

University of Missouri Faculty Council on Policy

Motion to support the College of Arts and Science (A&S) and the Campus Administration for pursuit of a supplemental fee to enhance educational experiences of students.

Motion Brought Forward for Action by Fiscal Affairs Committee

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Background for current Proposed Motion: All but one college/school at the University of Missouri apply a supplemental fee, often on a per credit hour basis, to support the educational experiences of their students (other exceptions are the three professional schools- Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Law which can charge differential tuitions). After extensive discussions within their College, many council members representing A&S have brought it to the attention of the Fiscal Affairs Committee that A&S has only laboratory fees, not supplemental fees, and that students majoring in departments in the College would greatly benefit from programs that could be developed with the help of a modest supplemental fee. Further, given the number of general education classes taught by A&S, every student at the University would benefit from the additional educational experiences made possible by this supplemental fee. For example, fellowship programs, both national and international, would greatly enhance the experience in the College and provide the students with real-world experience. Such fellowships would be an invaluable part of their education here at the University of Missouri that could directly increase their career prospects.

Proposed Motion:

The University of Missouri Faculty Council on Policy supports the efforts of the Dean of the College of Arts and Science and the Provost/Chancellor to pursue the creation of a supplemental fee for the College in order to enhance the educational experiences of the students. We also recommend that the Dean engage faculty and students through a College Budget and Planning or a similar committee for transparency and advice on the appropriate dollar amount for such a fee, whether per credit hour or per course basis, as well as the most effective uses of revenues from this fee.

Related Information:

Q (Fiscal Affairs): “Two additional items, where we need info soon are regarding the supplementary fees and international fees. We would like to get info on FY12 and F13 distributions, and any guidelines from your (or the Provost’s office) to divisional deans on how these monies are to be spent. We are working on a resolution that we would like to introduce in the FC on Oct. 3, and we will appreciate getting the info from you in the next 10 days or so if it possible.”

A (Dr. Rhonda Gibler, MU Budget Director,):

“The only distribution of supplemental fee revenue that exists is the transfer for financial aid. All supplemental fee revenue goes directly to the colleges to be used for the purpose stated in the request. The requests for all supplemental fees are approved by the Board of Curators. The FY12 supplemental fee transfer for financial aid was \$2.2 million and FY13 was \$2.8 million. So the net remaining in colleges after financial aid transfers was \$16.2M and \$19.8M respectively.

Supplemental Fee Revenue		
Division	FY 2012	FY 2013
CA&S	-625,149	-651,808
CAFNR	-2,591,493	-2,912,230
CBSGA	-263,386	-93,877
CBUSN	-3,802,337	-5,151,646
CEDEC	-1,121,494	-1,970,285
CENGR	-2,997,475	-3,568,216
CGRAD	-75,620	-81,467
CHES	-2,131,296	-2,396,757
CHLPR	-1,716,572	-2,343,525
CJRNL	-1,675,787	-1,958,175
CMED	-536,241	-547,560
CNRSG	-919,866	-986,426
Grand Total	18,456,716	22,661,972