



Student Fee Advisory Committee  
**Fiscal Year 2022  
Recommendations**

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Guy Bailey, President

## Student Fee Advisory Committee

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
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Carlo Flores	Student Representative
Magda Garza	Student Representative
Marco Kidder	Student Representative
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## Fiscal Year 2022 Student Service Fee Projection

For fiscal year 2022, the Office of Planning & Analysis projects \$13,858,470 in Student Service Fee revenue collection. The estimated increase of \$536,706 from the fiscal year 2021 budget has allowed the committee to support some new initiatives.

As of 3/12/2021

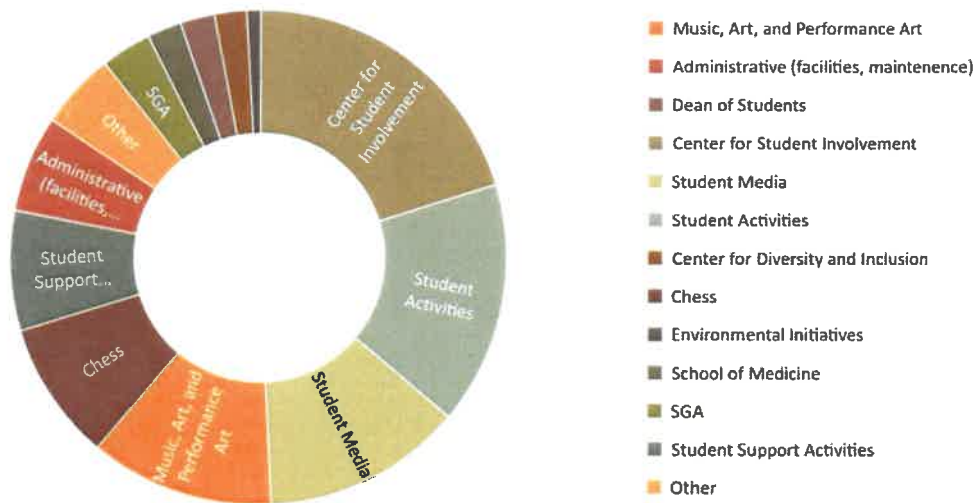
Student Service Fee		FY 2022 Budget
<b>Fee Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,048,836</b>
Fall		6,332,779
Spring		5,802,967
Summer I		1,075,266
Summer II		725,842
Med Students		111,982
<b>Exemptions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(190,366)</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,858,470</b>

## Fiscal Year 2022 Recommendations

The committee carefully considered each funding request for FY 2022, however, due to an increase in student service fee requests, not all requests could be fully funded as proposed. Several departments were invited to present on the quality of service, number of students served, availability of other funding for activity/service, benefit to the students, and how funding affects student enrollment and retention. Final recommendations are the result of a majority vote and reflect the committee’s commitment to keep the best interest of UTRGV students at the forefront.

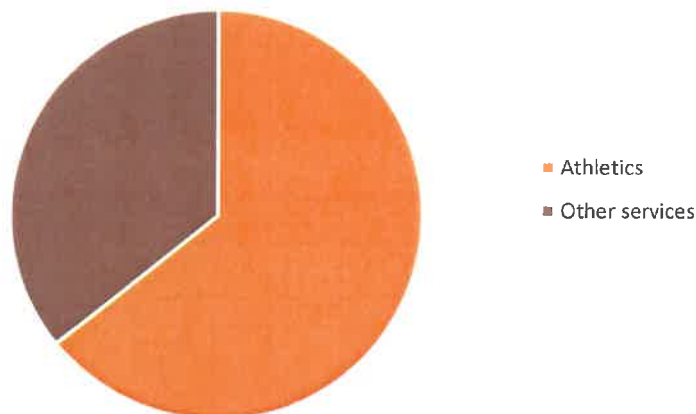
The SFAC recommends approximately \$5 million or 36% of the available student service fee funding to support a variety of student activities that promote campus and community engagement; arts, music, culture, and performing arts; student support activities that provide opportunities for research and experiential learning; and funding administrative operations and support services.

### Fiscal Year 2022 Recommendations



Additionally, the SFAC recommends allocating approximately 64% of the available funding to support NCAA Division I Athletics at UTRGV.

