

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: ASSOCIATED STUDENT FEE COMMITTEE
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SUBJECT: FY2011 STUDENT FEE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2010

The Associated Student Fee Committee (ASFC) has completed their recommendation for the FY2011 student fee setting process. The ASFC understands the difficult financial times in our state and at our university. Proposals were received asking for a 9.546% total increase in the Dedicated Activity Fees, including the Intercollegiate Athletics fee, amounting to \$49.72 per student, per semester. The climate is not right to add such a large percentage to the Dedicated Activity Fees. Therefore, the ASFC is making a request for an increase of \$9.52 per student, per semester; this equals an increase of 1.828%. This is a much more modest increase and allows for largest possible increase in the Matriculation Fee to cover the holdback and reductions in General Education appropriations from the State of Idaho. A detailed breakdown of where the ASFC would like to see the additional fee dollars added is attached.

The ASFC would like to add a few comments to the increases it is recommending:

1. The FY2011 ASFC recommended increase in funding to Kibbie Dome Operations should be the last increase in the Dedicated Activity Fee to this line item, unless substantial work is done to provide more services for students there. Currently, the Kibbie Dome provides a limited amount of desired services to the student body as a whole. Especially, since the construction of the Student Recreation Center, the Kibbie Dome has essentially become a building strictly for the Athletic Department. This is a facility that needs to be an institutional priority, but not one that should be financially balanced directly on the backs of students. Currently, approximately 50% of the operating budget is supplied by Dedicated Activity Fee dollars.
2. The UI Children Center shall use the recommended FY2011 increase and their existing amount of Dedicated Activity Fee funding in such a way as to provide the most affordable, quality child care possible for UI students. The center shall attempt to achieve and maintain an enrollment of at least 50% children of UI student's. The current enrollment is approximately 40% children of UI students. Although the

majority of the children at the center are not currently the children of UI students the ASFC recognizes a second reason for dedicated student fee funding being needed that the UI Children Center. The center, in addition to providing childcare services, also provides hands-on learning opportunities to UI students studying education and early childhood development.

3. The recommended FY2011 increase in Dedicated Activity Fee for the UI Marching Band shall be used strictly for increasing scholarships for UI Marching Band members. The scholarship rate for band members has not increased since 1986.

4. The recommended amount of \$2 for the new FY2011 Dedicated Activity Fee for the Student Leadership Development Facility shall only be collected for two years. This is to provide the funds necessary to build the facility. In FY2013 the fee shall be reduced \$1 to provide for the support of facility operations. The time may not seem right to be proposing the construction of a new facility. However, the ASFC feels that to maintain our Legacy of Leading and to help improve morale on campus a Student Leadership Development Facility is necessary.

Additionally, the FY2011 ASFC believes each year the ASFC shall draft a memorandum similar to this one to be submitted as part of the financial recommendation they are making to you. Historically, a spreadsheet of Dedicated Student Fees and verbal communication have been the only way the recommendation as been made. This and all future ASFC memorandums of recommendation shall be posted for the public along side the Initial Notice of student fees. This will add transparency to the process and also allow for continuity from year to year on the ASFC. This is important because the majority, if not all, of the committee members change every year.

The ASFC believes it has been as financially conservative in its recommendation as possible. All the increases the ASFC recommends are necessary and well warranted.

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UI Marching Band
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Attachment