

Adjustment of Winter 2021 Incidental Fees for OSU-Cascades

BACKGROUND

Student services at OSU campuses and centers that are funded by student fees will continue to be offered during winter term to serve students in Corvallis and Bend. Whether studying remotely or in person, services are anticipated to be a mix of on-site and online.

The Associated Students of OSU (ASOSU) are not recommending a reduction in incidental fees for winter term at Corvallis. In considering a reduction for winter term, the Student Fee Committee (SFC) reviewed student feedback about the fall term reduction and found that, while it was a small/marginal impact on students (just a \$26 reduction for most students) it caused large aggregate cost/service reductions for the eight funded units. Most of the services funded through these eight units (including childcare, food pantry, Memorial Union operations, Recreational Sports operations, student experiences/leadership, performing arts opportunities, etc.) were still being provided to students, and the committee saw diminishing returns in pursuing another round of small winter term incidental fee reductions.

The Associated Students of Cascades Campus (ASCC) are proposing revised incidental fees for winter term. The mix of programs supported by incidental fees is different at OSU-Cascades than at Corvallis. The recommended reductions primarily reflect reduced club spending due to limited opportunities for personal engagement and travel. There is also reduced spending expected for Cascades Adventures, primarily related to travel. Students have also reduced the purchase of bus passes via Cascades East Transit and professional/campus activities.

ASOSU and ASCC student leaders have engaged their respective campus Student Fee Committees (SFC) in processes to develop winter term incidental fee reduction recommendations consistent with expected service levels. While the building loan/debt fee, health fee, and incidental fee were all contemplated for reductions, the discussions among the student committees focused reduction efforts on the incidental fee. This is because building loan/debt fees pay fixed-cost debt service on existing student fee-funded buildings, and the health fee funds the counseling, student health, and wellness needs that are even more acute in light of COVID-19.

On both campuses, the applicable Student Fee Committee and student governing body solicited fee reduction recommendations from students and the leaders of the funded units; aggregated, reviewed, and discussed those recommendations; and affirmed the resulting final recommendations through formal SFC votes. The final OSU-Cascades incidental fee recommendation by ASCC was forwarded to President Alexander for consideration by the Board.

If fee reductions are considered for spring term, a new recommendation will be made to the Board. This proposal is for winter term 2021 only.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN STUDENT INCIDENTAL FEES

The OSU-Cascades Student Fee Committee and the Associate Students of Cascade Campus recommend a 10.33% reduction in winter term incidental fees, from \$300.00 to \$269.00 for a student taking 12 or more credit hours. The OSU-Corvallis Student Fee Committee and the Associated Students of OSU recommend no reduction in winter term incidental fees (the

incidental fee reduction approved for fall would not be carried forward to winter so fees are \$428.08 for a student taking 12 or more credit hours).

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends that the Board approve the resolution in Attachment 1 adjusting certain incidental fees for OSU-Cascades for the winter 2021 term.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-__

**Oregon State University
Student Incidental Fees
Winter 2021**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of the Oregon State University (the “Board”) has the authority to determine tuition and mandatory enrollment fees in accordance with ORS 352.102 and ORS 352.105, and other applicable law;

Whereas, the Board authorizes the collection of incidental fees recommended by the President of the University and the recognized student governments (ASOSU and ASCC) and established in accordance with provisions outlined in ORS 352.102, ORS 352.105, and other applicable law;

Whereas, student services at OSU campuses and centers will continue to be offered during winter term, currently anticipated as a mix of in-person and online delivery, but some services may be reduced in scope or capacity consistent with the university’s COVID-19 resumption plan approved by the Board;

Whereas, in coordination with the Associated Students of OSU (ASOSU) and the Associated Students of Cascades Campus (ASCC), the president proposes that the Board grant the ASCC request for revised incidental fees for winter term; and

Now, therefore, the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University hereby approves adjustments to the incidental fees for winter 2021 as specified in Exhibit A.

This Resolution is effective _____.

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees _____.

Secretary to the Board

Date

FAC Agenda Item 6g – Attachment 1, Exhibit A

Exhibit A:
Oregon State University
Student Incidental Fee Schedule
Winter Term 2021

(only fees specified here are adjusted; all other fees as approved previously by the Board)

Oregon State University-Cascades Campus Academic Year 2020-2021 Mandatory Fee Rates^{1,2} Winter only

Undergraduate Mandatory Fees				
Credits	Building Loan/Debt	Incidental	Health Service	Total Fees
1	23.00	192.00	59.00	274.00
2	25.00	199.00	59.00	283.00
3	27.00	206.00	59.00	292.00
4	29.00	213.00	59.00	301.00
5	31.00	220.00	59.00	310.00
6	33.00	227.00	59.00	319.00
7	35.00	234.00	59.00	328.00
8	37.00	241.00	59.00	337.00
9	39.00	248.00	59.00	346.00
10	41.00	255.00	59.00	355.00
11	43.00	262.00	59.00	364.00
12 or more	45.00	269.00	59.00	373.00

Graduate Mandatory Fees			
Building Loan/Debt	Incidental	Health Service	Total Fees
23.00	197.00	59.00	279.00
26.00	206.00	59.00	291.00
29.00	215.00	59.00	303.00
32.00	224.00	59.00	315.00
35.00	233.00	59.00	327.00
38.00	242.00	59.00	339.00
41.00	251.00	59.00	351.00
43.00	260.00	59.00	362.00
45.00	269.00	59.00	373.00
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45.00	269.00	59.00	373.00
45.00	269.00	59.00	373.00

(1) A one time Matriculation Fee of \$350 is assessed to all new and transfer undergraduate and graduate students.

(2) Fee rates apply to resident and non-resident students