

SUMMARY OF ITEM FOR ACTION,
INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION

TOPIC: University System of Maryland: Self-Support Charges and Fees for FY 2015

COMMITTEE: Finance Committee

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: March 27, 2014

SUMMARY: The procedure for approving student-related tuition, fees, and charges is a two part process. This item involves the approval of the non-mandatory auxiliary enterprise charges.

Proposed increases in the typical annual dormitory charge are listed below:

\$6,153 to \$6,424	4.4%	University of Maryland, College Park
\$4,662 to \$4,849	4.0%	Bowie State University
\$6,056 to \$6,238	3.0%	Towson University
\$4,756 to \$4,994	5.0%	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
\$3,762 to \$3,876	3.0%	Frostburg State University
\$5,270 to \$5,534	5.0%	Coppin State University
\$5,940 to \$6,150	3.5%	Salisbury University
\$6,250 to \$6,376	2.0%	UMBC

To accommodate the variation in the beginning dates of its academic programs, University of Maryland, Baltimore charges a daily rate. The proposed daily rate for FY 2015 for a one bedroom apartment is \$36.69.

The increase in room rates is primarily related to inflationary costs, including COLA and merit increases. This is particularly the case at UMES and Coppin. In addition, UMES had a two-part plan to convert its efficiencies from two beds per room to one bed per room. FY 2015 is the second year of this plan. The proposed rates are still at market prices. The percent increases for board range from an increase of 1.7% at UMBC to an increase of 5.0% at Coppin. The latter increase reflects the addition of flex dollars to the meal plans that will allow students to buy more retail food and convenience items on the campus.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The expenditures for each self-supported activity are based on the revenue produced from the schedule. A decrease in the charge structure would require a corresponding decrease in planned expenditures.

FISCAL IMPACT: The proposed charges and fees are determined to be the amount required to produce the revenue for the individual activities to operate on a viable fiscal basis without accumulating a deficit or postponing required expenditures to a future year.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Regents approve the proposed self-support charges and fees for FY 2015 as set forth in the attachment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMEND APPROVAL

DATE: 3/27/14

BOARD ACTION:

DATE:

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"NOTE: Notwithstanding any other provision of this or any other University System of Maryland publication, the University System of Maryland reserves the right to make changes in tuition, fees, and other charges at any time such changes are deemed necessary by the University System of Maryland institutions and the University System of Maryland Board of Regents."

**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
ADJUSTMENTS TO SELF-SUPPORT CHARGES AND FEES FOR FY 2015**

	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>Change</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>UMB</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
HOUSING PER APARTMENT*				
PASCAULT ROW (Daily - includes utilities & fully furnished)				
EFFICIENCY	30.69	30.69	0.00	0.0%
1 BEDROOM	36.69	36.69	0.00	0.0%
2 BEDROOM-TOTAL	52.09	52.09	0.00	0.0%
2 BEDROOM-per person	26.04	26.04	0.00	0.0%
SPOUSE/DOMESTIC PARTNER (Daily - includes utilities & fully furnished)				
EFFICIENCY	6.02	6.02	0.00	0.0%
1 BEDROOM	7.33	7.33	0.00	0.0%
2 BEDROOM-TOTAL	10.21	10.21	0.00	0.0%
2 BEDROOM-per person	5.11	5.11	0.00	0.0%
NEW RENOVATED PASCAULT ROW (Daily - includes utilities & fully furnished)				
EFFICIENCY	32.19	32.19	0.00	0.0%
1 BEDROOM	38.19	38.19	0.00	0.0%
2 BEDROOM-TOTAL	53.59	53.59	0.00	0.0%
2 BEDROOM-per person	27.54	27.54	0.00	0.0%
DAILY STORAGE RATE	9.20	9.20	0.00	0.0%

*A daily only rate is to accommodate the variation in the beginning dates of the academic programs.
Resident contracts are still for the semester or the year.

