

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Services and Activities Fee – University of Washington, Tacoma: Request for Transfer of FundsRECOMMENDED ACTION:

This is a recommendation of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee that the Board of Regents approve the transfer of funds from University of Washington, Tacoma, Long Term Fund, for specific allocations as outlined in the attachment.

BACKGROUND:

Services and Activities Fees at UW Tacoma and UW Bothell are collected separately from the Services and Activities Fee at the Seattle campus, but the process is handled in like manner for each campus. As provided under RCW 28B.15.045, a student committee proposes the annual program priorities and budget allocation levels to the Board of Regents for approval. The Board of Regents has approved the Services and Activities Fee (SAF) Guidelines that established the Services and Activities Fee (SAF) Committee for UW Tacoma and its operating procedures.

The demographic profile of the student body of the University of Washington, Tacoma, has changed significantly over the years, and will change even more dramatically with the addition of a freshman class beginning in Autumn 2006. Faculty, staff and students at the University of Washington, Tacoma, have worked throughout the year planning for the changes related to the incoming freshman class in areas such as curriculum and student administrative services. While the campus remains one to which students commute, more of the students are full-time, and more of them seek on-campus opportunities in student development and recreational activities.

This allocation of \$550,000 from the Long Term Fund would go toward items outlined in the attachment, including enhancing student activity spaces; purchasing recreational equipment; building out and equipping the Longshoreman's Hall for recreational use; and providing a limited amount of contingency funding toward critical needs that will be identified as these projects move forward.

The student body, through the Services and Activities Fee Committee, is requesting this allocation from the Long Term fund to make changes that will enhance the campus and provide opportunities for students on a long-term basis.

Attachment

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, TACOMA
Services & Activities Fee Committee

June 6, 2006

Subject: Services & Activities Fee Final Annual Allocations Recommendations

Dear Chancellor Spakes,

I am writing to inform you that the Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC) has approved a recommendation to move a total of \$550,000 from the UW Tacoma Long Term Fund with \$500,000 of it being earmarked to a specific account and the remaining \$50,000 going into the existing UW Tacoma Contingency Fund for the following capital projects.

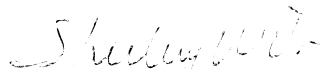
1. \$150,000 payable to the university to be broken down as follows:
 - a. the remainder of offices and suites on the first floor of the MAT, which account for a total of 2073 square feet for a total of \$100,000.
 - b. \$50,000 will be earmarked to assist with the expenses associated with the relocation for all parties involved.
2. \$100,000 for student-centric initiatives including, but not limited to, the purchase of fitness center equipment, additional furnishing needs for the offices and open spaces of the Mattress Factory first floor, all the costs associated with the Mattress Factory first floor beautification project, which include; labor, painting, wall quotes, picture frames for the walls, office identification strips over the doorways, and artwork for the oUWTpost Student Center.
3. \$250,000 payable to the university for the Longshoreman Hall for the build out of a recreational area to include handball, volleyball, and basketball courts, a rock climbing wall, purchase of existing equipment and furniture from the Longshoremen Hall, general structural upgrades, and the costs associated with the first year of student staffing.
4. \$ 50,000 would remain in contingency to be allocated by the Services and Activities Fee Committee, in conjunction with both the Student Life and Finance and Administration offices, for the purpose of supporting as yet unidentified student needs in relation to student development and campus enhancement.

This brings the total to \$550,000 to be transferred from the long-term funds in order to provide students with adequate recreational and multipurpose space. It would also provide for a comprehensive student involvement centered first floor, a centralized hub for information, services, and activities.

We strongly believe this proposal is in the best interests of the student body as we meet the needs of the rapidly expanding student population (225 FTE each year for the next four years). UW Tacoma students would benefit through increased involvement opportunities, heightened awareness, and enhancement of student life services and activities. Not only is this necessary to stay competitive with other 4-year institutions, but it what our students deserve.

If you have any questions or comments in regards to our recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me at saw5@u.washington.edu or telephone me directly at 253-224-7167. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



Shelley Wilson
UWT Services and Activities Fee Chairperson