

Student Fees Under Student Governance

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Overview

- Per statute, all campuses require students to be involved in the institutional fee plan process.
- Campus institutional fee plans establish the rules & process for setting and adjusting fees.
- Institutional fee plans were last approved by the Board of Regents at the September 2016 Board meeting.
- Fee changes must be communicated to students (usually on website and via email) within 30 days, whether they will be permanent or temporary, and whether or not there is a vote.
- The amount and share of mandatory student fees under student governance ranges at the campuses.

CU Boulder	UCCS	CU Denver
44.2%	1.7%	26.8%



CU Boulder

	Per Student	Total
Total Mandatory Fees Assessed in FY 2020-21	\$883.17/semester	\$55.2 million
Total Mandatory Fees Assessed Under Student Governance including:	<u>\$389.76/semester</u>	\$24.3 million
<i>Student Activity Fee</i>	\$282.80/semester	\$17.7 million
<i>Rec Center Expansion Fee</i>	\$106.96/semester	\$6.6 million
<p><i>Note:</i> Graduate students pay a \$11.62/semester Graduate and Professional Student Government fee and do not pay a \$28.50/semester Athletics fee.</p>		



CU Boulder – Student Activity Fee (\$17.7 million)

FY21 Budget by Department

University Memorial Center	39.8%
Recreation Center & Fields	28.2%
Environmental Center	6.9%
Center for Student Involvement	6.1%
CUSG and Local School & College Gov't Support	4.6%
Cultural Events Board	2.6%
Off-Campus Housing & Neighborhood Relations	2.4%
Volunteer Resource Center	2.4%
Student Legal Services	1.7%
Other	5.3%
Total	100.0%

FY21 Budget by Expense

Professional Staff	42.1%
General Operating expenses	16.3%
Facility Related Expenses	11.9%
Debt Service	10.3%
Student Hourly	9.9%
CUSG and Local School Governments	3.4%
Student Planned & Organized Events	3.1%
Student Group Support	3.0%
Total	100.0%

The Student Activity Fee is charged to support student government facilities including the University Memorial Center, the Student Recreation Center, the Environmental Center, and outdoor recreation facilities. It also includes various student services including, but not limited to, student government operations, Student Recreation Center, housing resources, volunteer placements, and cultural organizations across campus.



CU Boulder – Recreation Center Expansion Fee (\$6.6 million)

FY21 Budget by Expense

Debt Service	79.7%
Professional Staff	9.4%
Student Hourly	4.3%
General Operating Expenses	4.0%
Facility Related Expenses	2.6%
Total	100.0%

The Recreation Center Expansion Fee was voted on and passed by the student body in 2011 to support the Rec Center expansion renovation project. The \$63.5 million project was funded through the sale of bonds to be repaid by student fees over a 25-year period. The project provided an additional 83,000 square feet of indoor recreational space. Almost 80% of the budget covers debt service, with the remaining 20% covering the operational needs of operating the Rec Center.

CU Boulder – Graduate Professional and Student Government Fee (\$0.1 million)

FY21 Budget by Expense

Officer and Assembly Stipends	50.6%
Professional Development Grants and Awards	32.0%
Social Events and Networking	12.6%
General Operating Expenses	4.7%
Total	100.0%

The Graduate and Professional Student Government fee was passed by student vote in the spring 2002 elections to go into effect that fall for a four-year period. The fee was renewed by student vote in spring 2006, and in 2007 the fee was made permanent. The fee covers the majority of GPSG's operating budget including funding for social/networking events, awards and grants, and stipends to compensate GPSG executives, officers, and assembly senators.



UCCS

	Per Student	Total
Total Mandatory Fees Assessed	\$1,642	\$16.2 million
Total Mandatory Fees Assessed Under Student Governance:		
<i>Student Activity Fee - \$14 per semester</i>	\$28	\$318,780
<i>Note: Total fees is headcounts based and represented above for 15 SCH per semester, 30 SCH AY</i>		



UCCS

- The Student Activity Fee is overseen by the Student Government Association (SGA), which has control over how it is spent.
- The Student Activity Fee is used to support:
 - All student clubs
 - Speakers
 - Conferences
 - Events
 - Programming
 - Executive Board and Judicial Board
 - Operational and support costs for the SGA Executive Branch, Legislative Branch and Judicial Branch



CU Denver

	Per Student	Total
Total Mandatory Fees Assessed	\$1,379.84	\$17.0 million
Total Mandatory Fees Assessed Under Student Governance:		
<i>Student Services Fee</i>	\$370	\$6.4 million
Note: Total fees represented above are for 15 SCH per semester, 30 SCH AY		



CU Denver

- The Student Services Fee is not governed by students, but rather reviewed annually by a committee of student government.
- The Student Services Fee is used to support programs and events, such as:
 - Undergraduate university advising
 - Career Center
 - Club Sports
 - Experiential Learning
 - Student newspaper

