

TOPIC: APPOINTMENT OF A STUDENT FEE COMMITTEE

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I. SUMMARY

There is a statewide need to examine the current student fee policies and structure as established by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE). Department of Higher Education staff recommends that the CCHE establish a committee charged with evaluating CCHE student fee policy, and Department implementation of those policies. This committee should be comprised of six to ten members and should include both student and institutional representation. Staff recommends that the co-chairs of the Student Fee Committee (SFC) be an institutional Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Associated Students of Colorado.

The Committee should evaluate the following issues:

1. Adequacy of student input into fee assessment
2. Use and purpose of student fees
3. Transparency and accessibility of student fee assessment processes.

The SFC should be tasked with delivering recommendations to the CCHE at the Commission's March, 2011 regular meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Higher Education recommends that the CCHE appoint a Student Fee Committee as outlined above.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

N/A