

Student Fees Advisory Committee

REPORT ON TYPE, LEVEL, AND EXPENDITURE OF COMPULSORY FEES FOR STUDENT SERVICES

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All Student Fee Funded Units

RE: FY26 Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) Recommendations

The Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) is pleased to present its recommendations for FY26, reflecting our ongoing commitment to supporting student success, excellence, and Cougar Pride. This year, we faced many important decisions, and while each choice was made with careful consideration, we are confident that the resources allocated to each unit will best serve the needs of our vibrant student community and support the university's mission.

SFAC has thoroughly reviewed the requests, reports, and presentations from 36 fee-funded units, recognizing the remarkable dedication and resilience demonstrated by all units. The commitment to advancing the university's strategic goals and enriching the student experience has been clear throughout the process. Every unit has shown exceptional adaptability, and we believe the approved funding will allow them to continue their important work in support of students and the broader UH community.

In making these recommendations, SFAC has focused on ensuring that student fees are used effectively and responsibly to benefit the student body. We are confident that the allocations reflect a balanced approach that prioritizes student needs while fostering long-term growth and success. The funds provided will help units continue to create meaningful opportunities for student engagement, development, and achievement, enhancing the overall student experience at the University of Houston.

Following extensive discussions, the SFAC is recommending a \$20 increase to the Student Service Fee. Of this amount, \$3.50 will be allocated to the Student Health Center, the \$16.50 will support the remainder of the units funded by the fee. This increase will significantly enhance the programs, opportunities, and services that these fee-funded units can provide. For those concerned about the fee increase, it's important to keep in mind that the demand for financial support often exceeds available resources.

We extend our deepest appreciation to all fee-funded units for your continued commitment to excellence. Your innovative solutions and dedication to serving the UH community have not gone unnoticed. SFAC is excited to see the positive impact these funds will have as units continue to evolve and thrive in FY26.

To the Student Body – thank you for placing your trust in SFAC. We are committed to advocating for your needs and ensuring that every decision we make is in service of your success. These recommendations reflect our collective belief in the importance of investing in the future of our students and the university. SFAC will continue to support efforts that foster growth, inclusion, and achievement, and we look forward to seeing the continued success and impact of all fee-funded units.

In conclusion, we are confident that the funding decisions for FY26 will contribute to the ongoing success of the University of Houston, support student success, and help uphold the standards of excellence and pride that define our Cougar community.

With Warm Cougar Spirit,

Sarah Khan

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Chair

Anahi Ortega
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Student Service Fee Rate Schedule
FY2025 – 2026

Fee Rate without SFAC proposed increase:

Fee Rate for Fall/Spring

Student enrolled in 6 hours or more:	\$260 per student
Student enrolled in less than 6 hours:	\$244 per student

Fee Rate for Summer

Student enrolled in 6 hours or more:	\$217 per student
Student enrolled in less than 6 hours:	\$212 per student

Projected Total Revenue less waivers/bad debt/online students: \$25,416,625

Fee Rate with SFAC proposed \$20 increase:

Fee Rate for Fall/Spring

Student enrolled in 6 hours or more:	\$280 per student
Student enrolled in less than 6 hours:	\$262 per student

Fee Rate for Summer

Student enrolled in 6 hours or more:	\$233 per student
Student enrolled in less than 6 hours:	\$228 per student

Projected Total Revenue less waivers/bad debt/online students: \$27,377,065

Enrollment Base for FY2025-2026: 44,517 students*

Salary Mandate: \$350,000

Post Season Football/Basketball Support: \$100,000

Reserve: \$3,000,000

Calculation of the Student Services Fee:

For purposes of calculating the total level of FY26 fees for student services, the \$21.50 Health Center Fee and the \$45 Athletic Facility Fee are calculated as part of the \$260 Student Service Fee without the fee increase. With the SFAC proposed \$20 fee increase, \$25 was used for the Health Center Fee and \$45 for the Athletic Facility Fee as part of the \$280 Student Service Fee. While the Health Center Fee and the Athletic Facility Fee count towards the total, they are considered dedicated fees. As such, these fees are not included in the percentage-based allocation calculations.

