			(5 - 8)	\$732
Less Than Half-Time	(1 - 5)	\$372			(0 - 4)	\$366
Regional Campuses:						
Torrington		\$62				
Other than Torrington		\$94				
Professional:						
School of Law						\$62
School of Social Work						\$62

^(A) Graduate Assistants are classified as full-time students and are charged the full-time rate. Continuous Registration Students who are registered for GRAD 398, 399, 498 and 499 are less than half-time students and are therefore charged the less than half-time rate.