

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Student Technology Fee Adjustment for University of Washington Seattle

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents approve an increase in the Student Technology Fee at the UW/Seattle campus from its current level of \$40/quarter to \$41/quarter for the 2006-07 academic year (Autumn Quarter 2006 through Spring Quarter 2007).

Consistent with past policy originally established in 1996, the Student Technology Fee shall be a mandatory fee charged to all full-time students and a proportionate amount shall be charged to part-time students. In keeping with current practice, the Student Technology Fee shall not be levied during Summer Quarter.

The University of Washington Student Technology Fee Committee will approve an annual expenditure plan for Student Technology Fee revenues for the upcoming fiscal year. February shall be the agreed upon month in which the student government associations (ASUW and GPSS) can exercise their annual statutory prerogative to eliminate the Student Technology Fee by majority vote.

BACKGROUND:

The last time the UW/Seattle Student Technology Fee was changed was at the June 9, 2004 Board of Regents meeting. At that time, the Board of Regents approved an increase in the UW/Seattle Student Technology Fee from \$38/quarter to \$40/quarter.

In late 2005, the Student Technology Fee Committee formulated a recommendation regarding the continuation and level of the Student Technology Fee. After considering trends in allocations and requests over the history of the fee's existence, the committee decided to recommend to ASUW and GPSS that the Student Technology Fee continue to be collected and that the level of the fee be increased. This recommendation was based two factors: first, on the committee's belief that the programs and services funded by the Student Technology Fee continue to provide substantial benefit to students; and second, on the committee's recognition that for the past two years, the Student Technology Fee has been set at a level that is not collecting sufficient funds to provide awards to all of the proposals that the committee considers worthwhile.

This recommendation to increase the amount of the Student Technology Fee at the UW/Seattle campus has been approved by both ASUW and GPSS.