

Minutes  
Fall 2016 Course Fees Meeting  
Tuesday October 18, 2016

### Introductions

Brief background (Susan) on implication of course fees about 12 years ago

- Allowed hiring of more faculty so there could be more majors
- Enhance student experience through different opportunities (scholarships, internships, etc.)
- Requirement of these fees is that a meeting be held every year to re-evaluate how the funds are spent
- Committee will discuss the possibility of raising fees at meetings

Discussion of spending (Jennifer – see attached PDF file or breakdown of funds)

- Academic Program Funds
  - In addition to faculty, four staff – one in each academic area
  - Fringe costs
  - Faculty professional development funds (if the expenses are for classroom use, those dollars will come from the course fees funds)
- Student wages and scholarships (only hire Business School students whenever possible)
  - Student wages in the Business School have traditionally been higher than in other parts of the University
  - Scholarships have risen drastically (in part due to the Rising Scholars Program)
- Student Support
  - Advising has held pretty steady, but there may be additional funds needed due to enrollment growth
  - Career services has held steady with a slight increase due to increased enrollment
  - MBA recruitment and student support
  - MAcc recruitment and student support
  - Other student support (miscellaneous)
- FY17 (Started July 1, 2016)
  - \$10.5 million cap placed on us by the state (even if we have more funds available, we cannot spend more than this in FY17)

### Questions

- How accurate are the MAcc spending numbers? (MAcc expenses attributed to these numbers are mainly recruitment and events.)
- MAcc spending may need to be re-visited and allocated differently going forward. However, salaries of staff who work with the MAcc program are not reflected in the MAcc numbers.

Potential of Increasing (Susan)

- For two years these fees have remained consistent
- Recommendation is that fees not increase again this year because we are to the point where course fees are roughly the same as the base tuition. We do not want to price ourselves out of good students.

- Alternatively, if we know we are going to be increasing, say 3% in three years, would a smaller incremental increase now be better? Students might be expecting an increase now with the new building.
- Vote called to not increase course fees for FY17 (all yes, one abstention)