



April 24, 2020

To: Daniel M. White, Chancellor

From: Tuition and Fee Committee

Re: UAF Fee Structure Recommendation

Thank you for your feedback on the consolidated fee recommendation submitted by the UAF Tuition and Fee Committee on January 15, 2020. Please accept this revised proposal, which addresses the questions and concerns from the campus community.

Upon further discussion, the Tuition and Fee Committee recommends that UAF move to a consolidated fee model starting in the Fall 2020 semester but with an alternative from the original consolidated fee amount proposed. We continue to propose \$50 per credit for courses through Fairbanks main campus, the Community and Technical College (CTC) and Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning but uncapped and \$20 per credit for courses through the College of Rural and Community Development (CRCD), uncapped. The facilities fee will be a separate charge on the student bill and will not be part of the consolidated fee. There are no course, lab, self-support, or network fees considered in this proposal.

The committee chose to change the fee amount proposed after closer evaluation of the current climate impacting UAF. Our initial proposal also included an oversight on the proposed revenue generation amount. While the correction still demonstrates that the consolidated fee would generate an increase in revenue, it is less than anticipated. One of the goals of this consolidated fee is to bring about an extra amount of support that could be dedicated to expanding student services. This increased amount will ensure that we provide these services while continuing growth for the other dependent departments.

The fees that would be consolidated in this new model include the student government fee (ASUAF), recreation, sustainability, health center, student activities and services, libraries & digital resources, transportation, summer sessions, technology, eCampus tech fee and distance delivery. There are no course, lab, self-support, or network fees considered in this proposal. With the new consolidated fee, students will see three charges for non-course related fees on their accounts; one for the consolidated fee, one for the network charge, and one for facilities fee.

Currently, there are numerous course sections where fees are applied differently. For example, TechPrep courses (through CRCD and CTC) have billable hours, but all fees waived. Co-sponsored and off-campus location (military installations or high schools) courses pay libraries & digital resources, network, and facilities fees, but all other fees are waived. Professional development courses have no billable hours but pay libraries & digital resources and facilities fees. These courses would not fall under the consolidated fee.

Using these conditions, the initial distribution would be based on what percent of the total revenue these fees would have received. Table 3 illustrates what percent these fees would have received in FY19, including the estimation for libraries and digital resources, and what these fees would have received under the consolidated method instead.

	\$1,082,720	18.4%	\$1,162,092	\$79,372
	\$970,450	16.5%	\$1,041,592	\$71,142
	\$798,173	13.6%	\$856,686	\$58,513
	\$712,892	12.1%	\$765,153	\$52,261
	\$676,210	11.5%	\$725,782	\$49,572
	\$390,086	6.6%	\$418,682	\$28,596
	\$389,565	6.6%	\$418,123	\$28,558
	\$305,122	5.2%	\$327,490	\$22,368
	\$212,225	3.6%	\$227,783	\$15,558
	\$174,130	3.0%	\$186,895	\$12,765
	\$159,220	2.7%	\$170,892	\$11,672
	\$7,718	0.1%	\$8,284	\$566

¹The libraries & digital resources fee was not implemented until fall 2019 (FY20). The value represented in the table is an estimation of what this revenue may have been based on FY19 billing hours.

Appendix B shows the revenue potential of two other fee scenarios compared to the proposed and the distribution using the same methodology. Scenario one is \$48 per credit for courses through Fairbanks, CTC, and Summer Session with \$18 for courses through CRCD. Scenario two is \$52 per credit for courses through Fairbanks, CTC, and Summer Session with \$20 for courses through CRCD.

The committee recommends a 5% increase to the consolidated fee in fall 2021, rounded to the nearest dollar, and then a review every three subsequent years to align with increasing expenses. By limiting the increase to every third year, many students will only experience one increase in their time at UAF.

The annual fee review consists of a questionnaire submitted by departments that receive revenue via the mandatory fees. The questionnaire provides information regarding fee revenue earned during the fiscal year, what it was spent on, and how these activities are used. The annual review is to ensure that departments that earn revenue from mandatory fees are using these dollars to promote continual growth and aid to the students and the university.

The four campuses are Chukchi (CC), Interior-Alaska (IAC), Kuskokwim (KUC) and Northwest (NWC). Each campus is designated a separate authorized operating budget/state appropriation. Student Credit Hour, Headcount and 100% of tuition and fee revenues are retained at each respective campus to support activities to support and deliver programming.

CRCD serves students that fit into multiple distinct categories, including:

- a. Rural campus based students who do not take any eCampus, UAA, or UAS courses.
- b. Rural campus based students who also take eCampus, and/or UAA and UAS courses.
- c. Rural College students who do not take any eCampus, UAA, or UAS courses.
- d. Rural College students