

HEALTH FEE FACT SHEET

Purpose of the fee:

- This fee supports operations of the University Health Center, whose mission is to advance the well-being of students and other members of the University community as well as support student success and retention by providing primary and specialty health care, education and prevention focused services, and research which contributes to health knowledge and skills.

Fee amount and annual budget:

- Academic Year 2019 – 2020 - \$206 per semester
 - o Academic Year 2019 – 2020 Budget - \$14 million

How the fee revenue is used to support students:

- The Health Fee supports the operations, including staff and benefits costs, of the University Health Center (UHC). The UHC is a comprehensive and integrated, multi-disciplinary medical and wellness center that provides students medical services at reduced rates. Services include: Campus Primary Care Medical Home for urgent and routine medical needs, Specialty Clinics including Counseling and Psychiatric Services, Women’s Health, Pharmacy, Sports Medicine, Dental, Physical Therapy, Massage Therapy, Allergy and Travel, Vision, Dental, Dermatology, Nutrition, Health Promotion and Wellness Education, Fontaine Center for Alcohol Awareness and Education, and Interpersonal Violence Victim Support that includes a 24 hour hotline, and a 24/7/365 crisis/on call service with CAPS. The student health fee does not fully cover the total costs of operations. Revenue from other sources, including medication and consultation fees, assists in offsetting the operating deficit.

Annual fee review and approval:

- The University Health Center’s Executive Director reviews the budget and associated fee with the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC). Consisting of approximately 20 diverse students representing graduate, professional, undergraduate, and international students, SHAC determines if the fee request moves forward. The SHAC vote must be unanimous for the Executive Director to proceed to the Mandatory Student Fee Committee.
- The fee is approved annually by members of the Mandatory Student Fee Committee. This committee consists of 4 UGA administrators and 4 UGA students. The students are appointed on behalf of the Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Association, and include undergraduate and graduate representation. The committee reviews the annual fee recommendation and associated budget and makes recommendations to the President of UGA, who ultimately recommends the fee to the Board of Regents.
- Once approved by the Board, the fee is implemented for the associated academic year.

Other information:

- For more information, please visit http://www.busfin.uga.edu/bursar/tuition_mandatory_fee_policy.pdf
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