### Fiscal Year 2022 Recommendations NCAA Division I Athletics



Project	Student Activity	FY2021 Budget	FY2022 Request	FY2022 Recommendations	% SSF	Difference Between Request & Recommendation Request
41000001	AES Athletic Revenue	8,898,918.00	9,898,918.00	8,898,918.00	64.21%	(1,000,000.00)
46100005	UTRGV Pep Band	85,000.00	108,000.00	84,000.00	0.61%	(24,000.00)
46100006	Brass Choir/ Brass Ensemble	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.01%	-
46100007	Salsa/Latin Band	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.06%	-
46100008	Drama	174,961.00	194,961.00	184,961.00	1.33%	(10,000.00)
46100009	Magazine	56,749.00	82,249.00	82,249.00	0.59%	-
46100010	Newspaper	121,040.00	121,040.00	121,040.00	0.87%	-
46100011	Radio	43,160.00	44,228.00	43,160.00	0.31%	(1,068.00)
46100012	Art Galleries	72,035.00	72,035.00	72,035.00	0.52%	-
46100013	Gallery	21,141.00	21,141.00	21,141.00	0.15%	-
46100014	Dance Group	77,729.00	77,729.00	77,729.00	0.56%	-
46100015	Mariachi	36,000.00	40,080.00	40,080.00	0.29%	-
46100020	Maint Util UC - ED	156,690.00	156,004.37	156,004.37	1.13%	-
46100021	Administrative Support Charge - Std Activities	127,929.00	131,898.00	131,898.00	0.95%	-
46100022	Music Copyright Fee	31,054.00	35,712.10	35,712.10	0.26%	-
46100023	Distinguished Speakers	136,938.08	140,000.00	140,000.00	1.01%	-
46100024	Retention Initiative	215,304.00	198,949.40	198,949.40	1.44%	-
46100025	Campus Activities Board (University Program)	143,891.00	152,311.00	152,311.00	1.10%	-
46100026	Greek Life	22,519.00	26,716.30	26,716.30	0.19%	-
46100027	Student Travel (SGA Student Travel)	80,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.58%	-
46100028	Spirit Programs	188,028.00	198,028.00	188,028.00	1.36%	(10,000.00)
46100029	Leadership and Mentoring	584,233.80	640,798.70	634,602.20	4.58%	(6,196.50)
46100031	Student Leadership Academy	55,677.00	55,677.00	55,677.00	0.40%	-
46100032	Community Service Connection	42,750.00	42,750.00	42,750.00	0.31%	-
46100033	Diversity and Intercultural Programming	21,442.00	28,442.00	21,442.00	0.15%	(7,000.00)
46100034	Student Govt Association	74,132.00	78,100.40	78,100.40	0.56%	-
46100036	SGA Special Events	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.03%	-
46100037	Parent Family Association	21,706.00	21,706.00	21,706.00	0.16%	-
46100039	UC Events Management	22,629.00	23,294.00	23,294.00	0.17%	-
46100042	Student IDs - Edinburg	115,477.00	115,477.00	115,477.00	0.83%	-
46100046	Chamber Orchestra	39,080.00	39,080.00	39,080.00	0.28%	-
46100049	Choir	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	0.12%	-
46100050	Food Pantry	58,058.00	58,058.00	58,058.00	0.42%	-
46100051	UTRGV Drumline	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.07%	-
46100053	Student Media	312,767.00	313,307.00	313,307.00	2.26%	-
46100054	Chess	450,278.00	557,882.00	450,278.00	3.25%	(107,604.00)
46100056	Student Activities	306,186.00	326,186.00	306,186.00	2.21%	(20,000.00)
46100060	Student IDs - Brownsville	103,087.00	103,087.00	103,087.00	0.74%	-
46100061	TV	55,907.00	55,907.00	55,907.00	0.40%	-
46100062	UTRGV Opera Theatre	7,500.00	15,000.00	7,500.00	0.05%	(7,500.00)
46100063	UTRGV Guitar Festival	6,100.00	6,100.00	6,100.00	0.04%	-
46100064	Hauser Communication Research	26,008.00	26,740.00	26,740.00	0.19%	-
46100065	Undergrad Research Initiative	106,700.00	96,750.00	96,750.00	0.70%	-
46100066	Counseling Center	37,291.00	67,500.00	67,500.00	0.49%	-
46100069	Medical Student Special Projects	80,000.00	120,000.00	80,000.00	0.58%	(40,000.00)
46100070	UTRGV Double Bass Quartet	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.03%	-
46100071	Center for Diversity & Inclusion	87,948.00	103,248.00	103,248.00	0.75%	-
46100072	Active Bystander	34,600.00	53,949.40	34,600.00	0.25%	(19,349.40)
46100073	SOM Medical Student Government Association	30,000.00	47,250.00	30,000.00	0.22%	(17,250.00)
46100074	Increasing STEM Student Success	27,475.00	50,305.00	37,675.00	0.27%	(12,630.00)
46100075	Nonprofit Resource Center	18,605.00	28,454.40	28,454.40	0.21%	-
46100077	Latino Theatre Initiatives	17,000.00	24,000.00	17,000.00	0.12%	(7,000.00)
46100107	Masculinidad Saludable	16,500.00	17,340.00	17,340.00	0.13%	-
46100109	Graduate Archer Scholarships	30,000.00	30,400.00	30,400.00	0.22%	-
46100110	The Sustainable Campus Community Initiative	30,000.00	53,617.24	30,000.00	0.22%	(23,617.24)
46100111	Graduate Student Travel	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.18%	-
46100112	Archer Scholarships	24,000.00	38,800.00	30,000.00	0.22%	(8,800.00)
47100002	Child Development Center	40,900.00	40,900.00	40,900.00	0.30%	-
NEW	Fostering Success	-	15,300.00	15,300.00	0.11%	-
NEW	Lab Fee Request for Micro-WITHDRAWN	-	-	-	0.00%	-
NEW	SOM Careers in Medicine	-	55,800.00	-	0.00%	(55,800.00)
NEW	Student Creative Development and Profession	-	14,500.00	-	0.00%	(14,500.00)
NEW	UTRGV Music Technology	-	10,000.00	-	0.00%	(10,000.00)
NEW	Sustainability	-	91,800.00	15,750.00	0.11%	(76,050.00)
NEW	English Language Institute	-	20,000.00	-	0.00%	(20,000.00)
NEW	Community Garden	-	18,200.00	-	0.00%	(18,200.00)
NEW	Financial Hardship	-	50,000.00	16,500.00	0.12%	(33,500.00)
		13,623,122.88	15,405,706.31	13,855,641.17	99.98%	(1,550,065.14)

