

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Item Name: **Sunset Review of Fees for CY 2022 (UArizona)**

 Action Item

Requested Action: The University of Arizona asks the board to approve the sunset review of fees for CY 2022, as described in this executive summary.

Background/History of Previous Board Action

- During the 2018 legislative session, legislation passed (Laws 2018, Chapter 107) that amends A.R.S. §15-1626 requiring the board to broaden its approval of fees to approve via a roll call vote any changes to academic fees or online program tuition rates.
- In January 2018, the Arizona Auditor General issued its audit of the Universities Fee-Setting Processes. The Auditor General's audit concluded that ABOR and the universities have established fee-setting processes consistent with best practices but could further enhance the process. For example, the audit found that ABOR should review its fee-setting policies and guidance to require a periodic review of the universities' fee-setting processes.
- At its November 14 – 16, 2018 meeting, the board approved a new section of policy that requires a sunset review process. ABOR Policy 4-105(F) now requires the board to review and approve each academic fee at least once every 10 years based on a plan developed and implemented by each university.
 - At its June 12 – 14, 2019 meeting, the board approved each university's plan to review each of their existing academic fees over the next 10 years.
 - At its February 8 – 10, 2023 meeting, the board amended its tuition and fees policies. As result of these revisions, all fees in effect on November 17, 2022 remain in effect until June 30, 2024 and must comply with board policy by July 1, 2024 or sunset. In addition, the tuition and fee setting calendar will be moved from the spring to the fall beginning this calendar year.

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Discussion

Fees Reviewed in Prior Years

- The board reviewed the following fees for UArizona over the prior two years:

Year	Fees Reviewed
2020	N/A ^{1/}
2021	241

^{1/} UArizona was granted a one-year extension in CY 2020.

Current Year Fee Review

- At its June 12 – 14, 2019 meeting, the board originally approved UArizona to review 21 fees in CY 2022 for the Eller College of Management and College of Nursing. Then at its November 18 – 20, 2020 meeting, the board granted the university a one-year extension, which resulted in UArizona planning to review 20 fees in CY 2022 for the College of Law, College of Medicine, and Honors College.
- Each university is required to report the academic fees reviewed in CY 2022 along with the result of the review and recommendation on the continuation of the fees. Pursuant to ABOR Policy 4-105(F)(2), this report is due the same time as the materials for setting tuition and fees.
- UArizona reviews its academic fees on a per college basis. Each year the selected college(s) will have all their fees reviewed; this includes any new fees added before the selected college(s) review cycle. This process included the creation of a Sunset Review Board (SRB), members of this board include at least one ex officio representative from The Office of Budget and Planning; the Financial Services Office; the Office of the Provost; and the Graduate & Professional Student Council; and the Associated Students of UArizona. The W.A. Franke Honors College (2 program fees, 1 class fee), College of Medicine (4 program fees, 6 class fees), and the College of Law (7 fixed rates program fees) completed a self-evaluation of all their fees. In this review process, they evaluated six program fees, seven class fees, and five fixed rates. Each of the responsible academic and administrative departments assessed each fee's type, fee amount, fee purpose, fee revenue, enrollment, and evaluated whether they are still needed for delivering instruction. The focus of the review was to evaluate the need for the fee while always thinking about the benefits to the students and affordability. There is a moratorium of academic fee changes in UArizona due to the tuition and fees restructure project. This is in response to the proposed revisions to ABOR Policies 4-101, 4-103, 4-104 and 4-105, which is why we are not proposing any changes as part of this sunset review.

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- The following table summarizes the total number of fees that the university reviewed in CY 2022, including the academic fees that were unchanged and the class fees that were decreased and eliminated. The next two bullet points and tables provide more detailed information.
 - As result of the tuition and fee revisions made by the board at its February 8 – 10, 2023 meeting, class/course fees are being eliminated. However, class/course fees were still in existence during this CY 2022 review period.

Total Fees Reviewed			
<u># of Academic Fees Unchanged</u>	<u># of Class Fees Decreased</u>	<u># of Class Fees Eliminated</u>	<u># of Total Fees Reviewed</u>
19	0	1	20

- The first table in the attachment individually identifies each academic fee that was reviewed in CY 2022. The following table summarizes this information.

Academic Fees				
<u># of Fees Reviewed</u>	<u>Range of Fee Amounts</u>	<u>FY22 Total Enrollment</u>	<u>FY22 Total Fee Revenue</u>	<u># of Fees Unchanged</u>
19	\$ 42 – \$29,000	6,324	\$5,808,236	19

- ABOR Policy 4-105(C)(6) allowed a university president to reduce or eliminate a class fee without board approval, and 4-105(F)(2) required each university to include in this report a list of class fees that have been decreased or eliminated in CY 2022. The second table in the attachment individually identifies these class fees. The following table summarizes this information.
 - As result of the tuition and fee revisions made by the board at its February 8 – 10, 2023 meeting, class/course fees are being eliminated. However, class/course fees were still in existence during this CY 2022 review period.