* The committee arrived at the enrollment base number of 45,417 and subsequently the FY26 base budget as derived from the actual enrollment numbers for FY25 as determined by Business Services.

UNIT ALLOCATIONS

Activities Funding Board

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$187,472	FY2026 OT: \$0
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$187,472	
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$16,170	
	FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$203,642	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, the AFB base budget would increase by \$16,170 to incorporate the additional one percent of the Student Service Fees.

SFAC continues to maintain AFB's base budget at one percent of the Student Service Fees. The committee would like to thank you for your service to the student body that supports unique opportunities that enrich the campus community. The committee appreciates the innovative marketing tactics applied to enhance outreach and would encourage continuing it. The committee also recognizes your commitment to the University's strategic goals. We are eager to see how AFB continues supporting the campus vibrancy and student population.

A.D. Bruce Religion Center

FY2025 OT: \$274,584	FY25 Base Budget: \$232,886	FY2026 OT: \$37,990
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$232,886	
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$152,684	
	FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$385,570	

SFAC approves your FY25 OT requests for the WUDU station and fire egress design plan.
SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the facilities service level agreement.
SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for a graduate assistant position.
SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for campus marketing support. We look forward to seeing your increased success with the free lunch Wednesday's and additional events.
SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for student programming support and commends the efforts made to bring innovative programs with limited staff capacity. We look forward to seeing continued improvements in program attendance data and are excited about the upcoming programs.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation request for the facilities service level agreement and commends the efforts made by limited staff capacity.

The committee acknowledges the significant role of the A.D. Bruce Religion Center and appreciates your ongoing support of the campus community.

Athletics

FY2025 OT: \$0

FY25 Base Budget: \$4,187,322

FY2026 OT: \$0

FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY2026 Base Budget: \$4,187,322

The committee recognizes and appreciates your unwavering commitment to our student-athletes and your dedication to supporting their academic and athletic achievements. Congratulations on a successful academic semester. SFAC acknowledges the positive strides you have made in promoting diversity and inclusion, and we look forward to seeing your continued progress in this key area. We also commend your efforts in collaborating with other university-sponsored organizations, and we deeply value your ongoing support of our student body. Under the leadership of our new Athletics Director, Eddie Nunez, we are excited to see how your work will continue to elevate our community.

Band Program/Spirit Squad

FY2025 OT: \$0

FY25 Base Budget: \$319,580

FY2026 OT: \$227,900

FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY2026 Base Budget: \$319,580

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for travel-related expenses. The committee applauds the visibility that Spirit of Houston provides for the University and looks forward to upcoming performances. SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for operational support for band/spirit teams. SFAC commends your resilience in adapting and continuing with the exceptional production quality despite budget changes.

The committee asks that you continue to highlight any metrics relating to outreach and impact of the band on recruiting, UH awareness, and student success in future performances. We recognize that every participant in the organization continues to dedicate countless hours towards highlighting university spirit and cougar pride at a multitude of events. We encourage you to explore any partnership events permitted by the University and to collect and present any data relating to outreach, visibility, or band growth over the years. The committee further commends the department's usage of funds for required expenses, and the adjustments made. We look forward to seeing the success of the Spirit of Houston in the years to come.

Blaffer Art Museum

FY2025 OT: \$0

FY25 Base Budget: \$20,425

FY2026 OT: \$36,888

FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY2026 Base Budget: \$20,425

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for the enhancement to your student programs.

The committee appreciates your efforts and looks forward to the success of your programs and increased student satisfaction data with this funding.

Campus Recreation

FY2025 OT: \$0

FY25 Base Budget: \$287,368
FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0
FY2026 Base Budget: \$287,368

FY2026 OT: \$0

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC deeply appreciates your ongoing support of students' health and well-being. The programs and opportunities provided through your facilities, including those related to student housing and residential life, play a vital role in enhancing the overall student experience. Your efforts are invaluable and greatly appreciated by the entire student community.

Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life

FY2025 OT: \$0

FY25 Base Budget: \$0
FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0
FY2026 Base Budget: \$0

FY2026 OT: \$30,475

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for professional development and looks forward to your increased student satisfaction.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Greek Week and appreciates the vibrancy you bring to campus with it. SFAC suggests collaboration with other RSO's or USO's to increase outreach.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for PhiredUp partnership.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for an educational speaker.

The committee thanks you for your contribution to our vibrant campus culture.

Center for Student Advocacy and Community (CSAC)

FY2025 OT: \$40,543

FY25 Base Budget: \$89,317
FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$0
FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$89,317
FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$94,594
FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$183,911

FY2026 OT: \$166,655

SFAC approves your FY25 OT to install handicap accessible doors in the Cougar Cupboard.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT Request for CSAC WOW Mixers. The committee appreciates your hard work and the vibrancy you bring to the students' experience and campus with these mixers.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT Request for MLK Campus Wide Celebration. The committee suggests CSAC collaborate more with other fee-funded units to share the event's cost in the future.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT Request for Federal Designation Days. The committee appreciates your contributions to the UH Community to get to reach these milestones.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT Request for Cougar Cupboard Operations. The committee commends your hard work and dedication to help eliminate food insecurity and provide this essential resource on campus.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT Request for Cougar Cupboard food. The committee commends your hard work and dedication to help eliminate food insecurity and provide this essential resource on campus.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation requests to reclass the program manager position to an assistant director and hiring an additional program manager.

Thank you for your work to promote various backgrounds and perspectives on campus, giving students a space to meet new people, get access to a food pantry and enjoy wonderful programming.

Center for Student Empowerment (CSE)

FY2025 OT: \$37,281	FY25 Base Budget: \$449,058	FY2026 OT: \$76,203
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$449,058	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the PAL Conference.
- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for Circle Time with CSE.
- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the CSE Office move.
- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for engagement activities aimed at post traditional students.
- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the First Gen Initiatives.
- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the Financial Empowerment seminar.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for post traditional student programming.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for First Gen Bash.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for Circle Time with CSE.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for First Gen Success.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for First Gen Initiatives.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for First Gen Bridge Summer Programming.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for Fostering Success Initiatives.
- SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for AD Bruce Lunches.

SFAC acknowledges the critical role that the Center for Student Empowerment plays in mentorship, empowerment, and relationship building through its diverse programs for various underrepresented and minoritized student groups. We believe that these different programs are vital for students' sense of belonging and in-person engagement. Please continue to recruit, market and gather participation metrics; the committee suggests obtaining data on the impact these programs have on students' matriculation through their college career. SFAC greatly appreciates the dedication and importance the department has within the University of Houston community.

Center for Student Involvement

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$0	FY2026 OT: \$26,500
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$0	

SFAC has approved your FY26 OT request for the UH Sugar Land expansion. Moving forward, the committee would like to see growth at the Katy satellite campus, as well as data on student participation in engagement events and the volume of merchandise distributed at these campuses. Continued SFAC support may depend on the availability of this data.

Thank you for your continued efforts in enriching campus life and providing valuable opportunities for student engagement.

Center for Student Media

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$0	FY2026 OT: \$27,224
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$0	

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for one instructional assistant. SFAC decided to fund 1 of 2 requested CSM IA's, due to budget constraints, to be utilized at CSM's discretion for the position that is higher in priority (or combine duties).

SFAC approves \$8,848 from your FY26 OT request for event and engagement initiatives.

In the future, we look forward to witnessing how your unit plans to revive student media and generate more revenue. The committee encourages you to mentor the affiliated units CSM houses to help with this as well. The committee thanks you for engaging our student body.