<u>UMCP</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM	6,153	6,424	271	4.4%
ROOM - KITCHEN UNIT	6,413	6,695	282	4.4%
BOARD (POINT PLAN)	4,127	4,209	82	2.0%

<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
PARKING FEE				
STUDENT - RESIDENT	461	481	20	4.3%
- COMMUTER	239	249	10	4.2%

<u>Bowie</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM				
TOWERS				
DOUBLE	4,871	5,066	195	4.0%
SINGLE	5,243	5,452	209	4.0%
ALEX HALEY				
DOUBLE	5,732	5,962	230	4.0%
SINGLE	6,445	6,703	258	4.0%
QUAD	5,105	5,310	205	4.0%
TUBMAN & HOLMES				
DOUBLE	4,662	4,849	187	4.0%
SINGLE	5,061	5,263	202	4.0%
TRIPLE	4,184	4,351	167	4.0%
KENNARD				
DOUBLE	4,733	4,922	189	4.0%
SINGLE	5,132	5,338	206	4.0%
TRIPLE	4,244	4,414	170	4.0%
RESIDENTIAL HALL ASSOCIATION FEE (Annual)	10	10	0	0.0%

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<u>Bowie (cont.)</u>				
BOARD				
19 MEAL PLAN W/\$150 FLEX	3,604	3,730	126	3.5%
14 MEAL PLAN W/\$175 FLEX	3,604	3,730	126	3.5%
10 MEAL PLAN W/\$250 FLEX*	3,068	n/a	n/a	n/a
10 MEAL PLAN W/\$200 FLEX*	n/a	3,068	n/a	n/a
10 MEAL PLAN W/\$100 FLEX CMRC (CMRC Only)	n/a	2,870	n/a	n/a
7 MEAL PLAN CMRC (CMRC Only, Any 7 meals/wk, Mon-Sun)	1,800	1,870	70	3.9%
7 MEAL PLAN W/\$50 FLEX CMRC (CMRC Only, Any 7 meals/wk, Mon-Sun)	1,900	1,970	70	3.7%
COMMUTER 100 PLAN W/\$200* FLEX (Any 100 meals per sem, Mon-Fri)	1,920	1,980	60	3.1%
COMMUTER 50 PLAN W/\$300* FLEX (Any 50 meals per sem, Mon-Fri)	1,370	1,410	40	2.9%
SUMMER BLOCK 60 W/NO FLEX	n/a	425	n/a	n/a
SUMMER BLOCK 30 W/NO FLEX	n/a	225	n/a	n/a
<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
PARKING FEE				
RESIDENT STUDENT	64	64	0	0.0%
FULL-TIME COMMUTER	63	63	0	0.0%
ONE SEMESTER ONLY	41	41	0	0.0%
TEMPORARY (per month)	24	24	0	0.0%
*corrections				
<u>Towson</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM				
DOUBLE	6,056	6,238	182	3.0%
SINGLE	7,124	7,338	214	3.0%
NEW HOUSING - BARTON & DOUGLASS	7,212	7,434	222	3.1%
TOWSON RUN				
EFFICIENCIES - 1 BEDROOM	7,604	7,832	228	3.0%
EFFICIENCIES - 2 BEDROOM	7,188	7,404	216	3.0%
EFFICIENCIES - 4 BEDROOM	6,150	6,336	186	3.0%
BOARD				
FLEXIBLE 5 MEAL PLAN WITH \$400 ANNUAL FOOD POINTS	2,144	2,186	42	2.0%
FLEXIBLE 10 MEAL PLAN WITH \$100 ANNUAL FOOD POINTS	3,970	4,050	80	2.0%
FLEXIBLE 14 MEAL PLAN WITH \$100 ANNUAL FOOD POINTS	4,606	4,698	92	2.0%
FLEXIBLE 19 MEAL PLAN WITH \$100 ANNUAL FOOD POINTS	4,924	5,022	98	2.0%
BLOCK 25 MEAL PACKAGE WITH \$75 IN FOOD POINTS	328	335	7	2.1%
BLOCK 50 MEAL PACKAGE WITH \$75 IN FOOD POINTS	537	548	11	2.0%
BLOCK 75 MEAL PACKAGE WITH \$75 IN FOOD POINTS	726	741	15	2.1%
BLOCK 100 MEAL PACKAGE WITH \$75 IN FOOD POINTS	887	905	18	2.0%
<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
PARKING FEE				
STUDENTS	303	330	27	8.9%
SEMESTER/STUDENT	174	190	16	9.2%
<u>UMES</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM				
TRADITIONAL DOUBLE	4,756	4,994	238	5.0%
TRADITIONAL SINGLE	5,540	5,817	277	5.0%
APARTMENT SINGLE (Non-Efficiency)*	5,540	5,872	332	6.0%
TRADITIONAL DOUBLE (Semi-Private Bath)*	4,756	5,136	380	8.0%
APARTMENT DOUBLE (Efficiency)	5,424	5,695	271	5.0%
APARTMENT SINGLE (Efficiency)*	5,668	6,065	397	7.0%
APARTMENT SINGLE PRIVATE BATH (Efficiency)*	5,668	6,235	567	10.0%
APARTMENT SINGLE LEASE (Efficiency & Laundry)*	5,720	6,406	686	12.0%

