FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Student Activities Fee Referendum for Regional Campus Students

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Q: How much is the proposed fee?

A: The fee is 2% per credit or $3.25 per credit. A full-time student, taking 12 credits would be assessed $39 per semester; part-time: 9 credits = $29.25; 6 credits = $19.50; 3 credits = $9.75.

Q: How was the fee amount determined? (Fee is 2% per credit or $3.25 per credit.)

A: Regional students will only pay the 2% ($3.25 per credit) fee. The fee proposed for Regional Campus students has been adjusted in recognition that not all of the services offered in Madison, will be offered at Regional Campuses. Regional campuses students will not be required to pay for services, which would require traveling to Madison. By comparison, degree-credit students, taking classes at the Madison College campuses in the City of Madison, (online & on-campus) pay Student Activities Fees. Their fee is higher, set at 6.5% per credit. Madison-based students also pay an additional $2.23 per credit to support the Fitness Center & Health Clinic. Likewise, they also pay $46 per semester to support the Commuter Services Program (bus, para-transit & shuttle).

Madison Student (Commercial Avenue, Downtown, South, Truax & West Campuses)

- 1 credit= $10.39 + $46 = $56.39
- 3 credits= $31.17 + $46= $77.17
- 9 credits= $93.51 + $46= $139.51
- 12 credits= $124.68 = $46= $170.68

Regional Student (Fort Atkinson, Portage, Reedsburg & Watertown Campuses)

- 1 credit= $3.25
- 3 credits= $9.75
- 9 credits= $29.25
- 12 credits= $39.00

Q: How will students at Regional Campuses benefit, as a result of the proposed Student Activities Fee?

A: National research confirms college students are more successful in achieving education goals, when they are connected to their campus. Students stay in college & complete their programs & degrees. The mission of Student Life is to offer students the full college experience & to assist them in their quest for a strong future. Programming offers leadership opportunities, community engagement activities, entertainment & educational opportunities outside of the classroom. Fun-filled activities help to build support systems among students, families, staff & faculty.

Q: Will all students at Regional Campuses have to pay the Student Activities Fee?

A: All students who are taking degree-credit courses will have the fee assessed on their billing statement. Non-degree & non-credit students will not be required to pay the fee & will not benefit from the activities, opportunities & services funded by the fees.
Q: How will students know “when” activities are happening?

A: Students can log into their “MyMadisonCollege” on the Madison College website & click on “THE LINK.” All students are already part of THE LINK & need only to activate their interest categories. Students select their Regional Campus (Fort Atkinson, Portage, Reedsburg or Watertown) from among the list of organizations. Once activated, students receive flyers & updates via emails or texts. Events are posted on THE LINK, as well as promoted by flyers on campus. Students at Regionals Campuses who plan & run events are often Ambassadors & work in the Library, Student Achievement Center, or as Tutors. Please feel free to ask any of them “when” the next event will take place.

Q: What if students do not want to pay the fee?

A: Concerns may be expressed to Regional Student Life Lead, Johanna Hewitt, for the East Region or to the Director of Student Life, Renee Alfano, for the North Region. Either of these staff members is happy to listen & to provide additional information about Student Activities Fees & how they are utilized at Madison College. Student Activities Fees are common on college campuses throughout the country. If the Student Activities Fee Referendum passes, the fee will be implemented in September 2014 & all degree-credit students will be required to pay the fee.

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Q: Why is the Student Activities Fee being proposed now? What prompted this idea?

A: Surveys have been conducted over the past two years with regard to students wanting events & services at Regional Campuses. Students have expressed great interest in having the same types of events, activities & opportunities that are offered in Madison & at other colleges. Students at Regional Campuses have wondered “why” they didn’t get the same treatment. Student leaders & staff took note of concerns & started a Regional Engagement Committee to pilot activity ideas & opportunities at the Watertown Campus in 2012. Students were surveyed throughout the year to determine if they were happy with the events offered. Asked if they would be willing to pay the fees required to fund future events, the response was very positive. Pilot committees were also started in Fort Atkinson & Reedsburg. 2013-14 been a great success for these 3 campuses & the Portage Campus is next.

Q: Where did the funding come from that has sponsored events & activities at the Regional Campuses up until now?

A: Student representatives on the Student Activities Board voted to allocate funding for regional campuses to experience activities & events during Spring 2012, Fall 2013 & Spring 2014. The money was allocated from Student Activities Fees paid by students at the Madison-based campuses (Commercial Avenue, Downtown, South, Truax & West Campuses). Funding was provided to pilot events & activities, so students at regional campuses could experience some of the opportunities that they knew students in Madison enjoyed.
Q: What kinds of events & activities are offered?

A: Below is a list of events & activities which have been offered at 1 or more of the Regional Campuses. If the referendum passes, new ideas & event suggestions will be welcomed!

**Academic Success Events**
- Commit to Complete Your Degree
- Honors in Action
- Student Appreciation Day
- Campus Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

**Leadership & Professional Development Opportunities**
- Student Ambassador positions
- Regional Engagement Committee membership
- Publications for writers, photographers & artists
- Career Fair, on-campus or transport to Madison
- Collaboration with student leaders throughout Madison College
- Transfer Fair, with transport to Madison
- Workshops: resume-building, networking & job-search skills, interview skills

**Family Events**
- Skating with Santa
- Photos with Santa
- Clown-Head Game (prizes)
- Free Movies at Local Theater
- Discounts at Culvers Restaurant
- Bouncy House

**Holiday & Special Events**
- Valentine’s card decorating
- Pumpkin Painting Contest
- Snacks with Santa
- Administrative Professionals Week
- Earth Day Celebration (crafts, flower-pot painting, tree seedlings, flower planting, lunch)

**Social Events**
- Campus Cookout
- WinterFest
- Campus Fun Day
- Scavenger Hunt
- Bingo for Groceries
- Tie Dying
- Klondike Bar Challenge
- Casino Night (prizes & treats)
- Games

**Health Improvement Events**
- 5 Day Challenge
- Healthy Connection Health Fair
- Smoothie Bar
- Samples & Recipes from a Hospital Dietician
- "Re-Think Your Drink" (sponsored by local hospital)
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Meet the Health Educator

**Community Engagement & Service Opportunities**
- Local Food Drive (PTK sponsored)
- GED Students make Crafts & learn about Earth Day (Ambassador sponsored)

Q: Will students, who take classes at night, get to enjoy events too?

A: Yes. All degree credit students will have the opportunity to benefit from the activities programming. If the referendum passes, night students will be asked about “when” events would be best scheduled them.

Q: How can students get involved in the Engagement Committee on their campus?

A: If the referendum passes, positions will be available each semester. Positions include 5 Student Ambassadors, 1 of whom serves as Committee Chair, another is the Phi Theta Kappa Representative. (If referendum passes, Senate representation will also come into play.) There is a volunteer staff member from the campuses, who serves as Committee Advisor. Lastly, there is a part-time Student Life staff member, who oversees 2 regional campuses. Engagement Committees are always looking for students who would like to join-in on campus meetings. If the referendum passes & you want to be involved, email Johanna Hewitt at jchewitt@madisoncollege.edu for East Region & Denise Cohn at dcohn@madisoncollege.edu for North Region.

Q: What if the Student Activities Fee Referendum fails?

A: If the referendum fails, activities & events programming will stop, unless funded by alternative solutions.