Children's Learning Center

FY2025 OT: \$18,571	FY25 Base Budget: \$107,663	FY2026 OT: \$338,690
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$107,663	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for a graduate assistant for support in the classroom.
SFAC approves of your FY26 OT for collaborations with other organizations/departments.
SFAC approves your FY26 OT request to assist with childcare tuition and encourages you to branch out and seek donations from users and alumni to support the wonderful work you do further.
SFAC approves your FY26 OT request to hire additional students to assist teachers in the classroom salaries and encourages you to branch out and seek donations from users and alumni to support the wonderful work you do further.

The committee would like to commend the Children's Learning Center for providing opportunities to support the children of the UH Community. Thank you for adapting and being proactive in providing safe service to parents, faculty, and our future coogs. We are excited to see the new playground for the children.

Coog Radio

FY2025 OT: \$15,386	FY25 Base Budget: \$46,615	FY2026 OT: \$34,365
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$46,615	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for a music director.
SFAC approves \$6,360 of your FY25 OT request for travel to the IBS conference.
SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for web team travel to the South by Southwest conference.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for a music director.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for show host stipends.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for campus marketing for Coog Radio.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for communications and software.
 SFAC approves \$7,950 from your FY26 OT Request for web team travel.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for app maintenance and insurance.

The committee commends the efforts of Coog Radio for the services and opportunities it offers to students. In travel, the committee recommends extending this learning opportunity to students who may not be in the USO's exec/paid student leadership body. Data on this may be presented next year to request additional funding.

With the request to fund two directors, SFAC advises Coog Radio to choose which director position they would like to keep with the approval for one. Data indicating increased productivity or success may be used to request the additional position next year.

CoogTV

FY2025 OT: \$16,450	FY25 Base Budget: \$82,782	FY2026 OT: \$26,654
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$82,782	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the CoogTV film festival.
 SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for travel to events in Spring 2025.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for a sports editor.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for travel.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for equipment.

SFAC appreciates CoogTV for striving to keep students informed. We especially commend your usage of social media including Instagram and YouTube, as well as programs in English and Spanish, for outreach purposes. The committee looks forward to the continued success of this unit.

The Cougar

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$76,267	FY2026 OT: \$40,372
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$76,267	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for digital footprint.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for travel to the Fall 2025 CMA Conference.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Big 12 Conference athletics travel.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for travel to Tribfest.
 SFAC approves \$1,000 from your FY26 OT request for additional equipment.
 SFAC approves \$6,360 from your FY26 OT request for marketing.

The committee looks forward to seeing the continued success of The Cougar's initiatives. We also suggest incorporating underclassmen or writers that may not be on your exec/paid student positions in these travel opportunities. Please present the data on this next year. Thank you for serving as the reporting voice of the student body and adapting to multiple media formats.

Cougars in Recovery

FY2025 OT: \$15,900	FY25 Base Budget: \$210,857	FY2026 OT: \$15,900
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$210,857	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the annual graduation ceremony and friendsraising dinner.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for the annual graduation ceremony and friendsraising dinner.

SFAC does not approve your FY26 OT request for the SHRL office rental but is open to considering it in the future when the space is ready to use.

This committee commends Cougars in Recovery for providing a safe and supportive environment for members of the University of Houston during the pursuit of education, despite increased demand. We are eager to observe the partnerships and improvements that the program puts forth in the future.

Council for Cultural Activity

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$176,837	FY2026 OT: \$42,400
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$176,837	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC only approves \$21, 200 from your FY26 OT for the Cultural Taste of Houston. SFAC recommends obtaining and collecting more accurate data and metrics for CTOH's attendance and success to enable next year's presentation to be focused on the success of this event. We also suggest you look for ways to improve crowd control and funneling through the event. The committee is looking forward to CTOH 2025.

SFAC only approves \$21, 200 from your FY26 OT for Global Fusion. SFAC recommends you collaborate with other units to bring this vision to life and request additional funding if required based on appropriate metrics, such as student satisfaction rates through surveys, attendance data, and so forth.

