

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM**  
**SUMMARY OF STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR TUITION, FEES, & CHARGES**

*No institution of higher education may collect from students attending the institution any tuition, fee, or charge of any kind except as permitted by law . . . . Texas Education Code Section 54.003*

The following are tuition, fees, and charges authorized by the Texas Education Code. All tuition, fees, and other charges must be published in the institutional catalog with a description of the criteria for any authorized exemptions and waivers.

Those noted with an asterisk\* require approval by the U. T. System Board of Regents. Authority to charge those fees noted with \*\* has been delegated to the presidents pursuant to the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*. The president's authority to charge a fee under Rule 40401 requires a finding by a president that the fee complies with the requirements of the statute authorizing the fee and, in some cases as noted below, is conditioned on prior review and approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

1. **Matriculation Fee\*\*** [Section 54.006(a-1)]

A general academic teaching institution or a medical or dental unit may withhold from tuition \$15 if a student withdraws before the first class day. Regents' Rule 40401 delegates authority to set a matriculation fee to the presidents with approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, .

2. **Installment Tuition Handling Fee\*\* and  
Installment Tuition Delinquency Fee\*\***  
[Section 54.007(c)]

These are specific statutorily approved incidental fees. Regents' Rule 40401 delegates authority to charge these fees to the presidents with approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

3. **Graduate Tuition\*** [Section 54.008]

The Board must set institutional graduate program tuition at rates at least equal to the minimum tuition rates set by Section 54.051 but not in excess of twice the minimum rates. The statute provides that the difference between the minimum rate and the rate set by the Board shall not be accounted for in a manner that reduces the general revenue appropriations to an institution.

4. **Tuition**

A. **General Academic**  
- Resident [Section 54.051(c)]

- Nonresident [Section 54.051(d)]

[Note: Charges assessed for courses delivered out of State via distance learning are to be handled as Continuing Education fees. Please see Item 18 below.]

B. **Resident Student Thesis or Dissertation Only\*** [Section 54.051(e)]

C. **M.D. or D.O. degree program** [Section 54.051(f)]

D. **D.D.S. degree program** [Section 54.051(g)]

E. **D.V.M. degree program** [Section 54.051(h)]

F. **Law School\*** [Sections 54.008(g) and 54.051(i)]

The Board may set tuition at a rate not more than 3 times the statutory rate.

G. **Nursing program** [Section 54.051(j)]

H. **Allied Health program** [Section 54.051(j)]

I. **Designated Tuition\*** [Section 54.0513; See Item 6]

J. **Nonresident Rates in Certain Circumstances**

- Section 54.231(b)(3), (4) allows nonresidents who are residents of a bordering nation and demonstrate financial need to pay resident tuition for courses: (1) at U.T. San Antonio or (2) in a graduate program in public health that are conducted in a county immediately adjacent to the nation in which the foreign student resides.
- Section 54.231(g)\* allows nonresidents who are residents of counties in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico or Oklahoma adjacent to Texas to pay resident tuition, upon certain conditions.
- Section 54.0601\* allows a general academic institution within 100 miles of the boundary of another state to charge tuition for the other state's residents at a lower rate upon certain conditions and with Coordinating Board approval.
- Section 54.251\* authorizes an institution to permit a registered nurse to pay tuition at the residence rate if the nurse is enrolled in a postgraduate nursing program and intends to teach in a nursing preparation program.
- Section 54.206 allows certain foreign service officers to pay tuition at the resident rate.
- Section 54.211 allows a teacher or professor and their spouses and children to pay tuition at the resident rate.

- Section 54.212 allows teaching assistant or research assistant and their spouses and children to pay tuition at the resident rate.
- Section 54.221\* allows an employee of an entity with whom the U. T. System has an agreement for funding the discovery, development, and commercialization of new products, technology, and scientific information, including an agreement to manage a national laboratory engaged in any of those endeavors or the person's spouse or child to pay resident tuition and fee rates to the extent provided in the agreement.
- Section 54.241 allows certain military personnel and their spouses and children to pay tuition at the resident rate.

**K. Certain Doctoral Students\*** [Section 54.012]

The Board may charge a resident doctoral student who has more hours of doctoral work than allowed for state funding at the tuition rate for nonresident doctoral students.

**L. Tuition for Excessive Undergraduate Hours\*\*** [Section 54.014]

Authority to charge a tuition rate higher than the regular tuition rate, but not in excess of statutory nonresident tuition, to resident undergraduate students who have attempted excessive hours was delegated to the presidents by action of the Board as described in Rule 40405 of the Regents' *Rules and Regulations*. There are exceptions for hardships or other good cause.