## Comments

- **Athletics:** The committee is supportive of Athletics, the program's investment into the campus community, the role the department plays in increasing visibility of UTRGV's brand nationally, and the talent of the student athletes. The committee recommends flat funding in the amount of \$8,898,918, representing 64.21% of the total allocation of student service fee funding projected for FY 2022. However, the committee understands the necessity of facility renovations and upgrades to increase equity among the sports programs and align with NCAA Division I athletics programs. As such, the committee recommends one-time funding in the amount of \$333,000 towards renovations/upgrades that prioritize advancing gender equity.
- **UTRGV Pep Band:** The committee recommends separating the request into a one-time FY 2022 request of \$5,000 for replacing instruments/equipment and \$84,000 for FY22. The recommended funding for FY22 includes a \$14,000 increase in the Travel and \$5,000 in Scholarship line items over FY 2021.
- **Drama:** The committee recommends funding in the amount of \$184,961 for FY 2022. Though the request is an increase of \$10,000 over FY 2021 funding, the recommendation did not support the full amount requested. One reason provided for increased funding was to add improvements and equipment to a theater, which is used for classroom activities and performances. However, the student services fee can only be used for activities that are separate and apart from the regularly scheduled academic functions of the institution.
- **Radio:** The committee recommends flat funding in the amount of \$43,160. The committee understands that the program projects an expense increase of \$1,068 in FY 22 over FY21 and recommends utilizing existing funds to cover the cost.
- **Leadership & Mentoring:** The committee recommends approval in the amount of \$634,602 for FY 2022, noting the increased funding in salaries is towards funding the salary swept for the position managing student organization reservations, training, and event logistics that occurred at the end of FY20.
- **Diversity and Intercultural Programming:** The committee recommends separating the request into a one-time request of \$7,000 to pilot program expansion and flat funding of \$21,442 for FY 2022 operations.
- **Chess:** The committee is supportive of the Chess program, its success, and notoriety it brings to the institution. The committee recommends separating the request into a one-time FY 2022 request of \$107,604 to expand the women's program and flat funding for FY2022.
- **Student Activities:** The committee recommends flat funding of \$306,186. The committee acknowledges the innovation shown in providing a wide variety of programming to engage students throughout adjusted operations due to COVID-19.
- **UTRGV Opera Theater:** The committee recommends separating the request into a one-time funding request of \$7,500 towards the expansion of opera across campus locations and flat funding of \$7,500 for FY 2022. The committee asks that the requestor provide an update on the program's expansion during the next request cycle.
- **Medical Student Special Projects:** The committee recommends flat funding of \$80,000 and encourages medical students to also seek scholarship and grant opportunities to support research endeavors and conference attendance.
- **Active Bystander:** The committee recommends flat funding of \$34,600 and advises that the program increase promotion and outreach about the trainings provided.
- **SOM Medical Student Government Association:** The committee recommends separating the request into a one-time funding request of \$17,250 to expand support to the Student Interest Groups and flat funding of \$30,000. The committee requests an update of how the additional funding was utilized by the Student Interest Groups in the next request cycle.
- **Increasing STEM Student Success:** The committee recommends separating the request, approving \$37,675 for FY22. The committee recommends supporting a one-time FY22 request of \$3,500 to support equipment expenses noted in the proposal such as pointers/clickers, bulletin boards, ID scanner, and promotional materials.
- **Latino Theater Initiative:** The committee recommends flat funding in the amount of \$17,000.
- **The Sustainable Campus Community Initiative:** The committee recommends separating the request into one-time funding of \$23,617.24 and flat funding of \$30,000. The committee requests that a plan be developed to

