

Faculty Senate Committee Report

Committee: Resources and Environment

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Room 138, 1911 Building

Issue: Increase in Carmichael Gym membership Fee for Faculty

Those Present: Committee Members: Wesley Snyder and Ed Funkhouser (Co-Chairs), Rob Rucker, and Lloyd Fleisher. Guests: Vice Provost for Student Development, Health and Wellness Dr. Lisa Zapata, and Director of University Recreation Eric Hawkes.

Carmichael Gym fees for faculty have risen from \$15.00/\$20.00 per month (without locker/with locker) to \$20.00/\$25.00 per month. Reason: Otherwise students would be paying substantially more than faculty and staff. There had not been a fee increase for faculty and staff since 2007, while student fees have been increasing each year. Most Private gym costs are far higher.

Other information/facts: Student gym fees (all students are charged whether they use facilities or not) will rise substantially again next year (to \$257.97 in 2013-14). Approximately 75% of NC State students use the facilities. There were 1,440 faculty and staff members in January 2012, and 1,626 in January 2013. The Carmichael facility has between 4,000 and 9,000 users each day. Alumni are eligible to join for \$360 per year. Approximately \$600,000 per year is received in non-student membership fees.

Senator Snyder pointed out that many faculty members view the gym membership as a benefit. Hawkes pointed out that he wanted the university recreational facilities to be thought of as a benefit for all. It isn't a free benefit, but is a low-cost alternative to private gyms.

The charge for gym use for faculty apparently occurred coincident with the addition to Carmichael Gym and (at the same time) creation of the student fee to cover the addition.

Submitted by Ed Funkhouser