

PROGRAM FEE REQUEST

University Northern Arizona University College/School Honors College

Department Honors College Program University Honors Program

Graduate _____	Undergraduate <u> X </u>	Upper Division <u> X </u> Lower Division <u> X </u>
New	\$ _____ (Proposed)	(Effective Date) \$250/semester Fall 17
Existing	\$ <u> \$100/semester </u> (Current)	\$350/semester Fall 18 (Proposed)
		<u> 2011 </u> (Year Approved)

Rationale for Request (~100 words)

NAU's new Honors College expands opportunities for Honors students by diversifying its curricular and extra-curricular programming with the intent of promoting student achievement and success. The Honors College curriculum ensures a richer, more fulfilling experience for high achieving students that integrates Honors with departmental curricula, culminating in a year-long Honors Capstone Pathway experience. The curriculum ensures students gain the knowledge and skills that will prepare them for success— personally, academically, and professionally. The Honors College requests an increase in the existing Honors program fee to expand from a program to a full college experience and support structure. The resources generated through a fee will enable the program to continue to improve program performance while managing substantial enrollment growth. With the evolution of the University Honors Program to an Honors College, we are increasing required courses, research requirements, and experiential learning activities. In addition, the Honors college will occupy its own building on campus, and is expected to offset a portion of the cost of constructing the building.

Compliance with Board Guidelines (~250 words)

This request is consistent with ABOR Policy 4-104, "Procedure for Setting and Distributing Tuition and Fees." 14% of the program fee will be set aside for scholarships that will preserve accessibility for eligible students to receive scholarships through the Office of Financial Aid. We will use the standard university methods and processes to ensure that the program fee funds are spent for appropriate purposes.

Following ABOR guidelines, revenues from the fee will be allocated to student support services (academic and career advisors, writing center tutors and coordinator, and peer mentors and facilitators), programming and program coordination, events, course staffing, extra and co-curricular enrichment, student research, internship, and creative activities support, and classroom infrastructure.

Student Consultation (~100 words)

The Honors College conducted four program fee increase presentations to Honors students. Two of the meetings were with Honors student leadership groups and two were open to all Honors students. Honors students are in favor of an increase in the program fee if it helps provide student support, resources, programming, and facilities. There were no negative comments on increasing the program fee; although, there was a suggestion of not increasing the fee for current students and another student commented that on top of other fees they pay it often adds up to a lot of fees. Students commented that the increased fee amount seemed fair and would also put us more on par with our competitors.

MARKET PRICING

ARIZONA INSTITUTION	Resident tuition AY 16/17
Arizona State University w/ Honors fee (\$750.00/semester)	\$11,870
University of Arizona w/Honors fee (\$250.00/semester)	\$12,300
Northern Arizona University w/ Honors fee (current \$100.00/semester) *NAU tuition is held a fixed rate for four-years for incoming freshman.	\$9,946

Institution	Resident tuition + fees
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	\$12,231
Northern Illinois University	12,212
Ohio University-Main Campus	11,744
Western Michigan University	11,493
George Mason University	11,300
The University of Alabama	11,270
University of Akron Main Campus	10,946
Georgia State University	10,686
Bowling Green State University-Main Campus	10,606
University of Maine	10,600
Old Dominion University	10,046
Kent State University Kent Campus	10,012
Northern Arizona University	9,946
University of Nevada-Las Vegas	9,872
Wichita State University	7,370
University of North Carolina at Greensboro	7,029

Source: Relevant university website (checked 17 November 2016)

ACCOUNTABILITY

Financial Aid Set Aside Amount: ____14____%

Proposed Annual Revenue

Program Fee	\$	500
Number of Students	#	1300
Total Revenue	=	650,000

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside	\$	91,000
Institutional and Advising Personnel	\$	120,000
Support Staff	\$	120,000
Operating Expenses	\$	319,000
Total Program Costs	=	650,000