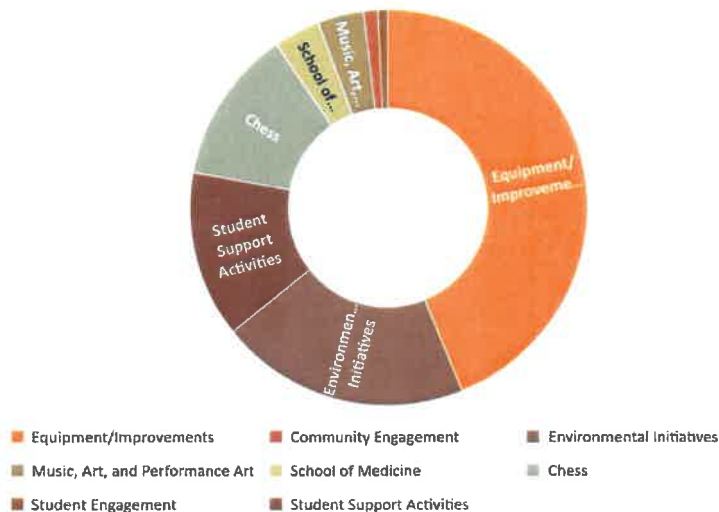
collaborate with the Brownsville campus to provide similar opportunities for students. It is recommended that the plan include strategies for financial sustainability as the project grows.

- **Archer Scholarships:** The program was awarded \$24,000 in student service fee funding, and one-time funding of \$13,600 in FY2021. The committee recommends funding of \$30,000 for FY 2022.
- **Fostering Success:** The committee recommends funding \$15,300 for the expansion of support and programming for students formerly in foster care.
- **SOM Careers in Medicine:** The committee appreciated learning about the current career advising efforts being provided to students in the School of Medicine. The committee recommends supporting the addition of a graduate assistant as a one-time request in FY 2022 in the amount of \$15,300 to expand support of career development initiatives and encourages collaboration with Career Center.
- **Student Creative Development:** The committee recommends as a one-time funding request in the amount of \$8,000 to support opportunities for students to present creative works in competition or advance skill development by engaging in residencies/conferences.
- **UTRGV Music Technology:** The committee recommends one-time funding in the amount of \$6,029 to support the purchase of equipment identified in the request.
- **Sustainability:** The committee recommends separating the request into a one-time funding request of \$31,500 to support the employment of two Graduate Assistants that can help build partnerships and programming that encourages sustainable development as a pilot and \$15,750 for FY 2022 for one Graduate Assistant to support meeting the department’s goals.
- **English Language Institute:** While the committee values the experiential learning opportunity the committee agreed that this initiative should not be funded through student services fees.
- **Community Garden:** The committee recommends funding \$16,400 as a one-time request for FY 2022. The committee recommends that the personnel work with the student organizations and campus partners to decrease waste of produce.
- **Financial Hardship:** The committee recommends matching the department’s allocated funding used to support graduate student scholarships for those experiencing financial hardship. The committee’s recommendation for FY 2022 is \$16,500.

