

January 31, 2018

Chancellor Mark Hagerott
North Dakota University System
10th Floor, State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Ave, Dept. 215
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230

Dear Chancellor Hagerott:

Lake Region State College is requesting an increase in mandatory fees, totaling \$6.00 per credit hour, or an annual increase of \$180.00 for an average student taking 15 credit hours per semester. The fee would provide access to and full membership in the Devils Lake Park Board's proposed wellness center and access to the athletic facilities for all enrolled students.

Per NDCC 15-10.30-03 "... an exemption from the requirements of this section is necessitated as a result of student demand, as evidenced by a campus wide student election or formal action by an institution's student governing board or committee." The LRSC Student Senate met on January 24, 2018 and unanimously passed a resolution supporting the addition of a \$6 per credit fee capped at 15 credits per semester. The fee would begin in semester after construction is completed (estimated Fall 2020) and would be contingent upon the Devils Lake Park Board constructing the wellness center just south of the LRSC campus.

The city is planning a special election this spring on March 13, 2018 to vote on the proposed sales tax increase to fund the project. Support from LRSC students and the State Board of Higher Education by approving this fee will allow residents to cast an informed vote on this issue.

I have attached the required form(s) and supporting information to this request. Please place this request on the SBHE Budget and Finance Committee agenda.

Respectfully,



Doug Darling, Ph.D., President
Lake Region State College

CC: Tammy Dolan
Nick Hacker, Chair SBHE BFC



Lake Region

State College

Student Government

DATE: January 31, 2018

FROM: LRSC Student Senate

RE: \$6.00 Per Credit Fee for the use of Lake Area Activity Recreational Center

WHEREAS, there is no wellness center or home gym for sporting events,

WHEREAS, the students of Lake Region State College do not have a wellness type center at their disposal,

WHEREAS, the Lake Region State College Athletics should have their own gym for sporting events,

WHEREAS, Lake Region State College would not have to use the Devils Lake high school gym for athletic events.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lake Region State College Student Senate supports adding \$6 per credit per semester for the purpose of covering the membership costs of all students for the Lake Area Activity Recreational Center (LAARC),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Senate is in favor of this move an overwhelmingly majority vote of the current delegation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adrianna Bibeau, President

Lake Region State College Student Senate

Lake Region State College
Request for Exemption From Limitation of Mandatory Fee Increase For FY20
(As Required Per NDCC 15-10.3-03 and 15-10.3-04)

Lake Region State College is requesting an increase in mandatory fees, totaling \$6 per credit hour, or an annual increase of \$180 for a student enrolled in 15 credit hours per semester, from 2017-18 to 2019-20.

NDCC 15-10.3-03 limits mandatory fee increases as follows:

1. The total amount of mandatory fees, other than program-specific fees, which an institution under the control of the state board of higher education assesses each full-time and part-time student, may not increase from one academic year to the ensuing academic year by more than one percent of the latest available average full-time, resident, on-campus, undergraduate tuition rate at that institution, unless the state board determines that an exemption from the requirements of this section is necessitated as a result of student student demand, as evidenced by a campuswide student election or formal action by an institution's student governing board or committee.

2. a. Before mandatory fees on students may be increased to support the construction or renovation of a campus building valued at more than one million dollars, the use must be approved by a majority of the students voting on the question at a campuswide election.

b. This subsection does not apply to any construction or renovation for which the use of mandatory fees was authorized before July 1, 2013 .

The **\$180.00** requested increase exceeds the 1% limitation, which in **LRSC's** case, is **\$34.59**. The requested fee increases and criteria (a-f) that the SBHE is required to consider before approving the requested increases (per NDCC 15-10.3-04) are provided below.

Description of Mandatory Fee	2019-20 Proposed Fee	2017-18 Current Fee	Requested \$\$ Incr	%%Incr	(a). The estimated revenue collection to be generated by the proposed fee increase;
Student Activity Fee - Wellness Center (maximum for FIFTEEN credit hours per semester)	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	NEW FEE	\$125,000
Student Activity Fee - Other Activities (maximum for SIXTEEN credit hours per semester)	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0
Facilities Usage Fee (maximum for SIXTEEN credit hours per semester)	\$224.00	\$224.00	\$0.00	\$0.00%	\$0
Requested incr per SBHE 805.2 (Appvd by Pres)	\$724.00	\$544.00	\$180.00	33.1%	\$125,000
Requested technology fee increase (Requires approval by Chancellor per 805.3-1e)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0
Total requested increase in mandatory fees	\$724.00	\$544.00	\$180.00	33.1%	\$125,000
1% of 2017-18 average full-time resident undergraduate tuition rate			\$34.59		

(b & e). The specific purpose to which the generated revenue will be allocated, and the extent to which students were allowed to participate in the decision making process that preceded and resulted in the request for a fee increase (Please include a brief description of the voting process and result of the campus-wide election, including the % of students that actually voted and % of the voting students who supported the increase):

The student senate surveyed students for input on the LAARC and the fee utilizing an electronic survey with 86% of students that responded in support of the fee. The Student Senate voted unanimously to support the fee.

(c). Other anticipated tuition and fee increases

NONE

(d). A delineation of fee increases during the preceding five - year period and the revenues collected as a result of each increase

(f). The approximate number of students that would be assessed the fees each year is **695 FTE**.

Lake Region State College fee increases during the preceding five - year period and the revenues collected as a result of each increase

	Technology Fee Increases				College Fee Increases				Activity Fee Increases			
	Prior Fee	Fee After Increase	Annual Increase	Revenues from Increase	Prior Fee	Fee After Increase	Annual Increase	Revenues from Increase	Prior Fee	Fee After Increase	Annual Increase	Revenues from Increase
Increases:												
12-13 to 13-14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	\$540.00	\$60.00	\$25,600.00
13-14 to 14-15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14-15 to 15-16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
15-16 to 16-17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16-17 to 17-18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5-Year Cumulative Increase			\$0.00	#DIV/0!			\$0.00	#DIV/0!			\$60.00	12.5%

List specific fee that increased:	Increase	Prior year fee increases used to fund the following:
Student Activity Fee increased to support Athletics by \$2/credit.	\$60.00	Additional athletic team sports added: Men's Baseball, Women's Fastpitch Softball, Women's Volleyball, and Golf.
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	

Calculation of 1% Limitation of Mandatory Fee Increases

	(1) FY18 FT Res Tuition Rate, Assuming 15 Cr/Semester	(2) FY18 Annual Mandatory Fee Increase Limit* Col 1 x 1%
LRSC	3,459.12	34.59

* The total annual increase in mandatory fees (student government activity, university/college fee, technology fee, CND fee, NDSA fee) may not exceed the amount in column 2 without SBHE approval.