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2021 Student Service Fees Committee Recommendations

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2020 Committee Members –

Voting –

Kelsey Deckard– Student (SGA President)

Marlon Boone– Student

Charles Andrews - Student

Karaline Klakamo – Student

Jasmine Williams – Student

Paula Hanson – Staff

Wendy Shelton - Staff

Lavelle Hendricks – Faculty

Andrea Graham – Faculty

Non-Voting –

Thomas Newsom – Dean of Students (Chair)

Steve Hirst – Campus Life and Student Development Staff

Tina Livingston – Budget Officer

Stacey Preas – Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students



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- Available Funds

- 2018 \$5,435,950

- \$5,185,950 – Student Fee Revenue

- \$250,000 – Student Fee Reserves

- 2019 \$5,210,000

- \$5,060,000 – Student Fee Revenue

- \$150,000 – Student Fee Reserves

- 2020 \$4,765,000

- \$4,765,000 – Student Fee Revenue

- 2021 \$4,470,000

- \$4,470,000 – Student Fee Revenue



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- Committee Process
 - 54 Appropriation Request Received
 - Presentations Suspended Due to COVID-19
 - 2 Meetings
 - 1 Face to Face, 1 Virtual
 - Funding Requests Available via Shared Drive
 - Committee Recommendation Unanimous



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- Funding Requests

- Total Amount to Award FY21 - \$4,470,000

- 6% Reduction in Funds Available From FY20

- \$295,000 Reduction due to Funding Shortfall in FY20

- Total Amount Requested FY21 – \$5,769,667

- 17% greater than FY20 Funding Level

- 25% greater than FY21 Available Funds



- Funding

- 46 of 54 Projects Funded

- Based on Funding Priorities

- Focus on student mental and physical health, as well as accommodations and access.
 - Appreciative of organizations that were able to use SSF funding as a supplemental to individual fundraising efforts.
 - Emphasized funding should be focused on TAMUC students and only supplement participation from other students.



- Funding
 - 12 Requests Received Increases in Year-Over-Year Funding.
 - 11 Request Received Flat Year-Over-Year Funding.
 - 16 Requests Received Decreases in Year-Over-Year Funding.
 - 7 Projects Funded for the First Time
 - With Expected Rollover and New Health Fee Only 1 Group Will Receive a Budget Cut from 2020
 - Marching Band Travel -\$5,000. No Need in 2021



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Next Steps – (Texas Education CodeSec. 54.5032.(g))

“Before recommending the student fee budget to the board of regents each year, the president of the institution shall consider the report and recommendations of the committee. If the president’s recommendations to the board of regents are substantially different from the committee’s recommendations to the president, the president of the institution shall notify the committee not later than the last date on which the committee may request an appearance at the meeting of the board of regents at which the student fee budget will be considered. On request of a member of the committee, the president of the institution shall provide the member with a written report of the President’s recommendations to the board of regents.”



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- Notes From Committee Recommendation
 - Allocation for Agriculture Programming requests doubled from FY20 to FY21 but still far short of requested amount.
 - Some departments will need to rely heavily on rollover in order to maintain relatively flat funding levels.
 - Student Health Fee for FY21 removes \$705,000 of pressure from SSF.



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- VP/Dean Recommendation to President

Accept the recommendation of the committee and allow SSF account balances to rollover from FY20 to FY21 in an amount no less than the expected rollover listed.

Account Balances on 4/13/20 = \$1,503,548

Expected Rollover = \$432,150