Counseling and Psychological Services

FY2025 OT: \$34,450	FY25 Base Budget: \$4,367,832	FY2026 OT: \$168,010
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$430	
	FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$4,368,262	
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$431,952	
	FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$4,799,784	

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for bridge to care psychotherapy sessions.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for JED initiative marketing and resources.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for Health and Wellbeing for office furniture and technology for the new HWB administrative manager.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for Health and Wellbeing team connections.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for bridge to care psychotherapy sessions.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Welltrack Boost and Togetherall contracts.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for JED initiative marketing and resources.

SFA only approves \$5,300 of your FY26 OT request for Health and Wellbeing staff professional development.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26 and approves the base augmentation for staff compensation adjustments. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation requests for the following additional staff: three embedded counselors and one clinical case manager.

The current usage of Welltrack Boost (2,099 users) and Togetherall (660 users) is relatively low, and the impact of these apps has not been as significant as anticipated. Togetherall has limited engagement, with very few active “peer groups” and posts that often go unanswered, which reduces the potential for meaningful peer support. Similarly, Welltrack Boost, while offering a few helpful assessments, requires extensive subjective input from students, which may limit its accessibility and effectiveness for those seeking immediate help. In comparison, services like Talkspace, already widely available through many employers, may better meet students' needs for immediate, accessible support.

The committee recommends conducting further research into alternative platforms that could provide a more substantial impact, ensuring that the annual contract cost of \$138,000 is justifiable by offering greater value to students.

Dean of Students (DOS)

FY2025 OT: \$39,750

FY25 Base Budget: \$1,276,274

FY2026 OT: \$215,447

FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$22,144

FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$1,298,418

FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$201,284

FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$1,477,558

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the Know the Code campaign.

SFAC approves only 2,650 of your FY25OT request for the leadership ambassador program.

SFAC approve your FY25 OT request for the friends of DOS faculty/staff/student recognition program.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the Finish Line Club.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request programming for commuter students.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for a food budget for the DOS lunch and learn series.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for funds for the A.D. Bruce free lunch event.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for the commuter ambassador program.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for student outreach and support.

SFAC approves only \$6,625 of your FY26 OT request for the Know the Code campaign.

SFAC approves only \$5,300 of your FY26 OT request for the leadership ambassador program.

SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for the friends of DOS faculty/staff/student recognition program.

SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for the Finish Line Club.

SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for the food budget for the DOS lunch and learn series.

SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for funding for the Campus ESP contract.
 SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for funding for the Maxient contract.
 SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for the food budget for joint tailgates with SGA and Athletics.
 SFAC approves only \$63,600 of your FY26 OT request for programming for Family Weekend.
 SFAC approves only \$10,600 of your FY26 OT request for programming for commuter students.
 SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for a graduate assistant/law intern.
 SFAC approves your FY 26 OT request for funds for the A.D. Bruce free lunch event.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26 and approves the base augmentation for staff compensation adjustments. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation requests for the following additional staff: an assistant dean of students and a commuter student/parent and family programming coordinator.

This committee recognizes the dedication of the Dean of Students Offices in holding students to the highest standard and providing support and resources that help effectively run the University. SFAC applauds the DOS Office for its ability to provide solutions to problems arising throughout the year.

DSA Business Services

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$897,497	FY2026 OT: \$0
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$897,497	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

The SFAC acknowledges the crucial role of DSA Business Services in overseeing budgeting, allocation, and compliance for various departments across the University. The committee anticipates that this unit will thrive through its commitment to building lasting partnerships and introducing new services.

DSA IT Services

FY2025 OT: \$63,682	FY25 Base Budget: \$1,002,038	FY2026 OT: \$10,600
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$77,247	
	FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$1,079,285	
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$204,611	
	FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$1,206,649	

SFAC approves \$63,682 of your FY25 OT request for DSA hosted solutions SLA support.
 SFAC approves \$10,600 from your FY26 OT Request for professional development.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26 and approves the base augmentation for staff compensation adjustments. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation requests for funding for the DSA hosted solutions service level agreement support.

The committee would like to commend this unit for your diligence in providing resources and solutions to the UH Community consistently.

