Proposal to the Tuition and Fees Committee:

A Campus Sustainability Fee "Green Fee"

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Intended Use of Student Fee Funds

- **Education and Outreach**
  - Move-Out: Donation collections and recycling to reduce waste production.
  - Bronco Closet Swap (free campus closet for shopping and donations).
  - Earth Day Fair: Community event to provide education and community partnerships.
  - Campus Farmers Markets: opportunity to support local/sustainable small businesses.
  - Green spaces (outdoor areas for wildlife and campus community use).
- **Waste Reduction Programs**
  - Recycling and composting infrastructure.
  - Collection processes.
  - Diversion initiatives (especially food waste).
- **Sustainability Projects**
  - Improved efficiency and solar opportunities (solar charging stations and improved lighting).
  - Rainwater harvesting.





How the Green Fee Supports Students

- **Campus Events and Spaces**
  - Farmers Market/Earth Day Fair: Networking and purchases from local businesses.
  - Closet Swap: Thrifting opportunities that avoid increased clothing waste.
  - Move-Out Donations: Repurposing of items you may no longer need after the semester ends.
  - Green spaces: Student gatherings, reconnecting with nature, and space to relax.
- **Campus Sustainability Committee**
  - The committee would include at least two students, a faculty member, the grounds supervisor, the Chief Operating Officer, the Director of Environmental Health and Safety, and the Sustainability and Energy Management Coordinator.
- **Use of Funds**
  - The funds would support projects that improve the campus environment and benefit the entire campus community.

Proposed Fee

- The proposed “Green Fee” would be $2.50 per semester, or $5 for a student enrolled in both semesters.
  - This fee would create a dedicated budget to support sustainability programs on campus.
  - This fee would increase student fees by about 8 cents for every $100 in fees.

Academic Year	Undergrad In State At Home UGINP	Undergrad In State Off Campus UGINOF	Undergrad In State On Campus UGINON
Books and Supplies	$1,284.14	$1,284.14	$1,284.14
Miscellaneous	$1,386.00	$1,386.00	$1,386.00
Personal Expenses	$2,810.30	$2,810.30	$2,810.30
Housing	$5,103.00	$10,206.00	$6,608.00
Food	$3,483.68	$3,483.68	$4,841.00
Stafford Fees	$72.00	$72.00	$72.00
Fees	$3,353.00	$3,353.00	$3,353.00
Tuition	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
Transportation	$3,219.70	$3,219.70	$3,219.70
TOTAL	**$21,711.82**	**$26,814.82**	**$24,574.14**

UNC System Fee Comparison

- The proposed “Green Fee” would be lower than the fees charged at most other UNC System schools.
- The fee would support more sustainability projects and student involvement on campus, while adding only $5 per academic year for students enrolled in both semesters.

University Name	Fee Per Semester
NC State University	$2.50
UNC Chapel Hill	$4.00
UNC Pembroke	$4.00
Western Carolina University	$5.00
Appalachian State University	$6.00
UNC Wilmington	$5.00
NC A&T University	$5.00
UNC Asheville	$10.00