

NSU Board Approves Student Services Fee

On January 24, 2005 Nova Southeastern University's (NSU's) Board of Trustees approved the implementation of a student services fee. The student services fee will replace some previous fees, most notably a technology fee and a student activities fee, which are currently in place in several of the university's colleges and centers. However, the student services fee will not replace all fees university-wide.

Beginning July 1, 2005, full-time students taking four or more hours will pay \$250 per semester. Part-time students taking less than four hours or enrolled in a single four hour course will pay \$125 per semester. The total amount for a full time student enrolled year-round will not exceed \$750 annually. Part-time student fees will not exceed \$375 annually. Students enrolled in programs with more than three semesters a year will pay a pro-rated amount.

"This service fee has been adopted by the Board will enhance the services offered to our students that improve health, safety and welfare, and support the ongoing technological advancements that have become a hallmark for NSU as an institution of higher education," said NSU's president Ray Ferrero, Jr., J.D.

Because the student services fee has been officially adopted by NSU's Board of Trustees, students receiving financial aid will have their financial aid budget increased to reflect the student service fee.

"We are trying to make the application of the student services fee equitable, yet - as simple as possible for all students," said Dr. George Hanbury, NSU's executive vice president for administration. "Moving forward, this fee will help NSU students continue to thrive and achieve their goals for the future. As our university grows and prospers, the value of every NSU degree increases."

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Student Services Fee

- 1. Who is responsible for paying the student services fee?**
Every student enrolled at NSU is responsible for paying the fee.
- 2. What does the fee go toward?**
The Student Service Fee will go toward the introduction of new programs and the enhancement of existing activities of health, safety, welfare and technology services available to NSU students.
- 3. Don't my tuition dollars or my employee tuition waivers cover this fee?**
No. Tuition dollars and employee tuition waivers have an academic focus. The student services fee will be used to support and continuously improve the services students receive from the university and will be charged to all students without exception.

4. **How will students who do not attend the main campus benefit?**
Every student of NSU benefits because the fee is tied to technology, as well as health, safety and welfare activities whether they are enrolled in classes at one of our Student Education Centers, on one of our campuses, or take classes solely online.
5. **When will this fee take effect?**
July 1, 2005.
6. **Will financial aid cover the student services fee?**
Yes. Because the student services fee has been formally adopted by NSU's Board of Trustees, the fee qualifies for financial aid.
7. **Do other schools have this kind of fee?**
Yes. Below is a chart of a few universities and their semester fee for full-time students - both nationally and in the state of Florida.

Student Fee/Per Semester

Duke University	\$532.00
Emory University	\$477.00
University of Miami	\$449.90
Florida Atlantic	\$361.25
St. Leo University	\$330.00
University of Tampa	\$253.00
Lynn University	\$250.00
NSU	\$250.00
Florida International	\$236.06
Florida Southern	\$227.50

8. **Will the new student services fee impact tuition?**
Possibly – depending on your academic program. Tuition proposed for the 2005-2006 academic year reflects the effect of the fee on each discipline or program.
9. **Who can we contact if we have questions about the student services fee?**
You may contact any University associate in the One Stop Shop of the Horvitz Administration Building, or call 800-541-6682, or locally at 954-262-7300, or electronic email at nsuinfo@nsu.nova.edu.