Frontier Fiesta

FY2025 OT: \$0

FY25 Base Budget: \$190,802

FY2026 OT: \$354,806

FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY2026 Base Budget: \$190,802

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves \$200,000 of your FY26 OT request for operations.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for funding for safety and security.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for funding for parking lot.

The committee commends the continued success of Frontier Fiesta and appreciates the dedication shown in maintaining this cherished tradition over the years. We recognize the effective efforts made in capturing attendance data and encourage further optimization in this area. We look forward to the continued growth of Frontier Fiesta and thank you for your ongoing commitment to this iconic UH tradition.

Homecoming

FY2025 OT: \$0

FY25 Base Budget: \$89,017

FY2026 OT: \$25,832

FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0

FY2026 Base Budget: \$89,017

SFAC reauthorizes your budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for funding for bed races.

SFAC approves \$9,466 of your FY26 OT request for summer marketing.

The committee is impressed with the success of the bed race event and is enthusiastic about its continued role as a key tradition at UH.

Justin Dart Jr., Student Accessibility Center

FY2025 OT: \$90,423

FY25 Base Budget: \$118,789

FY2026 OT: \$6,360

FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$0

FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$118,789

FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$388,870

FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$507,659

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for funding for a contract program manager for alternative testing.

SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for funding for a contract program manager for assistive testing.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for the programming costs of White Cane Safety Day.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation requests for the following additional staff: two program managers, two access coordinators, and one interpreter.

SFAC thanks you for your service to our students on campus.

Metropolitan Volunteer Program (MVP)

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$93,276	FY2026 OT: \$13,441
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$93,276	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Cesar Chavez Day of Service.
SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Be The MVP.

The committee appreciates what the Metropolitan Volunteer Program does for the Houston community. We appreciate the increase in the number of volunteer hours by MVP and hope that this trend will continue. We look forward to seeing the evolution of MVP towards these goals and its efforts to assist the Houston community.

Speech and Debate

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$37,992	FY2026 OT: \$261,820
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$37,992	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for hosting the National Championship Tournament.
SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for coaching and travel for the debate team.

The committee thanks you for providing an organization that allows students to compete for the University while practicing valuable skills such as public speaking, academic research, and teamwork. We appreciate the opportunities that so many students can benefit from through your unit. The committee encourages collaboration permitted by SFAC bylaws between Speech and Debate and other university organizations with similar messages that accomplish the goals of the DSA. Please continue to include data such as attendance metrics, growth of the organization over time, attendance of competitions, and any other relevant data to help future SFAC committees.

Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC)

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$9,500	FY2026 OT: \$13,441
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$9,500	

SFAC has decided to maintain the current base budget for SFAC operations.

Student Government Association (SGA)

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$156,324	FY2026 OT: \$10,812
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$156,324	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Be the Advocate event.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for End the Stigma event.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for international mother day language event.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for the SGA Senate forum.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for the SJL emerging leaders program.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for an attorney general stipend.

The committee commends the Student Government Association for providing students with the platform to become leaders among their peers. SFAC recognizes your efficacy in transitioning to a virtual setting due to the global pandemic while promoting student advocacy. We recommend further collaboration between the Student Government Association and other units such as CAPS, Center for Students with Disabilities, Women and Gender Resource Center and the Center for Student Advocacy and Community to increase visibility and awareness of these departments. SFAC thanks the Student Government Association for listening to student needs, and engaging with the proper administrators, units, and committees to find creative solutions.

Student Health Center

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$2,101,759	FY2026 OT: \$0
	FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$2,101,759	
	FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$2,444,381	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, the Student Health Center fee portion of the Student Service fee will increase by \$3.50 from \$21.50 to \$25. If the fee increase is not approved, the Student Health Center fee portion will remain at \$21.50.

The committee appreciates this unit’s efforts in expanding your operations. We recognize the importance of the services offered by the Student Health Center. Thank you for providing health services to the UH community.

Student Program Board (SPB)

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$181,616	FY2026 OT: \$271,610
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$181,616	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for funding for cinema programming.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for funding the homecoming concert.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for funding the Frontier Fiesta concert.
 SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for an funding an E-sports chair and its programming.