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<u>UMES (cont.)</u>				
BOARD				
19 MEAL PLAN WITH \$150 ANNUAL FOOD POINTS	3,900	4,000	100	2.6%
14 MEAL PLAN WITH \$150 ANNUAL FOOD POINTS	3,700	3,800	100	2.7%
10 MEAL PLAN WITH \$150 ANNUAL FOOD POINTS	3,000	3,100	100	3.3%
5 MEAL PLAN (COMMUTERS ONLY)	1,478	1,578	100	6.8%
<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
PARKING FEE				
STUDENTS	40	40	0	0.0%
*In FY 2014 UMES converted the 2 bedroom efficiencies to single rooms & FY 2015 is the second part of the planned cost increase for these units. The leased units are consistent with the charges and costs associated with UMES renting these facilities.				
<u>Frostburg</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM				
DOUBLE				
PLAN 1 (OLDER DORMS)	3,762	3,876	114	3.0%
PLAN 2 (NEWER DORMS)	3,852	3,968	116	3.0%
SINGLE				
PLAN 1 (OLDER DORMS)	4,974	5,124	150	3.0%
PLAN 2 (NEWER DORMS)	5,398	5,560	162	3.0%
BOARD				
SUPER 15 MEAL PLAN WITH \$300 BONUS DOLLARS	4,512	4,626	114	2.5%
GOLD PLAN WITH \$200 BONUS BUCKS	4,228	4,334	106	2.5%
SILVER PLAN WITH \$100 BONUS BUCKS	3,932	4,030	98	2.5%
14 MEALS PER WEEK, \$100 BONUS BUCKS	3,774	3,868	94	2.5%
12 MEALS PER WEEK, \$250 BONUS BUCKS	3,918	4,016	98	2.5%
10 MEALS PER WEEK, \$75 BONUS BUCKS	3,294	3,376	82	2.5%
<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
PARKING FEE				
STUDENTS - COMMUTER	40	40	0	0.0%
<u>Coppin</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM				
TRIPLE	4,047	4,249	202	5.0%
DOUBLE	5,270	5,534	264	5.0%
SINGLE	5,525	5,801	276	5.0%
BOARD				
BRONZE ANYTIME DINING PLAN (\$75 DINING \$s)	3,383	3,552	169	5.0%
SILVER ANYTIME DINING PLAN (\$150 DINING \$s)	n/a	3,702	n/a	n/a
GOLD ANYTIME DINING PLAN (\$200 DINING \$s)	n/a	3,802	n/a	n/a
<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
PARKING FEE				
STUDENTS	80	90	10	12.5%
<u>Salisbury</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM (9 month)				
SINGLE				
APARTMENT STYLE	6,540	6,800	260	4.0%
SUITE	6,540	6,800	260	4.0%
DOUBLE				
APARTMENT STYLE	5,940	6,150	210	3.5%
SUITE	5,940	6,150	210	3.5%
TRIPLE				
SUITE	4,430	4,500	70	1.6%
ROOM (12 month - Sea Gull Square)				
2 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHROOMS	8,580	8,640	60	0.7%
4 BEDROOMS & 4 BATHROOMS	8,580	8,640	60	0.7%
4 BEDROOMS & 2 BATHROOMS	8,220	8,280	60	0.7%

