



Fee Review Committee Recommendations FY18

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Supplemental Fees: Charged per credit hour of enrollment.

Fee Name	FY17 Rate	FY18 Rate	% Increase	Recommended?	Rationale
Undergraduate Business Fee	\$75.00	\$80.00	6.67%	YES	Due to the expenses involved in maintaining a quality, accredited program with in-demand faculty, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee increase. Enough information was provided to ensure the committee members that the revenue collected from the increase will directly benefit the students enrolled in the College of Business Administration.
Graduate Business Fee	\$95.00	\$115.00	21.1%	YES	Due to the expenses involved in maintaining a quality, accredited program with in-demand faculty and off-campus courses that allow students to earn their degrees while working full-time, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee increase. Enough information was provided to ensure the committee members that the revenue collected from the increase will directly benefit the students enrolled in the graduate program of the College of Business Administration.
College of Education Supplemental Fee	\$20.00	\$28.00	40.0%	YES	Because the College of Education must be able to quickly and accurately respond to changes in certification and accreditation requirements to ensure the graduation and employability of its students, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee increase.



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Supplemental Fee, Cont.: Charged per credit hour of enrollment.

College of Arts & Sciences Science Lab Fee	\$12.80	\$25.00	95.3%	YES	Following the opening of the Science Learning Building, new equipment was purchased to enhance student learning. This fee is necessary to maintain the quality of laboratories and to regularly update the equipment; therefore, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee increase.
Studio Art Fee	\$29.30	\$35.00	19.5%	YES	As the current fee amount is not sufficient to purchase and maintain expensive equipment like computers and copiers, and as this program serves students in a field with growing interest, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee increase.
Theatre and Dance Supplemental Fee	\$31.40	\$35.00	11.5%	YES	As the current fee amount is not sufficient to purchase and maintain expensive equipment like shop supplies, costuming, and video cameras, and as this program serves students in field with growing interest, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee increase.
Social Work Supplemental Fee Undergraduate	\$10.00	\$18.00	80.0%	YES	This increase is vital to maintaining the accreditation of the School of Social Work. The revenue collected from this increase will cover the fees associated with the accreditation process, which is scheduled to begin in FY18. To comply with mandated faculty/student ratios, the school must also hire another advisor and two faculty members. For these reasons, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee.
Social Work Supplemental Fee Graduate	\$10.00	\$20.00	100%	YES	This increase is vital to maintaining the accreditation of the School of Social Work. The revenue collected from this increase will cover the fees associated with the accreditation process, which is scheduled to begin in FY18. Accreditation cost at the graduate level is slightly higher. To comply with mandated faculty/student ratios, the school must also hire another advisor and two faculty members. For these reasons, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee.



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Supplemental Fees: Charged per course or flat fee.

Fee Name	Per Course / Flat Fee	FY17 Rate	FY18 Rate	% Increase	Recommended?	Rationale
Applied Music Fee	Flat	\$240.60	\$340.00	41.3%	YES	The music department loses money each year because the current fee is not sufficient to maintain a program with specialized instructors and costly instrument replacement and repair. This fee increase will ensure that the department “breaks even,” so the Fee Review Committee recommends the increase.



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Supplemental Fees: Restructure.

Fee Name	Charge	FY17 Rate	FY18 Rate	% Increase	Recommended?	Rationale
DNP Course Fee	Per Credit Hour	\$69.80/ \$193.50	\$250.00	258%/ 29%	YES	To create a program that prepares its students to provide safe and valuable healthcare, which benefits the students' employability and the public's health, the College of Nursing has invested in expensive simulation equipment and quality instructors. Unfortunately, the current fees do not financially support such a program, and the college loses more than \$650,000 each year. Restructuring the Graduate Course Fee (\$69.80/credit) and the Graduate Clinical Course Fee (\$193.50/credit) to become one DNP Course Fee (\$250.00/credit) will ensure the program can continue to operate at its current level. With this information, the Fee Review Committee recommends this fee increase.



