



Proposal for Adjustment to Student Fees and Program Fees

Time, Date and Place of Hearing

Time: 2:00 pm
 Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024
 Place: UOG Tan Siu Lin RFK Memorial Library Building

Background

The purpose of student fees are to help meet the needs of students and to contribute to their academic success and experiences while attending UOG. The current student fee structure has not been revised for seven years. As the university continues to prioritize college affordability, a tiered approach to an adjustment in fees is being sought for approval.

The University recognizes that the needs of our students have changed over the years, and the costs to run particular services on campus have increased. This proposal outlines the recommended increase in student fees for each semester. Most of the proposed fee changes are essentially inflation adjustments, and some are for new programs and services.

	Current Fee		Proposed Fee					
			AY 2025-2026		AY 2026-2027		AY 2027-2028	
	Fall/Spring	Summer	Fall/Spring	Summer	Fall/Spring	Summer	Fall/Spring	Summer
Registration	12	12	15	15	15	15	15	15
Student Services	44	24	44	24	44	24	44	24
Library Services	48	48	52	52	58	58	64	64
Student Activities	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Health Services	12	12	25	25	25	25	25	25
Sports/Fieldhouse	75	37.50	80	40	90	45	95	50
Computer	48	48	55	55	65	65	75	75
Internet/Technology	100	90	115	105	130	120	150	140
Online Learning	40	20	50	25	65	30	80	40
Facilities Maintenance	-	-	200	150	200	150	200	150
Total	403	315.50	660	515	716	556	772	607

Registration

Enrollment Management and Student Success continues to strive towards providing our students with the support services needed to complete their academic programs and have an overall enjoyable experience here at the University of Guam. The registration fee supports processes and improvements (technology or other) towards registration efforts. It also supports other student success initiatives.

Library Fee

The RFK Library acknowledges that the cost for access to academic information is at an all-time high despite the proliferation of open source material. The current fee of \$48 is significantly below national average and puts our students at a disadvantage when it comes to accessing quality academic material. The

fee increase will help improve information resources, maintain and update technological resources, and improve RFK learning spaces and technological infrastructure.

Health Services

Enrollment Management and Student Success seek to continue to provide access to health services that address the physical and mental well-being of our students. The increase in the health services fee will support the implementation of programs geared towards first aid, preventative care, and mental health and wellness outreach programs.

Recreation, Wellness, Sports and Fieldhouse Fee

The University of Guam Calvo Field House is host to the University's Varsity Athletic and Recreation programs, Health / Wellness Programs, and the Triton Fitness Center. Hundreds, if not thousands, of students visit the Calvo Field House every week to participate in athletics and recreation activities or to visit the Admissions, Financial Aid, and TRiO departments which are located at the facility. The Field House is also the largest civic center on island and is often the top venue for concerts, sporting events, expos, and galas.

Recently, the Triton Fitness Center has realized an increase in maintenance requirements and costs. Other improvements such as backup generators, energy efficient lighting, audio/visual equipment, and maintenance of the wood floor are planned but have been delayed due to lack of funding.

The athletic fee provides funding for varsity athletics, student recreation programs including intramural sports, and personnel. Athletics is a potential resource in student leadership development and team work building. Although we have had to scale down on some sports, the costs to participate in current sports programs have increased.

While the athletic department plans to fundraise in the future to provide more opportunities to student athletes, the department needs a financial base that it can depend on to start new sports and maintain the programs over time.

Computer and Internet Fee

The Office of Information Technology is responsible for the student computer center, campus connectivity, and university web services such as Self Service. The increase in fees will support new technology initiatives which include faster internet connectivity, improved wireless access throughout campus, a campus one-card system, software and computer equipment for students, and more.

The University has experienced an influx in costs particularly related to the transition from free Microsoft Office 365 licenses to paid A3 licenses for our students. We continue to seek necessary system improvements that will help enhance and improve services to our students to include implementing security enhancements. It is also proposed for the "Internet Fee" to be changed to a "Technology Fee" acknowledging that fees go to support overall technology improvements to include improved connectivity.

