

Spring 2020 Incidental Fees

BACKGROUND

In his March 18 COVID-19 update, Provost Feser indicated student services at OSU campuses and centers will continue to be offered during spring term, although most will be delivered remotely and some will be offered at a reduced level in keeping with the Governor's Executive Order regarding Stay Home, Stay Safe. Given reductions in some services, staff began coordinating with the Associated Students of OSU (ASOSU) and the Associated Students of Cascades Campus (ASCC), to consider proposing to the Board revised incidental fees for spring term. Any revisions would recognize the variable service levels being provided to students while maintaining adequate student fee support for key programs, such as the continued provision of essential student health services.

Over the past two weeks, ASOSU and ASCC student leaders engaged their respective campus Student Fee Committee (SFC) in processes to develop spring term incidental fee reduction recommendations consistent with reduced service levels. While the building fee, health fee, and incidental fee were all contemplated for reductions, students focused their fee reduction efforts on the incidental fee. This is because building fees pay fixed cost debt service on existing or future 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.

In considering possible spring term incidental fee reductions, student leaders considered several factors including the reduced ability of some students to pay fees during this time and the level of fee reduction that could be absorbed without degrading the ability of a fee-funded unit to return its full services for fall term.

On both campuses, the applicable SFC 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 reduction recommendations through formal votes. Recommendations were forwarded to President Ray for consideration by the Board.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN STUDENT INCIDENTAL FEES

The recommended fee reductions are summarized in Table 1. The OSU-Cascades SFC and ASCC recommend a 58.42% reduction in spring term incidental fees from \$267.00 to \$111.00 for a student taking 12 or more credit hours. The OSU Corvallis SFC and ASOSU recommend an 11.33% reduction in spring term incidental fees from \$398.44 to \$353.30 for a student taking 12 or more credit hours. The difference in the dollar and percent decrease between the two campuses is a reflection of the fixed cost nature of the services funded. At this time, the incidental fee funded services of OSU-Cascades have fewer fixed costs (primarily employment, but also buildings and equipment) than the incidental fee funded services offered by units in Corvallis.

Table 1. Recommended Changes in Student Incidental Fees

Fee	Current Fee per term for full-time student	Proposed Spring Term Fee for full-time student
OSU Corvallis: Student incidental fees	\$398.44	\$353.30
OSU-Cascades: Student incidental fees	\$267.00	\$111.00

RECOMMENDATION

The president recommends that the Board approve the resolution in Attachment 1 adjusting incidental fees for the spring 2020 term.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-__

**Oregon State University
Student Incidental Fees
Spring 2020**

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 spring term, most will be delivered remotely and some will be offered at a reduced level in keeping with the Governor’s Executive Order regarding Stay Home, Stay Safe;

Whereas, in coordination with the Associated Students of OSU (ASOSU) and the Associated Students of Cascades Campus (ASCC), the president proposes revised incidental fees for spring term, recognizing the variable service levels being provided to students while maintaining support for essential student health services and other programs and the ability for programs to return to full service in the fall term; and

Now, therefore, the Board of Trustees of Oregon State University hereby approves adjustments to the incidental fees for spring 2020 as specified in Exhibit A.

This Resolution is effective April 3, 2020

APPROVED by the Board of Trustees April 3, 2020

Secretary to the Board

Date

Exhibit A:
Oregon State University
Student Incidental Fee Schedule
Spring Term 2020

Revised for spring term									
Oregon State University-Corvallis Campus Academic Year 2019-2020 Mandatory Fee Rates^{1,2}									Spring only

Undergraduate Mandatory Fees					Graduate Mandatory Fees				
Credits	Building	Incidental	Health Service	Total Fees	Building	Incidental	Health Service	Total Fees	
1	23.00	309.30	179.42	511.72	23.00	303.64	179.42	506.06	
2	25.00	313.30	179.42	517.72	26.00	309.85	179.42	515.27	
3	27.00	317.30	179.42	523.72	29.00	316.06	179.42	524.48	
4	29.00	321.30	179.42	529.72	32.00	322.27	179.42	533.69	
5	31.00	325.30	179.42	535.72	35.00	328.47	179.42	542.89	
6	33.00	329.30	179.42	541.72	38.00	334.68	179.42	552.10	
7	35.00	333.30	179.42	547.72	41.00	340.89	179.42	561.31	
8	37.00	337.30	179.42	553.72	43.00	347.09	179.42	569.51	
9	39.00	341.30	179.42	559.72	45.00	353.30	179.42	577.72	
10	41.00	345.30	179.42	565.72	45.00	353.30	179.42	577.72	
11	43.00	349.30	179.42	571.72	45.00	353.30	179.42	577.72	
12 or more	45.00	353.30	179.42	577.72	45.00	353.30	179.42	577.72	

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

Oregon State University-Cascades Campus Academic Year 2019-2020 Mandatory Fee Rates^{1,2}									Spring only
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Undergraduate Mandatory Fees					Graduate Mandatory Fees				
Credits	Building	Incidental	Health Service	Total Fees	Building	Incidental	Health Service	Total Fees	
1	23.00	78.00	59.00	160.00	23.00	64.00	59.00	146.00	
2	25.00	80.00	59.00	164.00	26.00	69.00	59.00	154.00	
3	27.00	82.00	59.00	168.00	29.00	73.00	59.00	161.00	
4	29.00	84.00	59.00	172.00	32.00	78.00	59.00	169.00	
5	31.00	86.00	59.00	176.00	35.00	82.00	59.00	176.00	
6	33.00	88.00	59.00	180.00	38.00	87.00	59.00	184.00	
7	35.00	90.00	59.00	184.00	41.00	91.00	59.00	191.00	
8	37.00	92.00	59.00	188.00	43.00	96.00	59.00	198.00	
9	39.00	94.00	59.00	192.00	45.00	101.00	59.00	205.00	
10	41.00	96.00	59.00	196.00	45.00	101.00	59.00	205.00	
11	43.00	99.00	59.00	201.00	45.00	101.00	59.00	205.00	
12 or more	45.00	111.00	59.00	215.00	45.00	111.00	59.00	215.00	

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