

# Student Fee Advisory Committee

## Fiscal Year 2024 Recommendations



In accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 54.5031, the purpose of the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) is to advise the university president on the allocation of the student services fee.

### **Committee Members**

Rebecca Gadson	Chair
Christopher Cavazos	Student Representative
Dalia Mendoza	Student Representative
Patricia Hernandez Howard	Student Representative
Pauli Badenhorst	University Representative
Samantha Castellanos	University Representative
Marcela de Leon	University Representative
Kurt Martinez	University Representative

## **Fiscal Year 2024 Student Service Fee Projections**

For FY2024, based on anticipated enrollment, the Office of Planning & Analysis projects \$3,862,912 in Student Service Fee revenue collection. The committee's recommendations for funding of budget proposals were based on the projected revenue.

Several departments were invited to present or provide additional information about the number of students served and assessment of impact/benefit to students. The committee deeply valued the variety of programs, events, and services represented by the requests for funds and have recommended allocations to help the units maintain these opportunities for student involvement, community engagement, experiential learning, and funding administrative operations and support services.

Due to limitations in available funding, not all requests were able to be awarded or fully funded as proposed. The final recommendations are based on the majority vote of the members.

The SFAC recommends allocating the available projected revenue of \$3,862,912 for FY 2024 and an additional \$81,413 from the reserve balance to continue pilot programs funded in FY2023.

For more details, refer to the list of SFAC recommendations on page 2.

The requests with \* are being recommended for funding from the reserve balance.

Requests	FY 2023 Budget	FY 2024 Departmental Request	FY 2024 Recommendation
Pep Band	\$81,000	\$81,000	\$81,000
Drama	\$65,156	\$147,051	\$45,287
Art Galleries	\$69,544	\$69,683	\$49,613
Gallery	\$17,815	\$19,641	\$11,690
Dance Group	\$62,810	\$62,810	\$45,670
Drumline	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,900
UTRGV Opera	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$9,480
Latino Theatre Touring	\$15,300	\$24,300	\$10,000
Ctr of Excellence in STEM	\$41,604	\$70,800	\$32,867
GC Financial Hardship	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$10,298
Masculinidad Saludable	\$20,529	\$24,115	\$16,218
Archer Scholarships	\$25,000	\$39,200	\$19,750
Graduate Student Travel	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$15,039
GradArcher	\$25,400	\$31,200	\$20,066
The Sustainable Campus Community Initiative	\$30,039	\$33,646	\$17,814
Maint Utilities UC - Edinburg	\$188,139	\$215,210	\$215,210
Admin Supp Chrg-Student Activ (TRANSFER)	\$117,633	\$158,904	\$125,534
Community Garden	\$15,920	\$18,200	\$15,920
The Engagement Zone	\$43,037	\$42,764	\$28,900
CFSI (Campus Food Security Initiative)	\$60,750	\$203,577	\$45,328
Medical Student Special Projects	\$72,000	\$124,000	\$50,000
SOM Medical Student Government Association	\$27,000	\$44,250	\$21,330
SOM Careers in Medicine	\$15,750	\$74,365	\$12,443
Magazine	\$81,345	\$99,270	\$64,263
Newspaper	\$130,550	\$184,950	\$103,135
Radio	\$51,005	\$76,680	\$40,294
Music Copyright Fee	\$35,712	\$35,712	\$35,712
Distinguished Speakers	\$138,961	\$138,961	\$95,000
Retention Initiative	\$85,685	\$0	\$0
Campus Activities Board	\$139,036	\$169,745	\$102,975
Greek Life	\$23,741	\$30,242	\$18,755
SGA Student Travel	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$63,200
Spirit Programs	\$285,250	\$353,541	\$269,611
Center for Student Involvement	\$551,022	\$667,009	\$663,654
Student Leadership Academy	\$49,619	\$49,619	\$39,199
Community Service Connection	\$31,569	\$36,701	\$24,940
Diversity and intercultural Programming	\$21,708	\$28,708	\$0
Student Govt Association	\$126,175	\$147,481	\$110,717
Special Events	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$1,975
Parent Family Association	\$20,804	\$46,592	\$16,435
UTRGV Food Pantry	\$55,398	\$61,876	\$43,140
Student Media	\$259,606	\$259,946	\$241,596
Chess	\$453,571	\$484,353	\$388,105
Student Activities	\$317,690	\$421,411	\$317,690
TV	\$60,653	\$102,929	\$47,916
Ctr for Diversity & Inclusion	\$96,082	\$141,289	\$0
Fostering Success	\$15,750	\$36,500	\$12,443
UC Events Management	\$23,294	\$23,294	\$18,402
Undergraduate Research Initiative	\$90,750	\$174,750	\$71,693
Hauser Comm Research Lab	\$0	\$26,740	\$21,228
Superhero Project	\$0	\$41,325	\$18,120
UTRGV TexPREP	\$0	\$30,870	\$0
LinkedIn Learning	\$0	\$162,794	\$31,630
Vaqueros Volunteer*	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Student Success*	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Student Creative Development *	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
Civic Engagement Alliance *	\$0	\$22,500	\$0
Visiting Writing Series*	\$0	\$28,513	\$0
Behavior Intervention Team	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
Latinx Initiatives *	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
Music Technology Outreach Club	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
Nursing Student Ambassador Program	\$0	\$11,500	\$0
Social Work Field Placement	\$0	\$12,800	\$0
SOPM SGA	\$0	\$31,500	\$11,850
Vackar Connection	\$0	\$24,887	\$0
Women's Chess	\$0	\$113,722	\$81,881
Reserve (includes funds for Merit and salary adjs)	\$40,876	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Expenses and Transfers Out</b>	<b>\$4,326,778</b>	<b>\$5,983,924</b>	<b>\$3,862,912</b>

Due to limited funding, the following proposals were not recommended for funding in FY24:

- UTRGV TexPrep
  - The TexPrep grant supports the summer program. The request for student services fee funding for student wages to supplement the program's budget is a valuable student employment opportunity. The committee recommends hiring work study eligible student employees to aid to help with the camp.
- Behavior Intervention Team
  - Existing funds may assist in providing training for team members. A proposal to expand training and certification and BIT outreach can be submitted in the future.

The following proposals were determined to be closely aligned to regularly scheduled academic functions of the departments/programs and are therefore ineligible for funding from student services fees:

- Music Technology Outreach Club
- Nursing Student Ambassador Program
- Social Work Field Placement
- Vackar Connection