## Fiscal Year 2022 One-Time Funding Requests

Several fiscal year 2022 requests included funding increases to expand current services or to implement new initiatives. The committee values the requestors’ goals to advance programmatic expansion to maximize benefits for students. As such, the committee recommends funding several of these increases as a one-time request in fiscal year 2022, with the expectation that the departments will report their results during the next request cycle. The following one-time fiscal year 2022 requests are supported by a majority vote of the committee.

### Fiscal Year 2022 One-time Recommendations



Project	Student Activity	FY2022 One-time Request	FY2022 Recommendations
46100013	<a href="#">Gallery</a>	1,655.00	1,655.00
46100076	<a href="#">UTRGV TexPREP</a>	24,990.00	24,990.00
NEW	<a href="#">Campus Food Security Initiative</a>	102,510.00	102,510.00
NEW	<a href="#">Student Success Faculty &amp; Grad Initiatives</a>	61,200.00	61,200.00
NEW	<a href="#">UTRGV Voice Area NATS Travel</a>	16,386.00	16,386.00
NEW	<a href="#">Vaqueros Volunteer</a>	10,000.00	10,000.00
NEW	<a href="#">Mexican American/LatinX Studies Scholars &amp; Creatives</a>	89,300.00	55,000.00
46100005	<a href="#">UTRGV Pep Band</a>	-	5,000.00
46100033	<a href="#">Diversity and Intercultural Programming</a>	-	7,000.00
46100062	<a href="#">UTRGV Opera Theatre</a>	-	7,500.00
46100073	<a href="#">SOM Medical Student Government Associatio</a>	-	17,250.00
46100074	<a href="#">Increasing STEM Stdnt Success</a>	-	3,500.00
46100110	<a href="#">The Sustainable Campus Community Initiative</a>	-	23,617.24
NEW	<a href="#">SOM Careers in Medicine</a>	-	15,300.00
NEW	<a href="#">Student Creative Development and Profession</a>	-	8,000.00
NEW	<a href="#">UTRGV Music Technology</a>	-	6,029.00
46100054	<a href="#">Chess</a>	-	107,604.00
NEW	<a href="#">Sustainability</a>	-	31,500.00
41000001	<a href="#">AES Athletic Revenue</a>	-	333,000.00
NEW	<a href="#">Community Garden</a>	-	16,400.00
		306,041.00	853,441.24

## Comments

- **Gallery:** The committee recommends one-time funding in the amount of \$1,655 to purchase a computer.
- **UTRGV TexPrep:** The committee recommends one-time funding in the amount of \$24,990 for student employee wages for the Texas Pre-Freshmen Engineering Program in Brownsville and Edinburg.
- **Campus Food Security Initiative:** The committee recommends one-time funding in the amount of \$102,510 to hire graduate and undergraduate students to manage various aspects of the CFSI operation.
- **Student Success Faculty and Grad Initiatives:** The committee recommends one-time funding in the amount of \$61,200 to hire four graduate students to serve as case managers for students at risk of stopping out due to outstanding balances owed to the university and refer students experiencing personal or academic challenges.
- **UTRGV Voice Area NATS Travel:** The committee recommends one-time funding for \$16,386 to support student travel costs for those participating in two student voice competitions sponsored by the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) and pay for accompanists.
- **Vaqueros Volunteer:** The committee recommends supporting the one-time funding request of \$10,000 to pilot the planning and implementation of a campus wide (faculty, staff, student, alumni) service project with area non-profit agencies in the valley.
- **Mexican American/Latinx Studies Scholars and Creatives:** The committee recommends supporting the pilot program in the amount of \$55,000, a reduction of \$34,300 from the original request. The reduction is primarily in travel, as well as operating and the faculty stipend. However, the committee recommends that institutional funding be identified to support the faculty stipend.