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Tuition Rates

Rate Name		FY17 Rate	FY18 Rate	% Increase	Recommended?	Rationale
Undergraduate	Missouri Residents / Metropolitan Residents	\$335.50	~\$342.55	2.1%	YES	Because the university will receive cuts from state funding, the Fee Review Committee recommends this tuition increase. To increase by CPI (2.1%) is reasonable to request of the students at this university.
	Nonresidents	\$444.50	~\$446.70	5%	NO	The Fee Review Committee unanimously disapproves of this tuition increase. Considering nonresident students must budget for housing, next year's fee increases, and a tuition rate that is already higher than that of Missouri residents, the committee feels it is unreasonable to increase these students' tuition by 5%. Please consider a lower, more manageable rate.



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Tuition, Cont.

Rate Name		FY17 Rate	FY18 Rate	% Increase	Recommended?	Rationale
Graduate	Missouri Residents / Metropolitan Residents	\$875.90	~\$919.70	5%	YES	Understanding that the costs associated with graduate programs are higher than those of undergraduate programs, and knowing that the current tuition rate cannot sustain these quality, and often accredited, programs, the Fee Review Committee recommends this tuition increase.
	Nonresidents	\$1.091.00	~\$1145.55	5%	YES	Understanding that the costs associated with graduate programs are higher than those of undergraduate programs, and knowing that the current tuition rate cannot sustain these quality, and often accredited, programs, the Fee Review Committee recommends this tuition increase.



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Other

Demands of the Fee Review Committee: Because every student at the University of Missouri-St. Louis will suffer simultaneous and substantial fee and tuition increases in the fall of 2017, and because the Fee Review Committee was overlooked in initial conversations about these increases, the committee recommends that the administration of the University of Missouri- St. Louis honor the following requests:

1. **Publish the fee(s) associated with courses in the course catalogue.** Students deserve easy access to fee amounts when enrolling in classes and considering degree programs. *The Fee Review Committee requests that fee information be included in each course description.*
2. **Adjust the Fee Reassessment Schedule for the 2017 Fall Semester.** The current schedule grants full refunds when 16-week classes are dropped within one week and 8-week classes are dropped within five days. The majority of students are unaware of pending tuition and fee increases that will significantly impact their bills in the fall. They need more time to assess their financial situation and make adjustments to their schedule accordingly. *The Fee Review Committee requests that the Fee Reassessment Schedule be temporarily revised so that the deadlines for the 100% reassessment are delayed by one week.* The remaining deadlines may be set as administration deems appropriate.
3. **Increase the percentage of fees that contribute to scholarships.** With several tuition and fee increases, students will heavily rely on financial aid to be able to continue their education at the University of Missouri- St. Louis. *The Fee Review Committee requests that the percentage of fees that contribute to scholarship funds be raised from 20% to 22%.*



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4. Hold a town hall by the end of the semester or be present at the May 5th Student Government Association Assembly Meeting to inform students of the tuition and fee increases.

The students of the University of Missouri- St. Louis deserve to know that the administration is asking them to pay more for their education. In previous years, the Fee Review Committee convened in the fall semester to discuss proposed tuition and fee increases for the following fiscal year. This model allows the committee sufficient time to discuss its recommendations, present the recommendations to students at an Assembly Meeting, obtain feedback, revise any recommendations if needed, and properly communicate any increases to the student body.

This year, the campus' new Chief Financial Officer was unaware of the committee's existence because of an unacceptable omission from this university's administration. The university's claim to value shared governance was preserved only when the committee was mentioned in a meeting requested by the Student Government Association's Comptroller. The Fee Review Committee met, but the process was rushed and the recommendations above had to be made without contribution from the SGA Assembly.

The Fee Review Committee feels neglected by administration and wants to stress the importance of communicating these numerous, substantial increases to students. *To begin to make amends with students, the Fee Review Committee requests that Chancellor George, Rick Baniak, and Curt Coonrod either hold a town hall by the end of the semester or present themselves at the May 5th SGA Assembly Meeting to inform students of the tuition and fee increases.*



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Disclaimers:

1. The following Fee Review Committee was made up of the President, Vice President, Comptroller and Student Senators of the Student Government Association of the University of Missouri- St. Louis.
2. The fees in this report are the ones that were presented to the committee on April 14, 2017.
3. ****The Fee Review Committee does not recommend any increases which are not listed above.****

Thank you for your consideration of the Fee Review Committee which represents the students of the University of Missouri- St. Louis.