Class Fees	
<u># of Fees Decreased</u>	<u># of Fees Eliminated</u>
0	1

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Fees for Future Review

- Based on the schedule approved by the board at its June 12 – 14, 2019 and November 18 – 20, 2020 meetings, UArizona was approved to submit the remaining fees for review in the following years:

Year	Fees for Future Review*
2023	21
2024	175
2025	25
2026	100
2027	207
2028	82
2029	50*
2030 ^{1/}	5

^{1/} UArizona was granted a one-year extension in CY 2020, which extends their review period to CY 2030.

*This Sunset Review plan was approved prior to the tuition and fee policy reform adopted by the board at its February 8 – 10, 2023 meeting. Thus, the 2029 review year was originally approved to review *Colleges and Departments with Class Fees Only*. Given that class fees will be eliminated by Fall 2024, the sunset review year 2029 for UArizona will be used to review the new college fees that are set to begin Fall 2024.

Committee Review and Recommendation

The Finance, Capital and Resources Committee reviewed and discussed this item at the March 23, 2023 meeting.

Statutory/Policy Requirements

ABOR Policy 4-105 “Fees”

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Academic Fees Reviewed in CY 2022

Fee Name	Fee Type	Fee Amount	Purpose	Univ. Date Established	ABOR Date Established	Most Recent ABOR Action	Prior Year Actual		Current Year Estimate		Result and Recommendation
							Student Enrollment	Fee Revenue	Student Enrollment	Fee Revenue	
Honors Program Fee	Program Fee	\$475/semester	To support continuing and improved academic programming, student retention, experience, and overall success.	08/01/21	4/16/2021	4/16/2021	3,475	\$3,301,122	3,900	\$3,518,999	No change recommended
Honors Online and Distance	Program Fee	\$95/semester	To create meaningful Honors College opportunities and experiences for remote learners and encourage participation from this population.	08/01/21	N/A	N/A	10	\$1,805	8	\$1,520	No change recommended
Cellular & Molecular Medicine: Genetic Counseling Graduate Program	Program Fee	\$3000/term	Fees support time and effort commitments from the faculty, expenses related to student clinical training, purchase new technology for students, student travel expenses to attend national conferences.	August 2018	4/7/2017	4/7/2017	10	\$60,000	10	\$57,000	No change recommended
Cellular & Molecular Medicine: Graduate Certificate in Biomedical Sciences	Program Fee	\$50/ unit	Fees used to design & implement courses; support advising; provide technical experiences	August 2015	5/4/2015	5/4/2015	2	\$1,500	2	\$950	No change recommended
Cellular & Molecular Medicine: Master of Science	Program Fee	\$50/ unit	Fees used for advising and technical experiences; support faculty, staff, and department; used to design and implement flexible and innovative courses	August 2014	4/3/2014	4/3/2014	37	\$25,138	18	\$22,900	No change recommended
Pharmacology: MS in Pharmacology/Perfusion Sciences	Program Fee	\$500/term	Fees used to set up and maintain specialized equipment and training on the equipment	August 2016	4/8/2016	4/8/2016	6	\$6,500	6	\$6,500	No change recommended
CMM 401	Course Fee	\$ 300	Consumable Supplies	Summer 2012	-	-	7	\$2,100	10	\$3,000	No change recommended
CMM 501	Course Fee	\$ 300	Consumable Supplies	Summer 2012	-	-	32	\$9,300	30	\$9,000	No change recommended
CMM 565A	Course Fee	\$ 42	Lab/Studio Supplies/Equipment	Spring 2015	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	N/A	\$0	No change recommended
PSIO 201	Course Fee	\$ 137	Lab/Studio Supplies/Equipment	August 2022	4/7/2022	4/7/2022	1366	\$202,172	1766	\$241,942	No change recommended
PSIO 202	Course Fee	\$ 103	Lab/Studio Supplies/Equipment	August 2020	5/7/2020	5/7/2020	997	\$118,395	1234	\$127,102	No change recommended
PSIO 425	Course Fee	\$ 63	Lab/Studio Supplies/Equipment	August 2022	4/7/2022	4/7/2022	19	\$1,102	24	\$1,512	No change recommended