Online Learning Fee

Since the online learning fee was established in 2012, the fee has been used to support Moodle, the University's Learning Management System (LMS), course development, training, support, and computer hardware and software. Currently all active students have a Moodle account and are required to take online sexual misconduct training each academic year.

Approximately, 2,250 active students are taking a variety of online, hybrid and web-enhanced courses each semester. The University's goal is to have 5,000 students enrolled in online courses by 2025.

The new fee will help meet this goal by supporting existing operations and the anticipated increased costs for LMS hosting, online graduate program development, additional support staff, advanced faculty training, and regional efforts to host online servers at partner institutions.

Facilities Maintenance

The University of Guam recommends a facilities fee to be charged to all students. The fee will be used to address maintenance, repairs, and safety concerns of the University's facilities, specifically the facilities where students receive instruction, conduct research, or are provided a service. The fee will be \$200 per student for the Fanuchanan and Fanomnakan semesters. Students attending the Finakpo sessions will pay a reduced fee of \$150 for any and all sessions. As campus facilities have grown and aged, funding provided to maintain these buildings and address many concerns have not. Currently, there is no fee for facilities.

Graduation Fee

Costs related to graduation activities include diploma production, ceremony activities, software maintenance to assist with graduation eligibility, and mailing and handling. It is proposed to update this fee to \$150.

Residence Halls Fees

The Residence Halls seeks to update certain fees and has realized an increase in costs that are necessary to provide a safe living environment for its residents. This includes security maintenance, janitorial, trash collection and recreational activities. Such increased costs are causing the increase in occupancy rates. The Residence Hall Governing Council (RHGC) seeks an increase to help with providing activities for its residents. A fee is looking to be introduced for laundry facilities. This will assist with operations and maintenance of laundry equipment. A water filtration fee is also being introduced to assist with costs related to the water filtration system in place. All other Residence Halls fee remain in place with no proposed increases.

Financial Impact on Students and the University

Currently, students pay a total of \$403 in student fees every Fall and Spring semester and \$315.50 during the Summer sessions. No fees are assessed during Intercession. With the proposal to increase the fees explained above, this would bring a potential total student fee amount of \$772 every Fall and Spring semester and \$607 during the Summer sessions. This is an increase of \$369 per semester and \$292 during Summer sessions. When compared to fee amounts in other areas, UH Manoa has a current fee rate of \$882 and the University of California assesses fees totaling \$1,700. These revenues will be used for the specific purposes of providing the services that contribute to student success and improve campus life experience.

New student fee schedule will include the following over the next three years:

Proposal for Increase in Institutional Student Fees

	Proposed Fee	
	Fall/Spring	Summer
Registration	15	15
Student Services	44	24
Library Services	64	64
Student Activities	24	24
Health Services	25	25
Sports/Fieldhouse	100	50
Computer	75	75
Internet/Technology	150	75
Online Learning	80	40
Auxiliary	15	15
Facilities Maintenance	200	150
Total	792	557

	Current	Proposed
Graduation Fee	100.00	150.00
Residence Halls		
Double Occupancy	14.00	16.00
Single Occupancy	28.00	32.00
RHGC Fee	10.00	25.00
Laundry	-	25.00
Water Filtration	-	25.00

While these fees are proposed, the University seeks flexibility in implementing any increases authorizing the President to defer or adjust any individual fee up to the amounts stated in this proposal. Institutional student fees will take a phased implementation approach while other fees can be effective starting Fall 2025.

Program Fees

The School of Engineering and School of Health seek to implement program fees for its engineering and nursing programs. Assessing a program fee or differential tuition has been a common practice for higher education institutions to assist in covering costs that are specific to these programs that other areas of discipline do not incur. The program fee is proposed to be assessed each semester and will assist in covering a portion of accreditation and instruction related costs. These fees will begin to be assessed during a student’s sophomore year and thereafter.

	AY 2025-2026		AY 2026-2027		AY 2027-2028	
	Fall/Spring	Summer	Fall/Spring	Summer	Fall/Spring	Summer
Engineering Program Fee	250	-	350	-	500	-
Nursing Program Fee	250	-	350	-	500	-