

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT & LEADERSHIP

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President Brad Mortensen
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Dear President Mortensen,

The Logan Campus Student Fee Board convened on January 14, January 21, and January 28, 2026, to hear presentations for four proposed student fee requests: one new fee and three fee increases. After thorough discussion and deliberation, the board finalized its recommendations on January 28, 2026. Below is a summary of the recommendations:

Logan Main Campus

1. Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art – New Fee Request (\$2.50/semester)

The Nora Eccles Harrison Art Museum proposed a \$2.50 per semester fee to continue providing fee-based access to the museum for students and to expand non-academic student events and programs. This request would maintain free admission for students while adding offerings such as music events, art classes for non-majors, date-night activities, and other student-focused programming.

Decision: The Logan Fee Board did not approve this request to move forward to the general student body.

Students felt the proposal aligned more closely with an academic need that could potentially be supported through tuition funding and suggested the museum consider charging community members for admission.

2. Aggie Shuttle – Fee Increase Request (\$1.73/semester increase)

This increase is needed to support the purchase of new buses to replace an aging fleet experiencing frequent mechanical issues and to offset rising costs associated with inflation, including purchase and maintenance of the fleet. USU's fleet has a mix between new buses and old buses near the end of their usage life. The new buses have a life expectancy of 20 years.

Decision: The Student Fee Board approved the \$1.73 per semester increase.

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3. **Campus Recreation – Fee Increase Request (\$10.46/semester increase)**

Campus Recreation includes Fitness, Outdoor Programs, E-Sports, Club Sports, and Intramurals. There are 13 professional staff and over 200 student staff, making Campus Recreation one of the largest student employers on campus. Physical and mental wellness are key goals of Campus Rec, as is workforce readiness of the student workers. Last year, campus recreation served 87% of Logan campus students. This fee increase would enhance the student experience, with things like expansion to the climbing wall, and making the fitness classes free for students.

Decision: The Student Fee Board approved the \$10.46 per semester increase.

4. **Athletics – Fee Increase Request (\$29.72/semester increase)**

The additional funds would be used to help elevate the university's institutional profile, generating broader campus-wide impact and enhancing the overall student and student-athlete experience. This fee would support the addition of much needed mental health and nutrition clinicians for student athletes as well as upgrades to the cycle of fitness equipment. Additionally, the fee provides opportunities for students to attend athletic events, support fellow students, and engage in a shared sense of community that promotes a well-rounded college experience. This is a great step in building a strong partnership between students and athletics.

Decision: The Student Fee Board approved the \$29.72 per semester increase.

Five-Year Comprehensive Review of Fee Receiving Areas

After meeting with each fee-receiving area and careful deliberation, the Logan Fee Board provides the following recommendations:

Activity Fee – Remain as a student fee

Funds programs, services, and activities that enhance student experience outside the classroom. Moving to tuition would reduce student voice and oversight.

Student Media Fee – Remain as a student fee

Supports student-centered media activities and preserves student input and does not relate to academics.

Building (TSC, ARC, Maverik Stadium, Spectrum) – Remain as a student fee

Covers bond costs for non-academic facilities; bond agreements require this funding from student fees.

Campus Recreation – Remain as a student fee

Supports student and professional staff, club sports, intramurals, outdoor programs, and non-academic fitness classes.

Athletics – Remain as a student fee

Maintains student voice in athletics; moving to tuition would reduce leverage and involvement.

Aggie Shuttle – Remain as a student fee

Provides nearly one million rides annually for students; recognized as an auxiliary by USHE policy R550.

Art & Music – Remain as a student fee

Funds production and promotion of arts programs, free student access to theater and music productions, and supports Marching Band, Pep Band, Pipes & Drums, and Tippets Gallery.

Technology – Move to Tuition

Supports campus computer labs primarily used for academic purposes.

Library – Move to Tuition

Supports library resources and technology used for instruction, research, and scholarship.

We would like to make sure that both the Technology and Library receive dollar to dollar allocation and continued stable funding.

Statewide Campuses

On December 3, 2025, the Statewide Campus Student Fee Board was convened voted to make no changes to current regional campus student fees and to retain all fees as student fees rather than moving them to tuition.

Closing

The students highly value having a voice on the allocation of their fees, and the student fee board takes their responsibility very seriously. Thank you for considering these recommendations. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Logan Campus and Statewide Campuses Student Fee Boards