

## Motion before the Faculty Senate concerning student fees

Whereas the current fee structure does not make us competitive with the other USG institutions closest to us geographically (as well as in general) and with Columbus Technical Institute, which offers the core courses for considerably less;

and, whereas, the Pell Grant will no longer help students take classes in the summer if they have been full time during the previous fall and spring semesters, summer school loans could be difficult to get and athletic scholarships for summer have been discontinued;

and, whereas, for many students taking more than one or two classes in the summer is a) more than some may prefer, and b) not good for them academically (thus threatening our RPG rates);

we of the Faculty Senate are concerned that enrollments this summer and future summers will be impacted dramatically.

These factors could lead to:

- a) a decrease in the number of students taking classes, which will cause
- b) a number of classes with insufficient numbers to be cancelled, which will cause
  - 1) additional students to lose classes as these classes are cancelled, and
  - 2) faculty to lose a chance to make money during the summer through teaching at CSU.

This could lead to:

- c) a decrease in summer revenue for the University in general, as well as for colleges, departments, and individual faculty, which could lead to
- d) a loss of faculty trying to teach in the summer, a loss of money for expendables and travel, and possibly loss of faculty lines that are paid for by summer proceeds.

We therefore propose that the fee structure be altered to make us more competitive. We feel that this will not only keep students in school who wouldn't take summer classes because of the cost, but would also reduce attrition for summer classes to CTI and other institutions, as well as providing additional income from students coming home to Columbus during the summer who only want to take one or two classes. We do not feel that this will impact very many of the students already planning to attend who wish to take larger loads, but will instead open the door for an untapped student market.

Therefore, we propose the following changes:

**Students taking 4 hours or less will not pay the following fees: activity, athletic, health, parking deck, and recreation center. These fees will phase back in at 5-8 hours, with 5 hours paying 60%, 6 hours paying 70%, 7 hours paying 80% and 8 hours paying 90%. Students taking 9 or more hours would pay full fees. (Ideally, we would like to see this implemented for all terms, not just summer.)**

This will encourage students to take a class or two during the summer, which will help students to graduate more quickly. This could also benefit public relations if we publicize the fact that CSU is helping to reduce the cost of education by reducing mandatory fees for part-time students.

The committee also suggests that some funds received as the Institutional Fee be redistributed to Student Affairs to lessen the impact of losses due to reduced mandatory fees.