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BOARD				
EVERYTHING	4,300	4,470	170	4.0%
15 MEALS PLUS	3,800	3,950	150	3.9%
10 MEAL PLAN	2,800	2,900	100	3.6%
5 MEALS PLUS	1,906	1,950	44	2.3%
ANY 50 MEALS PER SEMESTER (commuters only)	970	1,000	30	3.1%
ANY 30 MEALS PER SEMESTER	872	900	28	3.2%
<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
PARKING FEE				
STUDENTS	75-110	75-110	0	0.0%
<u>UMBC</u>				
<u>ROOM AND BOARD</u>				
ROOM				
RESIDENCE HALLS	6,250	6,376	126	2.0%
RESIDENCE APARTMENTS AND SUITES (9 MONTH)	6,474	6,604	130	2.0%
RESIDENCE HALLS (9 MONTH)	6,474	6,604	130	2.0%
SINGLE ROOM SURCHARGE	556	568	12	2.2%
BOARD				
FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER				
UNLIMITED MEAL PLAN	4,116	4,186	70	1.7%
14 MEAL PLAN	3,834	3,896	62	1.6%
10 MEAL PLAN	3,320	3,368	48	1.4%
200 BLOCK MEAL PLAN	3,446	3,518	72	2.1%
FLEXIBLE 14 MEAL PLAN	4,502	4,578	76	1.7%
FLEXIBLE 10 MEAL PLAN	3,800	3,856	56	1.5%
<u>OTHER AUXILIARY FEES</u>				
NETWORK AND COMMUNICATION FEE				
ALL COMMUNITIES	350	350	0	0.0%

**USM - Student Involvement in Fee Process
FY 2015 Self Support Fees**

University of Maryland, College Park

1. Room Rates

The Director of Resident Life met with the Resident Life Advisory Team (ReLAtE) on February 4, 2014 to discuss the budget development process and format, and to review the FY 15 Non-Mandatory Fee Proposals. The Directors of Resident Life and Residential Facilities presented the proposed FY 15 budget to the 54-member Residence Hall Association (RHA) Senate on February 11, 2014, and responded to any questions or concerns that were raised during the meeting. The membership of the RHA Senate can be found at <http://marylandrha.umd.edu/RHA/Senate.aspx>

The two advisory groups, ReLAtE and ReFAB, developed a resolution for RHA regarding the proposed fee increase. The RHA Senate then votes on whether they endorse the fee request. Adjustments to the fees can be made at any time during the process.

2. Board Rates

The first step of the budget vetting process begins with the Dining Services Advisory Board (DSAB). DSAB is the Resident Hall Association's (RHA) standing committee on dining issues. During one of the regularly scheduled fall semester meetings, observations about general market conditions were shared by Dining Services and there was a review of the general trends in revenue and expenses for the department. During this meeting, Dining Services shared its preliminary estimate of the expected increase in the board rate.

The second step of the budget vetting process occurred when the Director of Dining Services presented the proposed budget to the 54-member RHA Senate and responded to the questions and concerns raised. The membership of the Senate can be found at <http://marylandrha.umd.edu/RHA/Senate.aspx>

The third and final step in the process is for the Director to meet with DSAB again in the spring semester to answer any additional questions about the proposal. The advisory board then develops a resolution for RHA regarding the fee increase and the RHA Senate then votes on whether they endorse the fee request or not. Adjustments to the fees can be made at any time during this process.

3. Parking Fees

The first step of the budget vetting process is an ad hoc student leadership information session in order for DOTS and the student leaders to begin a dialog of concerns and issues related to the DOTS budget. These student leaders include members of the Student Government Association, Graduate Student Government and the Residence Hall Association.

