



Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution for More Affordable Mandatory Fee Deferral Plans

Whereas, mandatory fees for full-time graduate and professional students during the 2019/2020 school year at IUB are approximately \$686.03 per semester for domestic students and \$1036.03 per semester for international students;

Whereas, the current breakdown of mandatory fees for full-time students are as follows:

- Activity Fee – \$106.80 / term
- Repair & Rehabilitation – \$195.45 / term
- Student Health – \$120.12 / term
- Technology – \$197.09 / term
- Transportation – \$66.57 / term

Whereas, mandatory fees are due, in full, in September and January of each year, unless the student is enrolled in a payment plan;

Whereas, enrollment in IU's NelNet Campus Commerce payment plan costs \$55 with a 25% down payment for enrollment before the September/January deadline;

Whereas, Student Academic Appointees may not receive their first stipend of the semester until after the fees are due, creating a financial hardship that requires use of prior savings or alternative financial sources (such as loans) to avoid the payment plan or late fees. Graduate and professional students who are not SAA's can experience similar hardships due to the inconvenient timing;

Whereas, graduate and professional students who have late payments are (1) unable to enroll in classes, (2) unable to obtain a transcript, (3) charged a 1.5% late payment fee each month and (4) may face further university restrictions or proceedings, which only intensify the financial hardships that made them unable to meet the payment deadline;

Whereas, graduate and professional students have informed the IUB Graduate and Professional Student Government about the financial burdens that result from mandatory fee payments;

Whereas, graduate and professional students seek transparency from the university, especially pertaining to specific uses of mandatory fees; and

Whereas, Student Academic Appointees at the University of Wisconsin Madison (including research and teaching assistants) are automatically eligible to divide mandatory fees over three paychecks each term, with no deferral fee. For Fall 2019, the final deferral date is December 6.

For Spring 2020, the final deferral date is April 3. Academic records and enrollment privileges are not placed on hold unless the full payment has not been made by the deferral date.

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that –

- (1) The university recognize that the current timing of mandatory fee payments is an undue financial burden to graduate and professional students, and pursue appropriate remedies.
- (2) The that university recognize \$55 payment plan enrollment fee, 1.5% late fee, inability to enroll in classes, and inability to obtain a transcript because of late fees are a further hindrance to students, and pursue appropriate remedies.
- (3) That GPSG recommends, in the event that fees are assessed, that IUB implement a fee deferment plan similar to the University of Wisconsin but that makes all graduate and professional students eligible to divide mandatory fees over three monthly payments.
 - a. That graduate and professional students will not be penalized by enrollment fees, course enrollment restrictions, or transcript restrictions while complying with this fee deferral plan.
- (4) The university update its [Mandatory Fees](#) webpage to post the amount for each category of mandatory fees alongside the current description of the fee. As it currently stands, only the Activity Fee shows the current amount charged for the fee. *See Appendix* for more information.
- (5) The university publish at the end of the year a breakdown of how the mandatory fees were used throughout the most recent academic year.

Therefore, let it be further resolved that the foregoing applies to all fees assessed to graduate and professional students by the Bursar, which includes, but is not limited to, program and international student fees.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this [insert day] day of [month], [year].

GPSG President

Date

Appendix A – University Explanation For Fees

Activity fee allocation for 2019–20

Culture of Care	\$0.26
Funding Board	\$5.80
Graduate and Professional Student Government	\$1.27
IU Auditorium	\$3.64
IUSA General Fund	\$0.70
Memorial Union	\$2.22
Recreational Sports	\$78.39
Student Activity Fee Reserve	\$1.43
Student Legal Services	\$8.98
Union Board (late night)	\$0.60
Union Board Concerts	\$0.28
Union Board General	\$1.44
Union Board Lectures	\$1.08
WIUX	\$0.71
Total activity fee (per student, per semester)	\$106.80

Repair and rehabilitation fee

The repair and rehabilitation fee helps cover the cost of repairs and maintenance for the university's 900 buildings and associated infrastructure.

Student health fee

The student health fee helps pay for the [Health Center](#) and provides reduced rates for routine medical clinic visits, a health and wellness program, and other services including two free counseling and psychological visits per semester. This fee is not for health insurance.

Technology fee

The technology fee supports services provided by [University Information Technology Services \(UITS\)](#), such as hardware and software in the student technology labs and at infostations, printing and print quota, discounted software, online training, workshops, and 24-hour help from the Support Center.

Transportation fee

You may ride [Campus Bus](#) or [Bloomington Transit](#) without paying a fare if you show your student ID card.

As well as all categories of graduate and professional student fees found here:

https://studentcentral.indiana.edu/pay-for-college/cost-of-iu/semester-fees.html?keyword=&term=Spring%202020&type=Program%20Fee&sort_order=Fee%20Description