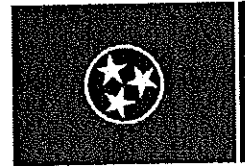


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THE UNIVERSITY OF
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68th General Assembly
of the
University of Memphis
Student Government Association



Prime Sponsor(s): Antonio Scott

Cosponsor(s): Rachel Gibbons, Chair, Environmental Committee

Committee: Environmental

An Act/Resolution to amend previously passed legislation that enacted new revisions for reallocation of funding of Green Fee projects to University Funding. This new amendment will set new standards and processes for Green Fee funding.

Whereas all full-time students pay a \$10 Sustainable Campus Fee, commonly known as the Green Fee, each fall and spring semester. This fee was initiated by students and began in 2007. The purpose of the Green Fee is to support projects and practices that make the University of Memphis campus more energy efficient, environmentally friendly, and sustainable for all, including students, faculty, staff, community members, and campus stakeholders. **AND,**

Whereas in the spring of each year, the Sustainable Campus (Green) Fee Committee, with representation from students, faculty and administration, invites proposals for use of the fee. The committee then makes recommendations for funding, which must be approved by the president. The committee also invites all students, faculty and staff to submit ideas on how the fee could be used to make our campus more sustainable. students have requested continually funded projects (i.e.: Campus Sustainability Initiative, Green Internships, Tiger Bikes Program, Tiger Blue Goes Green, Tigers Initiative for Gardening in Urban Settings or TIGUrS Garden, etc.) be moved from the Green Fee funding to University funding. **AND,**

Whereas the Green Fee generates approximately \$300,000.00 per year from students to

be used to make the University of Memphis campus more sustainable. Currently funded projects may request additional funds. The provision of additional funds will be based on demonstrated need and disparity of budget from previously provided allocation. In order to fund new sustainable projects, successful projects would be moved from the Green Fee funding to University funding. **AND,**

Whereas projects funded two or more full academic years would be moved from Green Fee funding to University funding pending the approval of appropriate campus administrators whom the decision lies to enact. **AND,**

Whereas the University of Memphis has been a campus constantly recognized for “going green” and sustainability efforts, therefore should continue to strive in improving such initiatives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 68TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:

Section 1: For a Project to be initially funded by the Green Fee Committee, an idea or proposal must be submitted online. The idea/proposal application website can be found here: <https://saweb.memphis.edu/sforms/greenfee/>. Students, faculty, staff, and academic or administrative departments may submit thoughts on how the Green Fee could be spent. The applicant does not need to be able to actually carry out a project envisioned in the idea. It may be a suggestion about how the university could spend Green Fee funds to make the campus more sustainable. The Green Fee Committee will review ideas and consider them in making recommendations to University departments on future use of the fee. Should an idea be submitted, the Committee may follow up with about future implementation, but there is no guarantee of this follow up. Students, faculty, staff, and academic or administrative departments may, in a proposal, seek funding from the Green Fee Committee. The person(s) and/or department submitting a proposal must be capable of managing the funds in a University account and actually carrying out what is needed to fulfill an accepted proposal. All projects should be completed within one academic year. The Green Fee Committee will review proposals and make recommendations to the President of the University on allocation of the Green Fee funds. Hearings for proposals will occur sometime after the first business day in April. All decisions must be made by the last business day in April. Additional process requirements may be enacted by the Committee upon the approval of the sitting General Assembly of the Student Government Association.

- (a) Student representation on the Green Fee Committee must be at least 80% of the entire Committee
- (b) Students to serve on the Committee will be chosen by nomination from the sitting Student Government Association President in concert with the Chairman of the

General Assembly's Environmental Committee and then must be approved by the sitting General Assembly of the Student Government Association. The student appointees are subject to final approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs office if deemed such final approval action is necessary.

Section 2: After a maximum of an unguaranteed (see subsection b) two consecutive years of funding a project by the Green Fee, the University and Project will be notified that beginning the academic year three, the Project, if passed by the Green Fee Committee on year two, will be recommending such funding of Project be moved to University Funding.

- (a) Current and existing programs (for which the Green Fee has funded for the 2017-2018 academic year) funded by the Green Fee will be treated as "year two" programs for the 2018-2019 academic year. Thus, these programs will be given a one-year notice of these amendments before they must begin the recommended procedures below.
- (b) The Project directors/applicants must reapply each academic year for continued funding. No Projects will automatically roll over into the next academic year in regard to funding.
- (c) The Project directors/applicants will be officially notified of such request to move to University funding three months prior to the proposal presentation date.
- (d) The Project directors/applicants, although having been funded two years by the Green Fee, must present a proposal and conduct a presentation to a committee chosen by the President of the University to assess if such University funding should be granted
- (e) If the Project successfully receives University funding, the funding continuation process should then occur every three academic years.
- (f) Additional process requirements to receive University funding may be enacted at the request and approval of the President of the University. The sitting President, Vice President, and General Assembly of the Student Government Association should be consulted and made aware of such additional requirements.

Section 3: If the University is committed to the project (decision to be granted by the Presidentially-appointed committee) and approves the Project to continue with University funding, it will pick up funding at no less than 50% on year three and the Green Fee, if passed by the committee, may fund no more than 50%. The Green Fee Committee has total control in the decision as to whether or not it will fund the Project for a third consecutive year. On year four, the University will pick up funding of the project at 100%, thus making the Project a full University sponsored event.

- (a) If a Project is not awarded University funding, the Green Fee Committee has total control in the decision as to whether or not it will continue to fund the Project.
- (b) If the Green Fee Committee decides to continue funding after year three for Projects for which have been denied University funding, it may not fund more than 75% of the entire requested budget.
 - a. Projects denied University funding must present demonstrable efforts to receive/fundraise public funds to assist in offsetting costs
 - b. These efforts must be compiled in a report and presented to the Green Fee Committee before it makes a decision on whether or not

to fund the Project.

- (c) There is no limit on how many times a Project can be submitted for either Green Fee Committee or University funding.

Section 4: This amendment shall take effect immediately. The original bill takes effect January 1st, 2018. This amendment is understood to fully take effect 2018-2019 academic year.

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