Recommendations Regarding the General Fee for 2009-2011

It is recommended that the General Fee be increased in fiscal year 2009-2010 to allow for a one million dollar investment in student health and fitness. It is further recommended that the fee be increased 2% to generate approximately $150,000 to continue modest improvements to other student services, programs and facilities.

Student Health & Fitness Initiative

2009 - 2011

Numerous research studies indicate that quality health and fitness programs, services and facilities increase student recruitment and retention leading to graduation. In addition, data collected from IUPUI students (via surveys and comments heard at town-hall meetings) indicate they either would like these services to be expanded, or they would like to see additional costs for these services reduced or eliminated. Specifically, an evidenced-based investment in our students’ health and fitness services at this particular time will have an immediate and positive effect on student life.

A million dollar increase in the general fee would improve the following programs and services this Fall:

**Student Health Services**

- Reduce average out-of-pocket costs to students for a clinic visit from $56 to $28 per visit.
- Reduce out-of-pocket costs to students for lab and x-ray services.

**Counseling and Psychological Services**

- Decrease time students wait to see a counselor.
- Assign counseling staff as liaisons to the Multicultural Center and Housing & Residence Life.
- Expand mental health awareness and prevention efforts on campus (week-long vs. day-events).
- Contribute to drug and alcohol prevention efforts on campus.
- Increase staff availability for crisis intervention.
- Reduce out-of-pocket costs to students for medication management (subsidize contract with IU Psychiatry).
- Assign counseling staff as liaisons to University College.
- Collaborate with University College to provide screening, skill training, and other interventions to increase student persistence and graduation.
Intramural and Recreational Sports

- Establish a Club Sports Program.
- Purchase portable outdoor lighting to increase availability of evening intramural competition field usage.
- Eliminate individual student recreational sports user fees

Modest improvements to other student services, programs and facilities

As recommended by the Student Fee Advisory Board, a modest 2% increase in the fee or approximately $150,000 would fund improvements to student services, programs and facilities such as:

1. Extending the 15% discount students receive for child care at the Center For Young Children year round (Fall, Spring and Summer). Presently funds are only available for this discount in the fall and spring semesters.
2. Increasing the Student Development Fund which supports students working in student organizations. Presently this fund was exhausted by February 1st.
3. Increase funds to the Undergraduate and Graduate Educational Enhancement Grant Programs which support student leadership and scholarly development.
4. Increase funds to School Councils to continue their work in supporting student organizations and professional development activities that specifically advance the mission of the school.
5. Increased funding to support the MLK Dinner and MLK Day of Caring.
6. Increased funding to support the Collegiate Readership Program which continues to be incorporated into teaching and learning efforts.
7. Continue to be extended programs to graduate students, families and first generation students through Campus & Community Life.
8. Increase funding to Student Activities Program Board.
9. Increase funding to the Campus Center to support continued enhancements to the Game Room and public spaces throughout the building.