The next step is to bring a draft of the proposed budget to the Campus Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC). This is a Campus Senate appointed committee with representation from all members of the campus community. CTAC reviews the budget and ultimately makes their final recommendations to DOTS and the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Bowie State University

1. Room, Board, & Parking

On November 25, 2013, the Vice President for Administration and Finance and representatives from the Division of Student Affairs met with the executive board members of Student Government Association (SGA) and Graduate Student Association (GSA) to discuss the proposed FY 2015 mandatory and self-supporting fee increases. During the meeting, students were able to review, pose questions and comment on the proposed fees prior to the upcoming University Council meeting.

On December 12, 2013 the FY 2015 proposed fees were shared and discussed with the University Council, a shared-governance advisory board to the President. This group is comprised of membership from students, faculty and staff. The student leaders included on the University Council are the presidents and vice presidents of the SGA and the GSA. The University Council considered the input from each of the shared-governance groups and submitted any revisions to the proposed fees to the President, who made the final decision on the fee proposal that was submitted to USM for BOR approval.

**USM - Student Involvement in Fee Process
FY 2015 Self Support Fees**

Towson University

1. Room, Board, and Parking

The Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs met with the Undergraduate Residence Government (URG) to discuss the proposed room rates and the reasons for the increases. The Vice President for Student Affairs and the Vice President for Administration and Finance met with the Student Government Association (SGA) leadership to discuss the board and parking charges and present the justification for the increases for each area. The students asked questions and were satisfied with the reasons for the increases. The room rates were also presented to the SGA leadership.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore

1. Room, Board, and Parking

A meeting was held with the Vice President for Administrative Affairs, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and the Student Government Association (SGA) President to discuss the proposed room and board charges for FY 2015. Each line item was reviewed and everyone is in full agreement with the recommended fee structure.

Frostburg State University

1. Room, Board, and Parking

The Vice President for Administration & Finance and the Associate Budget Director met with representatives from FSU's Student Government Association in March 2014 to discuss the room & board rates for FY2015. Students were informed of the justifications for the increases (increased personnel costs due to health adjustments, cola, merit and fringes, increased utilities and food service vendor costs).

Coppin State University

1. Room, Board, and Parking

The Auxiliary Enterprise Director presented the room and board increases to the CSU Student Government Association at its February 21, 2014 meeting. The SGA expressed their understanding that increases are sometimes necessary and shared their housing concerns with the Director. The board increase is per the campus' contract with Aramark. Students can choose to upgrade from the Bronze plan which is the base plan. The room increase is to permit the campus to continue to provide the students quality housing. The students have a number of concerns in housing (heating and air conditioning, elevators, etc.) that need to be addressed and the increase will add to the resources CSU has to address these concerns. The increase in the student parking permit fee is necessary to cover the expenses in the parking office.

Salisbury University

1. Self Support Fees

Although the changes in meal plans implemented in FY 2014 and the expected increase in costs have been discussed in Food Committee meetings during the fall and spring semesters, the proposed increases to meal plans and board rates have not yet been fully vetted with student groups. The Chief Budget Officer annually meets with the full forum of the Student Government Association and will be meeting with them this spring. Given the inordinate number of closings this semester due to weather, the Chief Budget Officer was unable to meet with the group(s) any earlier. When meeting with the group(s) the Chief Budget Officer will show the requested increases are consistent with past discussions while also explaining the rationale for the proposed rate changes. The students will also be provided a tentative five year plan for self-support fees for open discussion. The Budget Office will provide USM an update from this meeting(s).

UMBC

1. Room and Board

The Director of Residential Life met with the Resident Student Association (RSA) on February 10, 2014 to describe projected increases to room and board rates. Over 28 students attended the meeting, including RSA officers, individual hall representatives, and other students. Students were advised as to the basis of the increases (increased personnel costs due to COLA, merit & fringes; increased debt service payments; increased utilities; increased vendor costs). The RSA members and others attending the meeting offered comments, asked questions and provided feedback. Feedback was shared with stakeholders. Overall students did not express objections to the proposed increases. On February 18, 2014 the RSA took a vote on the proposed FY 2015 fee increases and unanimously approved the rate increase, noting the increases were fair.