

Campus Recreation Student Engagement Fee Advisory Board (CREC-SAB)

Governing Document

Evolution of the Health and Recreation Fee

- **2010:** the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) approved a revised proposal to phase in a new **\$300/year mandatory Health & Recreation Fee** over a two-year period beginning in FY 2011. This fee supported both the UA Campus Health Service and the UA Department of Campus Recreation (CREC). The fee shifted funding to a more stable enrollment-based model, received strong support from students (64%) and parents (78%), and included the creation of a **Student Advisory Board** to ensure transparency and student input.
- **2011:** the Board of Regents approved a revised second-phase Health & Recreation Fee proposal. The revised amount for year two was \$150/year, bringing the total fee to \$300/year, with 53% allocated to Campus Health and 47% to Campus Recreation.
- **2017:** an increase of \$125 for incoming students was approved by ABOAR. The total fee became \$450 a year with Campus Health and Campus Recreation continuing to share the fee.
- **2022:** ABOR approved an additional \$172 increase for incoming students. The total fee became \$600/year, with 51% allocated to Campus Health and 49% to Campus Recreation—revised from the previous 49.5/51.5 split. This change followed nearly six months of engagement between department directors, the Student Advisory Board, and student groups.
- **2024:** ABOR consolidated the Recreation Bond Fee into the new *Student Engagement Fee*. Graduate students no longer paid these fees directly, instead the cost was incorporated into their tuition.
- **2026:** The Student Engagement Fee distribution was replaced by a direct budget allocation to Campus Recreation.

Evolution of the Recreation Bond Fee

- **1986:** ASUA initiated the Recreation Bond Fee to fund construction of the original Student Recreation Center.
- **2006:** Students voted to extend the bond fee for an additional 30 years.
- **2011:** The fee began supporting the expansion of the recreation facility.
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Evolution of the Recreation Program Fee

- **2002:** The University, in collaboration with ASUA, recommended the Recreation Program Fee to support recreation programs, student staff wages, sports clubs, and facilities. ABOR approved the fee.
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Recent Changes that Impact all Previous Fees

In 2024 the University of Arizona combined several undergraduate fees into a single **Student Engagement Fee**. Under this structure, graduate students no longer paid these fees directly; instead, the cost was incorporated into their tuition. This consolidation was approved by ABOR.

Most recently in 2025, revenue distribution from the Student Engagement Fee changed significantly. Campus Recreation, along with all other units previously funded through the Student Engagement Fee, transitioned to receiving a **direct base budget allocation** from the university to maintain budget neutrality. As a result, Campus Recreation no longer has input or control over the collection or distribution of the fee revenue, marking a substantial shift from the prior structure.

By retaining Student Engagement Fee revenue institutionally, the institution assumes the financial risk from undergraduate enrollment declines. The new base budget allocation provides greater financial predictability.

These changes also resulted in the separation of the former joint Health & Recreation Fee Advisory Board into two independent boards—one for Campus Health and one for Campus Recreation—to ensure continued student input. The Campus Recreation board is now titled the **Campus Recreation Student Engagement Fee Advisory Board (CREC-SAB)**.

Student Advisory Board Role:

The CREC Student Engagement Fee Advisory Board is advisory only and works with Campus Recreation leadership to provide student perspectives. Should issues arise requiring further administrative consideration, the Vice President for the Division of Student Affairs has final decision-making authority.

Throughout the advisory board cycle, questions will be addressed and information shared to provide clarity regarding how the units are funded and how Student Engagement Fee dollars are applied. Meeting notes will be posted within one week of each meeting. All meetings will be held online.

CREC-SAB Membership Composition and Selection

To ensure broad student representation and accurate communication from Campus Recreation leadership, the following board composition is recommended:

UA Student Members: 1 ASUA; 1 GPSC; 1 Freshman Class Council; 1 RHA; 1 International Student; 1 Off-Campus; 1 Housing representative; 1 Fraternity representative; 1 Sorority representative; 1 Cultural Center student; 1 UA Ambassador; • 1 Indigcat Student Association; 1 Honors College/Village; 1 CREC student employee; 2 At-Large students

Ex-Officio Members (non-students): Executive Director, Campus Recreation; UA Budget Office or Provost's Business Office representative; Vice President for Student Affairs; Administrative Associate, Campus Recreation; Campus Recreation Manager of Finance & Administration

Selection Process:

All student governance groups represented shall appoint members to serve in the fall, before the first meeting. CREC and At-Large positions will be appointed by CREC staff, with approval of the CREC-SAB

Membership Terms and Conditions

Terms: Student members may serve a minimum of one term (one fall–spring cycle) and up to a maximum of three terms. A maximum of 14 students will serve on the board.

Vacancies: Vacancies will be filled in a manner that maintains broad cross-sectional student representation.

Expulsions/Impeachment: The Executive Director, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs, may remove a student member for violations of the UA Student Code of Conduct. All other removals or impeachments will follow Robert's Rules of Order and must demonstrate that the members' actions are disruptive or harmful to the board's work. Proper meeting etiquette is required of all members.