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							<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee Revenue</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee Revenue</u>	
Master of Legal Studies (MLS)	Law Fixed Rate Program Fee	\$26,000/ fixed	All ABOR approved College of Law professional degree programs are currently offered under a flat/fixed tuition/fees cost structure, providing students with more transparency and predictability in managing their cost of education. The Master of Legal Studies (MLS) degree program was introduced in Fall 2013, in response to demand from nonlawyers who seek training in specific areas of law. The program is designed for professionals practicing in areas such as journalism, government, hospital administration, education administration, human relations, criminal and juvenile justice, the court system, business, and other professionals who work with lawyers or in heavily regulated settings. The existing fixed rate, applied on a prorated per-unit basis of \$866.67/unit, supports key personnel, such as institutional and advising, support staff, student services and support, and general operating expenses for delivering instruction.	August 2016	4/8/2016	4/8/2016	23		21		No change in Law tuition or fees during this sunset review process.
Master of Professional Studies Indigenous Governance (MPS)	Law Fixed Rate Program Fee	\$26,000/ fixed	All ABOR approved College of Law professional degree programs are currently offered under a flat/fixed tuition/fees cost structure, providing students with more transparency and predictability in managing their cost of education. The MPS program is one of the suite of programs offered as part of the College of Law’s Indigenous People’s Law and Policy Program (IPLP). The MPS program attracts students seeking to enhance their knowledge of the intersection of law, governance, and public administration. MPS continues to be priced competitively, and, more importantly, the fee allows part-time student participation, which is where the demand for courses in Indigenous governance currently lies. The fee supports institutional and advising personnel, support staff expenses, operating expenses, and student services. The benefits include but are not immitted too, allowing for better individual student-focused of time that faculty spend with each student, the costs of providing a fully-equipped legal library, as well as research and instructional facilities, administration, and student support funds necessary to make all law programs successful.	August 2016	4/8/2016	4/8/2016	5	\$69,621	6	\$93,997	No change in Law tuition or fees during this sunset review process.

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							<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee Revenue</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee Revenue</u>	
Master of Law (LLM) & Doctor of Judicial Science (SJD)	Law Fixed Rate Program Fee	\$26,000/ fixed	All ABOR approved College of Law professional degree programs are currently offered under a flat/fixed tuition/fees cost structure, providing students with more transparency and predictability in managing their cost of education. The LLM and SJD programs operate as integrated programs, sharing and leveraging many of the same costs of instruction. Tuition funding continues to be applied to improve the College’s library and research materials, student affairs areas, career and professional development opportunities, and increase the course offerings and focus areas to meet student demands. The costs of instruction also includes the amount of individual, student-focused time faculty spend with each student, research and instructional facilities, administration, and student support funds necessary to make all law programs successful.	August 2016	4/8/2016	4/8/2016	12	\$41,175	13	\$42,906	No change in Law tuition or fees during this sunset review process.

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							<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee Revenue</u>	<u>Student Enrollment</u>	<u>Fee Revenue</u>		
Juris Doctor (JD)	Law Fixed Rate Program Fee	\$24,500/ fixed RES \$29,000/ fixed NR	All ABOR approved College of Law professional degree programs are currently offered under a flat/fixed tuition/fees cost structure, providing students with more transparency and predictability in managing their cost of education. As a highly regulated professional program, our accreditation process mandates significant resource inputs and quality checks to ensure a high-quality experience for students in all programs. The JD and AJD programs operate as fully integrated programs, sharing and leveraging the same costs of instruction. The fee supports institutional and advising personnel, support staff expenses, and operating expenses. Tuition and fees funding continues to be applied to improve the College’s library and research materials, student affairs areas, career and professional development opportunities, and increase the course offerings and focus areas to meet student demands.	August 2016	4/8/2016	4/8/2016	316		304		No change in Law tuition or fees during this sunset review process.	
Juris Doctor with Advanced Standing (AJD)	Law Fixed Rate Program Fee	\$24,500/ fixed RES \$29,000/ fixed NR	All ABOR approved College of Law professional degree programs are currently offered under a flat/fixed tuition/fees cost structure, providing students with more transparency and predictability in managing their cost of education. As a highly regulated professional program, our accreditation process mandates significant resource inputs and quality checks to ensure a high-quality experience for students in all programs. The JD and AJD programs operate as fully integrated programs, sharing and leveraging the same costs of instruction. The fee supports institutional and advising personnel, support staff expenses, and operating expenses. Tuition and fees funding continues to be applied to improve the College’s library and research materials, student affairs areas, career and professional development opportunities, and increase the course offerings and focus areas to meet student demands.	August 2016	4/8/2016	4/8/2016	7		12	\$1,968,306	\$1,873,831	No change in Law tuition or fees during this sunset review process.

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Class Fees Decreased or Eliminated in CY 2022

<u>Fee Name</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>	<u>Amount of Decrease</u>	<u>Eliminated Fee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Univ. Date Established</u>	<u>ABOR Date Established</u>	<u>Most Recent ABOR Action</u>	<u>Reason for Decrease/Elimination</u>
HNRS 110	\$73		X	Field Trip	12/15/2014	N/A	N/A	Looking at enrollment data, this course has not been offered since Summer 2016. We decided to delete as part of this review.

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