SFAC recognizes the hard work SPB does to provide students with a multitude of events that further add to campus life and thanks you for your incredible efforts towards student programming.

University Career Services

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$1,150,773	FY2026 OT: \$23,895
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$1,150,773	
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$155,025	
	FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$1,305,798	

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for the graduate assistant in assisting with launching the Office of Student Employment.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation requests for the following additional staff: program manager to launch the Office of Student Employment and a career development specialist.

The committee commends your ability to capture participation data and impact metrics. Your presentation conveyed the impact of both the programs and department operations. SFAC would like to thank the University Career Services department in its continued support provided to the student body.

Veteran Services

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$263,796	FY2026 OT: \$72,080
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (without fee increase): \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget (without fee increase): \$263,796	
	FY2026 Base Augmentation (with \$20 fee increase): \$59,254	
	FY2026 Base Budget (with \$20 fee increase): \$323,050	

SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for annual programming for military affiliated students.

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26. If the increase of \$20 to the student service fee as proposed by SFAC is approved, SFAC approves your FY26 base augmentation requests for the following additional staff: AIMS case manager.

The committee appreciates the various programs and resources the Veteran Services department brings to not only our current student veterans but members of military families and the University of Houston military community. The committee would like to see assessment metrics such as retention data and measurable impact of the upcoming programs. The committee would like to applaud the Veteran Service department for your fiscal responsibility while advocating for and supporting an important demographic of the student population.

Vice President for Student Affairs Office

FY2025 OT: \$0	FY25 Base Budget: \$1,523,973	FY2026 OT: \$0
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$1,523,973	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

The committee commends the VPSA Office for its impact on students' college experience while focusing on academic persistence and degree attainment. SFAC applauds the office's continued support of the departments, programs and services that the Student Affairs departments offer.

UH Wellness

FY2025 OT: \$10,335	FY25 Base Budget: \$572,531	FY2026 OT: \$14,575
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$572,531	

SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.

- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for mental health programming.
- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for sexual health education resources.
- SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for professional development for peer educators.
- SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for mental health programming enhancement.
- SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for sexual health educational resources.
- SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for the wellness ambassadors' program.

The committee would like to thank the UH Wellness department for its services contributing to the holistic well-being of the Cougar community. We look forward to seeing yearly metrics for your programming to evaluate its continued success. The committee is excited to witness the impact of these programs on your operations and the student body at large.

Women and Gender Resource Center (WGRC)

FY2025 OT: \$7,420	FY25 Base Budget: \$56,994	FY2026 OT: \$78,180
	FY2026 Base Augmentation: \$0	
	FY2026 Base Budget: \$56,994	

- SFAC reauthorizes your base budget for FY26.
- SFAC approves your FY25 OT request for installation of panic buttons in WGRC.
 - SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Red Zone programming.
 - SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Domestic Violence Awareness Month programming.
 - SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for Women's History Month programming.
 - SFAC approves your FY26 OT request for a non-college work study student position.
 - SFAC only approves \$8,000 of your FY26 OT request for professional development for WGRC staff.
 - SFAC only approves \$10,600 of your FY26 OT request for Sexual Assault Awareness Month programming.
 - SFAC only approves \$8,000 of your FY26 OT request for feminine hygiene products.
 - SFAC only approves \$3,180 of your FY26 OT request for snacks in the WGRC.
 - SFAC only approves \$6,000 of your FY26 OT Request for CORE Student Leadership and Peer Educator Program.

SFAC acknowledges and appreciates the efforts carried out by your unit. Please use reporting mechanisms to present data on attendance and student satisfaction next year.

Student Fees Advisory Committee Recommendations Approval
November 15, 2022

By signing below, the members of the Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC) approve the attached recommendations concerning FY2026 base budgets and one-time allocations and FY25 additional one-time allocations as well as other related policy and/or budgetary issues cited in the report.


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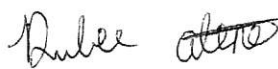
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