

## College of Arts & Sciences Program Fee Proposal

### **1. Overview of A&S Program Fee**

The College of Arts & Sciences is the largest college at the University of Wyoming, home for 30 academic units (course prefixes):

- African American and Diaspora Studies (AAST)
- American Indian Studies (AIST)
- American Studies (AMST)
- Anthropology (ANTH)
- Art & Art History (ART)
- Botany (BOT)
- Chemistry (CHEM)
- Communication & Journalism (COJO)
- Creative Writing (CW)
- Criminal Justice (CRMJ)
- English (ENGL)
- Gender & Women's Studies (GWST)
- Geography (GEOG)
- Geology & Geophysics (GEOL)
- Global & Area Studies (GAST)
- History (HIST)
- Latina/Latino Studies (LATA)
- Life Sciences (LIFE)
- Mathematics (MATH)
- Modern & Classical Languages (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN, RUSS))
- Music (MUSC)
- Philosophy (PHIL)
- Physics & Astronomy (PHYS, ASTR)
- Political Science (POLS)
- Psychology (PSYC)
- Religious Studies (RELS)
- Sociology (SOC)
- Statistics (STAT)
- Theatre & Dance (T&D)
- Zoology & Physiology (ZOO)

The proposed A&S Program Fee would apply to all student credit hours generated for all of the undergraduate courses offered within the 30 College of Arts & Sciences academic units.

### **2. Comparison to fees at Peer Universities**

### **3. Structural and Experiential Costs Associated with Delivering High Quality A&S Education**

#### **4. Credit hours in A&S**

For the five most recent academic years (AY 2010-11 to 2014-15), including summers, UW's Office of Institutional Analysis shows that the College of Arts & Sciences generated an average of 180,902 total student credit hours (lower & upper division + graduate; all sites). This A&S Program Fee Proposal, however, will only apply to lower division (1000 & 2000-level) and upper division (3000 & 4000-level) undergraduate courses. In Academic Year 2014-15, plus Summer 2015, the College of Arts & Sciences generated 163,340 total student credit hours in this 1000 to 4000-level range.

#### **5. Proposed Course Fee for College of Arts & Science Courses at UW**

The A&S Program Fee would apply to all 1000 to 4000-level College of Arts & Sciences course prefixes, and be charged a \$10.00 per student credit hour. This includes all A&S 1000-4000-level courses offered at the main campus, UW-Casper, and through UW Outreach.

If this proposed \$10.00 A&S Program Fee had been in place during Academic Year 2014-15, and Summer Session 2015, the fee would have raised \$1,633,400 for the college.

#### **6. Promise to Students**

All A&S Program Fees collected will be used to support programs and activities directly related to improving the student academic experience and increasing individual student academic success (better class performance, increased retention rates, shorter time to graduation, higher graduation rates). Most of these programs and activities currently do not exist within the College of Arts & Sciences due to their cost. This \$10 per student credit hour A&S Program Fee will provide the revenue needed to establish and support the following student-success activities & programs.

- Professional advising for all incoming A&S Freshmen and transfer students for their first year at UW.
- Professional internship and career placement advising for all A&S majors
- Support for a new A&S Advising, Recruitment, & Career Support Center
- College of Arts & Sciences Guaranteed Seat Policy. Here, funds will be used to open additional sections for A&S classes needed to guarantee undergraduate student graduation in 4-years. This policy/program will have a positive impact on UW majors, as A&S delivers all of the foundational instruction at UW in English, mathematics, natural & physical sciences, and the constitutionally required V-classes.
- Establish a new Undergraduate Development Program to help support student internship experiences, opportunities to attend and present at professionally-related meetings and conferences, and provide support for independent study/research projects.
- Establish a new Undergraduate International Travel Grants Program. International academic experiences have a high positive influence in student development & success.

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This program will require application, and matching, but could partially support at least 200 students per year.

### **7. Measures of Success and Accountability**

- Higher pass-rates (C, B, A letter grades earned) for all A&S courses, and conversely lower D, F letter grades earned and lower course withdrawal rates.
- Higher fall semester to spring semester retention rates for A&S and UW Freshmen and first year transfer students.
- Higher Freshmen to graduating Senior retention rates for A&S majors.
- Decrease in the time to graduation for all A&S majors.
- Increase graduation rates for all A&S majors
- Improved placement-rates after graduation for all A&S majors – our students will be more “market”-ready and in higher demand (market-ready defined as the student’s professional goal after graduation, e.g., join workforce, graduate school, professional school, professionally related volunteer outlet).