

Memo

To: Emilia Treviño, Chair
Student Fee Advisory Committee

From: Guy Bailey, President *GB*

Date: August 28, 2020

RE: Student Services Fee Reserve – FY2021

As you probably know, the Student Services Fee reserve began FY2020 with a \$3.8 million balance but is expected to exceed \$4.0 million by the close of this fiscal year. Planning & Analysis will provide an update when the final amount is known. Carrying a fee balance this large during a time of significant budget cuts can be problematic, but it also offers some opportunities to maintain our current level of services to students when they might otherwise suffer.

In light of the unprecedented financial challenges faced by our university as we navigate through the pandemic, I have authorized the use of \$2,964,100 in Student Services Fee (SSF) reserve balance to temporarily fund the following four activities in FY2021:

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| Tutoring | \$1,323,804 |
| Student Accessibility Services | 682,606 |
| Transportation Services | 519,551 |
| Student Rights & Responsibilities | 438,139 |
| Total | \$2,964,100 |

Please note that these activities were at one time funded by the SSF but were shifted to other funds to allow for additional student activities. Under the current extraordinary circumstances, however, it is necessary to shift these activities *temporarily* back to SSF funding. This strategic use of the balance will enable the university to continue to fulfill the commitments made to the success of its students without any diminution of services and will help allow UTRGV to provide \$25.1 million in student grants and tuition relief paid from institutional (non-CARES Act) funds at a time when \$7.9 million is being returned to the state.

Please inform the Student Fee Advisory Committee of this decision and let them know that a healthy balance of more than a million dollars will remain in the account.

copy: Dr. Janna Arney, Deputy President & Interim Provost
Mr. Rick Anderson, EVP for Finance & Administration

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