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Segregated Fee Information

## Segregated Fees

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On all UW System campuses, students are assessed a fee, based on number of credits each semester.

The fee is broken down into two components:  
Allocable and Non-allocable.

## Allocable vs Non-allocable

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As stated in UW System Policy Paper 820:

***Allocable SUF** are those SUF that provide substantial support for campus student activities and services as outlined in Section I.(B)(6)(a) and that are **allocated by students**, in consultation with the chancellor and subject to the final confirmation of the Board of Regents, in accordance with [s. 36.09\(5\), Wis. Stats.](#) The student group organized at each UW institution for the purpose of engaging in the allocation process under [s. 36.09\(5\), Wis. Stats.](#), is referred to in this policy as the Student University Fee Allocation Committee or “SUFAC.”*

***On the Oshkosh campus, this committee is called the Allocations Committee.***

## Allocable vs Non-allocable

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As stated in UW System Policy Paper 820:

***Non-allocable SUF** are those SUF that are used to support long-term commitments for fixed financial obligations, ongoing operating costs of university owned or controlled buildings, and similar commitments for student unions, health centers, child care centers and recreational sports centers. In accordance with s. 36.09(3), Wis. Stats., **chancellors, following consultation with students in accordance with Regent Policy 30-5, as amended, are responsible for the development of budgets and expenditures of non-allocable SUF.***

**On the Oshkosh campus, the Segregated Fee Committee recommends the fees and funding to the Chancellor.**

## Committee membership

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Both committees are made up of students, faculty, academic staff, and university staff, who are appointed by their respective shared governance bodies.

Student organizations request funding from the Allocations Committee. The Allocations Committee then presents their overall budget to the Segregated Fee Committee for approval.

## Seg. Fee procedures for each campus

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Regent Policy 30-5:

*Each campus administration shall, in consultation with its student governance groups, develop specific procedures to ensure that there is an opportunity for students to be involved in a meaningful review of the non-allocable segregated fee budgets. A copy of these procedures, signed by appropriate campus administrators and student representatives, shall be filed with the UW System President's designee.*

UW Oshkosh's procedures outline both the allocable and non-allocable processes.

## Allocable:

OSA & Student Legal Services

Sport Clubs

Student Organizations (Allocations Committee)

Green Fund

## Non-allocable:

Intercollegiate Athletics

Children's Learning & Care Center

Student Recreation & Intramurals

Oshkosh Sports Complex

Reeve Union

Student Health Center

Counseling Center (4 counselors)

Titan Transit (UWO GO)

OSA & SLS Office Manager

# Oshkosh Segregated Fee rates

<b>FY20 Seg Fee Rates</b>	
<b>Allocable Seg Fees</b>	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Green Fund	6.70
Student Allocations	67.27
Sports Clubs	26.82
OSA & SLS	10.05
<b>Total Allocable Seg Fees</b>	<b>110.84</b>
<b>Non-Allocable Seg Fees</b>	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
OSA Support	5.95
Titan Transit	7.26
Reeve Union	391.64
Children Learning & Childcare Cntr	38.46
Student Health Center	138.68
Counseling Center	38.88
Student Recreation	360.41
Intercollegiate Athletics	90.34
Oshkosh Sports Complex	30.80
<b>Total Non-Allocable Seg Fees</b>	<b>1,102.42</b>
<b>Municipal Services</b>	<b>21.00</b>
<b>Total Seg Fee</b>	<b>1,234.26</b>



# FdL & Fox Segregated Fee Rates

<b>Fond du Lac FY20 Seg Fee Rates</b>	
<b>Allocable Segregated Fee Increases</b>	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Organized Activities	110.38
<b>Total Allocable Seg Fees</b>	<b>110.38</b>

<b>Fox Valley FY20 Seg Fee Rates</b>	
<b>Allocable Segregated Fee Increases</b>	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Organized Activities	76.28
<b>Total Allocable Seg Fees</b>	<b>76.28</b>

