

GREEN FEE FACT SHEET

Purpose of the fee:

- *This fee helps to fund UGA's Office of Sustainability and its role in both coordinating existing programs that reduce the University's environmental impact on each of its campuses as well as establishing new or more comprehensive programs with the same objective. This fee also supports student internships in the Office of Sustainability, student research/service grants, and environmental education initiatives.*

Fee amount and history:

- *Academic Year(s) 2010 – 2024 - \$3 per semester*
- *Academic Year 2023 – 2024 Budget - ~\$267,000*

Detail of how the fee revenue is to be used (should provide historical context where appropriate):

- *The Green Fee originated as a student-led initiative during the 2009 Student Government Association ballot. Overall, 21% of the student body turned out to vote—the largest voter response at UGA in over a decade—and the Green Fee referendum was passed by a 4-1 margin, receiving 4,698 votes in favor.*
- *The Office of Sustainability was established on February 1, 2010. Student green fee funds to support the office and other sustainability initiatives at UGA were first collected as part of tuition payments in fall 2010.*
- *UGA President Jere W. Morehead increased institutional support for the Office of Sustainability in the amount of \$80,000 per year starting in FY 2016. This support expanded funding for sustainability initiatives at UGA without increasing student fees.*
- *The Green Fee supports student internships, campus sustainability grants, sustainability initiatives for Academic/Research and Outreach.*

Annual fee review and approval:

- *The fee is reviewed 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 includes undergraduate and graduate representation. The committee reviews the annual fee recommendation and associated budget and makes recommendations to the President of UGA for the fee 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 additional information, visit the [University of Georgia Mandatory Fee Policy \(https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/bursar_fees_policy\)](https://busfin.uga.edu/bursar/bursar_fees_policy) to learn more about the hours requirement for assessment of the Green Fee.*
- *Contact: Office of Sustainability (sustain@uga.edu/706-542-1301) or visit <https://sustainability.uga.edu/> for additional information.*