



Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

88th Session, 2020-2021

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REDISTRIBUTING THE HEALTH CENTER FEE

Resolution Number: 150

Authored By: Senator Nugent, Senator Magaña, and Senator Ramirez

Sponsored By: The Committee on Oversight

Whereas, the Student Health Center receives funding from student tuition from full-time students who pay a 93 dollar fee per semester;¹

Whereas, students taking less than six credits can elect to pay the fee or not to receive services from the Student Health Center;

Whereas, Governor Sisolak has signed budget reduction cuts for higher education, leaving the University of Nevada, Reno to decrease its current state funding by roughly over 25 million dollars;²

Whereas, the Student Health Center is facing budget issues;

Whereas, the Student Health Center offers a variety of services for students such as COVID-19 testing, urgent care, allergy therapy, emergency care, immunizations, nutrition therapy, psychiatry, radiology reproductive and sexual health care, referrals, sports medicine, and laboratory services;³

Whereas, there are some services that require extra fees because they require expensive technology such as, x-rays, medications, and some specialists;⁴

¹ <https://www.unr.edu/tuition-and-fees>

² <https://sierranevadaally.org/2020/07/19/nevada-governor-signs-drastic-budget-cuts-into-law-a-summary-of-reductions/>

³ <https://med.unr.edu/student-health-center/services>

⁴ <https://med.unr.edu/student-health-center/welcome/insurance-and-fees>

Whereas, the Student Health Center also provides an insurance plan designed specifically for students to enroll in as part of being a student of the University of Nevada, Reno;

Whereas, to continue providing services for students, the Student Health Center proposes a new fee distribution requiring all students - including those enrolled in 1 or more credits - to pay the student health center fee;

Whereas, the proposal also suggests a lower fee of 46 dollars for students enrolled in one or more credits during the summer session;

Whereas, this required fee for students taking one or more credits would be distributed to the undergraduate students of the University of Nevada, Reno, as the Graduate Student Association Representatives would form a separate decision towards the proposed fee to part-time students;

Whereas, according to the University of Nevada, Reno University Catalog the enrollment credits criteria for a full-time student is 12 credits or more, while a part-time student is enrolled in 11 credits or less;⁵

Whereas, under the University of Nevada, Reno Tuition and Fees page, the health center fee is stated to be paid by students for a total of 93 dollars per semester if said student is enrolled in 6 credits or more. Therefore, it can be seen that a majority of part-time students should already be paying said fee regardless of the new distribution;

Whereas, the Student Health Center had an increase in spending of \$157,000 related to COVID-19 supplies alone;

Whereas, by requiring students taking one or more credits to pay the 93 dollar health center fee, the Student Health Center would not only be allowed to continue the services it provides for students, but also not have to cut COVID-19 testing, STI testing, and other services that would otherwise be reduced or removed that had been provided in previous years;

Whereas, these services would benefit both full-time and part-time students by allowing the Student Health Center to combat the state budget cuts occurring in fiscal year 2020-2021 for the duration of the fiscal year until budget cuts are reassessed by the Nevada Governor and the Nevada State Legislature;

⁵ <https://catalog.unr.edu/content.php?catoid=45&navoid=47086>

Whereas, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas currently uses this structure of fee disbursement to require a fee from all degree-seeking students;⁶

Whereas, the UNR Health Center fee has not changed since 2014;

Be it resolved that, ASUN supports expanding the scope of the required fee for the Health Center to include students enrolled in 1 or more credits at 93 dollars, and summer school students at 46 dollars as part of their tuition;

Be it further resolved that, a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- Student Health Center Medical Director, Dr. Cheryl Hug-English
- Dean, School of Medicine Vice President, Thomas L. Schwenk MD
- Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Shannon Ellis
- University of Nevada, Reno President, Brian Sandoval
- Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents

Adopted in Senate on March 31st, 2021

Attest:

Hope Cronan, Senate Secretary

Keegan Murphy, Speaker of the Senate

⁶ <https://www.unlv.edu/cashiering/tuition-fees>