<b>Non-allocable Segregated Fee Increases</b>	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Student Life	108.60
Union/Center	37.14
Univ Health/Counseling	47.06
Sports Prg & Fac	179.38
<b>Total Non-Allocable Seg Fees</b>	<b>372.18</b>

<b>Non-allocable Segregated Fee Increases</b>	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Organized Activities	29.10
Student Life	70.04
Univ Health/Counseling	75.04
Sports Prg & Fac	53.00
<b>Total Non-Allocable Seg Fees</b>	<b>227.18</b>

Municipal Services	15.82
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<b>TOTAL SEG FEES</b>	<b>498.38</b>
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<b>TOTAL SEG FEES</b>	<b>318.98</b>
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## System-wide comparison, 2019-20

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Segregated Fee  
per student/year

Superior - \$1,597  
Green Bay - \$1,575  
Milwaukee - \$1,507  
Madison - \$1,452  
River Falls - \$1,442  
Stevens Point - \$1,420  
La Crosse - \$1,368  
Eau Claire - \$1,339  
**Oshkosh - \$1,234 Fifth lowest**  
Stout - \$1,218  
Platteville - \$1,205  
Parkside - \$1,123  
Whitewater - \$1,010

## Southworth v. UW System Board of Regents, 1996

- A group of concerned students challenged UW-Madison's allocation of segregated fees, claiming that it was unconstitutional to compel them to financially support groups that espoused political and ideological views with which they did not agree.
- It was appealed and went to the U.S. Supreme Court, which issued a decision in 2000. The Court found that the fee system was constitutional as long as the distribution was viewpoint neutral.
- The Court also noted that referenda wouldn't pass the viewpoint neutrality test. UW System President Lyall subsequently issued a policy directive prohibiting the use of referenda to distribute fees.

## Viewpoint Neutrality

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- In February 2001: The UW Board of Regents amended Financial and Administrative Policy Paper F20 (now Policy 820). The changes included the following requirements:
  - describing criteria for the allocation of Segregated University Fees
  - creating a detailed record of deliberations
  - providing Registered Student Organizations (“RSOs”) written reasons for funding denial
  - providing mechanisms for avoiding conflicts of interest by students involved in the allocation process
  - establishing an appeal process within student government for alleged VPN violations
  - providing for an appeal to the chancellor
  - disallowing student referenda, directly or indirectly

## Viewpoint Neutrality

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- In a subsequent related case, a court ruled that Madison's segregated fee funding system is constitutional as long as students do not have "unbridled discretion" in the allocation of student fees.
- Madison's system avoided unbridled discretion because of objective/viewpoint neutral criteria for evaluating fee requests and a comprehensive appeals process. The court also found it helpful that the student government participated in viewpoint neutrality training.
- However, the Seventh circuit found problematic:
  - absence of criteria for funding travel grants
  - considering the length of time an organization received funding
  - funding criteria that considers amount of organizations past funding to determine eligibility for funding

## [UW System Administrative Policy 820, Segregated University Fees](#)

Refer to this document, under Section B: Limitations on Expenditures of SUF

- Permitted
- Prohibited

## Policies & Procedures Manual (PPM):

- Explains the budgeting process for student organizations
  - Outlines the limitations for the use of funds
  - Unused funds are swept up at the end of the fiscal year
  - Explains the appeals process
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- The PPM was reviewed by UW System Legal a couple years ago.

## Example: Model United Nations

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### **2019-20**

Model United Nations: total budget \$70,714 (\$63,687 for travel);  
this is 46% of the entire Allocations Committee's travel budget.

Sending 33 students and 1 adviser to the fall conference (St. Louis) &  
31 students and 1 adviser to the spring conference (New York City).

All other student organizations are limited to 4 students and 1 adviser  
per trip.

In 2020-21, Model United Nations will be held to this policy.





**QUESTIONS?**

