

## Resolution Concerning the Reporting of the Amount of Student Monies taken from the University General Fund to Cover the Athletics Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests the University (1) annually calculates and communicates the portion of student fees/tuition that is taken from the University General Fund to balance the cost of CCSU's athletic program and (2) communicates to all students the average annual cost per student.

### Rationalization:

- 1) There is already precedent where the University General Fee had been broken down to illustrate athletic spending. (See Figure 1: Archive from 1991 annual budget report when we were already D1). We need don't separate the fee into its own entity. That would most likely require BoR approval/policy change.
- 2) Students have a right to know how much of their fees are being spent on the ancillary athletics program. Most students have the belief that both tuition and non-specific fees are mostly for academic pursuits. Unlike solicited donations from supporters of athletics, our students are unsolicited and unaware that they are, quite literally, taking out loans that are turned into donations. Many schools make the students aware that some of their fees are funneled into balancing athletic budgets- CCSU does not. See attached links to media coverage of this issue at a National level and state level (for UConn).
- 3) Since the UPBC is a subcommittee of the Senate and since this is a basic request. I would argue that it need not be referred to any committee. The merits of the resolution are pretty obvious.
- 4) Perhaps we can ask the SGA to comment on whether or not they'd care to support this resolution since it pertains to students.

## CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

General Fee  
Three-year Comparison of Cost of Components

## Central Connecticut State University

	Actual 1988-89	Estimated 1989-90	Recommended 1990-91
Distribution:			
Student Center	1,253,681	1,245,679	1,307,350
Intercollegiate Athletics	1,166,219	1,194,557	1,251,526
Recreation/Intramural Sports	332,457	351,648	417,839
Education Expenses	4,458		
Orientation, ID's, Decals	96,490	105,507	110,364
Administrative Overhead			
Bus Fund			
Parking	609,832	612,798	623,032
Sub Total	<u>3,463,137</u>	<u>3,510,189</u>	<u>3,710,111</u>
Accident Insurance	190,166	306,694	314,289
Total Distribution	<u>3,653,303</u>	<u>3,816,883</u>	<u>4,024,400</u>
Total Receipts (1990-91 at Proposed Rate)	<u>3,600,822</u>	<u>3,672,545</u>	<u>4,027,987</u>
Fee Rates (Proposed for 1990-91):			
Undergraduate (per semester)	185	208	233
Graduate (per semester)	185	208	233
Extension (per semester)	24	26	26
Enrollment:			
Full Time Enrollment	6,687	6,687	6,687
Part-Time (Extension)	18,997	18,997	18,997

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Figure 1

Media reports on student fees:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/education/hidden-figures-college-students-may-be-paying-thousands-athletic-fees-n1145171>

"UConn subsidizes its athletic department with close to \$42 million. That figure is made up by more than \$8.5 million in student fees and another \$30 million in institutional support. The student fees are

assessed through an annual fee charged to undergraduate students, of which \$434 goes toward athletics.” -Hartford Courant

<https://www.courant.com/sports/hc-sp-uconn-financials-by-the-numbers-20190118-20190118-xrctubjl5vhqzdgdyxp5k4rzei-story.html#:~:text=UConn%20subsidizes%20its%20athletic%20department,which%20%24434%20goes%20toward%20athletics.>