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ITEM 183-2901-R0519

Request for authorization to establish a counseling fee; Great Falls College Montana State University

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policy 940.12.1 (Tuition and Fee Approval) and BOR Policy 506.1 (Student Participation in Fee Decisions), the Board of Regents of the Montana University System approves the establishment of a new Counseling Fee, to be phased in over the two years of the 20-21 biennium.

EXPLANATION

At the September 2016 Board of Regents' meeting, the Commissioner of Higher Education's Suicide Prevention and Student Mental Health Task Force presented an informational item to the Academic, Research & Student Affairs Committee of the Board. Several recommendations were presented, including "The MUS should explore funding/resource availability and determine funding sources to increase mental health services to students." The campuses were charged with quickly moving forward to implement the recommendations.

The establishment of a Counseling Fee will allow Great Falls College Montana State University to hire a part time counselor to provide no-cost mental health services on campus.

The Associated Students of Great Falls College MSU support the establishment of a fee to provide these valuable services to all students of the College.

Students enrolled in 6 or more credits would be assessed a flat fee each semester and would be eligible to receive on-campus counseling services.

Per semester fees are proposed as follows:

	FY19 Fee	FY20 Proposed	FY21 Proposed
Amount	-	7.50	15.00
Dollar Increase		7.50	7.50
Percent Increase		100%	100%

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1 – Proposed Mandatory Fee Schedule—Great Falls College MSU
- Attachment #2 – Student Resolution
- Attachment #3 – Mental Health Services Need Data & Rationale