CDS Questions Regarding Proposal for Student Activity Fee

On Tuesday, February 10th, the CDS met and reviewed the proposed increase to the Student Activity Fee. During that meeting, the following list of questions was generated by the committee members who were present. We would like for the full Senate Fiscal Committee to review these questions at the February 17th meeting and add to the list. Afterward we can forward this list to those who authored the proposal.

1) Would this proposal be taken forward if there is a tuition cap in 2010?

2) What arm of the University administers the Student Activity fee?

3) Who is bringing this proposal forward? Does it also have the support of the unit currently administering the Student Activity fee? How effective are their internal controls?

4) Can an executive summary be provided?

5) What is the history of this fee? How much does it generate annually? What are its annual uses?

6) How much in marginal new resources will the fee increase generate? What uses will these resources be targeted to accomplish?

7) As a friendly suggestion, please use a more traditional font when submitting future proposals. The one chosen for the current proposal was hard to read for some of our members.

8) In terms of dollars, a $10 increase to bring a fee up from $15 to $25 does not seem to be a large increase. However, this represents a 66.6% increase. How do you answer critics who point this out as too aggressive?

9) There seems to be a high focus on providing more events to students. Why are these important? What is the overall benefit to the students for increasing these types of events?

10) Is there anything that is currently being done that could be revised or stopped to help afford new priorities if there is no fee increase?

11) Can a prioritized list of initiatives (both current and proposed) be provided?