



**Mandatory Fee Proposal
Arizona State University
Academic Year 2008-2009**

Mandatory student fees at ASU are used to support the university's commitment to Access, Excellence and Impact. The university has demonstrated continuing success in admitting more students in general, more previously under-served students, more student scholars and the exceptional faculty members necessary to meet these students' needs. Student fees have been and will continue to be important in these access efforts. Increasingly important as access to ASU expands is the need to support continuing and new students as they join and persist in the academic pursuits of the university and as they take advantage of faculty connectivity to expand their reach beyond the university classrooms and laboratories. Student fees are a critical revenue source for the provision of this support, which must be developed simultaneously in many areas.

Programs to support student success and persistence are a primary focus at ASU and will benefit from an effective fee structure. The university is working at many organizational levels to build a strong sense of community and intellectual excitement on its campuses so that all students find their unique ways to engage in and contribute to the university experience. To this end, ASU strives to provide a diversity of physical, social and intellectual environments and experiences that enable each student to feel at home and to explore their varied interests. Student fees will be used to support and extend these efforts by enhancing program offerings and facilities on our campuses.

Equally important are efforts to support students' academic success and progress toward graduation. Support services like progressive advising, tutoring and academic coaching are central to students' sense of belonging on campus and to their persistence to their degree. This is often particularly true for previously under-served groups. These services require not only excellent staffing in sufficient numbers for extended hours each day but also increased and updated technology. ASU is committed to providing such support and must rely in large part on student fees for the necessary funding. As access to the university succeeds, these services increase in importance and cost.

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ASU student facilities (recreation, student health, student activities) are underdeveloped at each of the campuses and program support for students is dramatically under funded. ASU proposes an annual \$150 increase in student programs and facilities fees in order to address these varied needs. In addition, ASU proposes to increase the technology fee to \$100, an increase of \$50 from the 2007-2008 academic year. This will bring the student fees to \$350 per year.

The new programs and facilities portion of the fees would be utilized to address acute needs in both of those areas and to initiate commensurate levels of student programming and facilities support for all 64,000 students across the university. ASU anticipates that 60% of the proposed programs and facilities fees will be dedicated to new or enhanced facilities and the remainder will be devoted to student support programming. Student leadership has been consulted and administration will continue to take their priorities into consideration in directing the use of the funds.

The student technology fee will improve all aspects of the student academic computing environment, including expanded wired and wireless network availability for students, maintenance and expansion the licensing of software for student use, the expansion and upgrading of on-campus computer labs, and increased in-person and on-line student support.

Comparisons with fees at other universities

The attached table provides a comparison with a select group of senior public institutions. It is interesting to note the breadth and diversity of the types of fees charged.