*Note: Although the statute now speaks to repeated hours, the Board's delegation does not extend to repeated hours.*

**M. Optometry Program** [Section 54.008(e)]

The Board may set tuition at a rate not more than four times the statutory rate.

**N. Pharmacy Program\*** [Section 54.008(f)]

Specifies tuition for undergraduate programs at up to twice the statutory rate. The Board may also set tuition for graduate and professional pharmacy programs at a rate not more than three times the statutory rate.

**O. Fixed Tuition for Certain Transfer Students with Associates Degrees** [Section 54.016]

An institution may develop a fixed tuition rate program for students who transfer to the institution within 12 months of earning an associate degree at another institute of higher education.

*NOTE: Tuition and Fee Increase Limitations.*

*Section 54.009 prohibits an increase in tuition and fees charged a student for a particular semester or term after a student registers for the semester or term without regard to whether the student has paid the tuition and fees.*

*Section 54.017 prohibits a general academic teaching institution from increasing the tuition of an undergraduate student, including a transfer student, who is participating in a fixed tuition plan. This prohibition applies only to such students who enter the institution in or after the 2014 fall semester. The institution is unable to increase tuition charges per semester credit hour for at least the first 12 consecutive semesters that occur after the date of the student's initial enrollment at any public or private institution of higher education. This section also prohibits institutions from charging a student participating in the plan fees that exceed the amount charged to a similarly situated student not participating in the plan.*

NOTE: Billing Requirement.

Section 54.015 requires all tuition be accumulated into one tuition charge for billing and catalog purposes, but Section 55.16(d) allows a governing board to accumulate all mandatory fees or charges as a separate "facilities and services" fee.

5. **Individual Coaching or Instruction\*\*** [Section 54.051(l)]

A charge ("Supplemental Fees") shall be collected in addition to regular tuition for a student registered for art, architecture, drama, speech, or music where individual coaching or instruction is the usual method of instruction. Regents' Rule 40401 delegates authority to charge the fees to the presidents with approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

6. **Designated Tuition\*** [Section 54.0513 & Section 54.261]

In addition to other tuition authorized, a governing board may charge any student an amount designated as tuition that the governing board considers necessary for the effective operation of the institution. A governing board may set a different tuition rate for each program and course level offered by each institution of higher education. A governing board may set a different tuition rate as the governing board considers appropriate to increase graduation rates, encourage efficient use of facilities, or enhance employee performance.

Section 54.261 allows the Board to waive all or part of the tuition charged under Section 54.0513 if it finds that the payment would cause an undue economic hardship. This authority is delegated to institutional presidents under Regents' Rule 40401.

Amounts collected are defined as institutional funds and may be used for any purpose at the institution at which the revenue is collected, subject to the laws governing the institution and the governing board. The governing board must conduct a public hearing before increasing "designated tuition" rates.

7. **Laboratory Fees\*\*** [Section 54.501(a)]

A mandatory laboratory charge of not less than \$2 nor more than \$30 for any one semester or summer term for any student in any one laboratory course shall be made but must not exceed the

cost of actual materials and supplies used by the student. Regents' Rule 40401 delegates authority to charge the fees to the presidents with approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

8. **Fees for Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer or Credit Cards\*\*** [Section 54.5011]

An institution may charge a credit card user a fee for processing payment or in connection with refusal of payment of tuition, a fee, or another charge made or authorized in person, by mail, by telephone cell, or through the Internet by means of an electronic funds transfer or credit card. The fee or charge must be in an amount reasonable and necessary to reimburse the expense incurred by the institution in processing the payment or payment transaction, and the institution must notify the student of any fee to be charged before accepting payment. Regents' Rule 40401 delegates authority to charge the fees to the presidents with approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

9. **General Deposits\*** [Section 54.502]

A reasonable deposit not to exceed \$100, or \$30 for students at U. T. medical, dental and allied health units, may be charged each student to insure against any losses, damages, or breakage for which the student is responsible and to cover other amounts owed to the institution. The deposit must be returned to the student, less any amounts owed by the student, within a reasonable time not to exceed 180 days.

These fees are sent to the Board for approval via the consent agenda when changes are proposed. Approval by the appropriate Executive Vice Chancellor is also required.

10. **Student Services Fees\*** [Sections 54.503, 54.5031, and 54.262]

These fees may be collected to cover the activities that “directly involve or benefit students including the cost of textbook rentals, recreational activities, health and hospital services, medical services, intramural and intercollegiate athletics, artists and lecture series, cultural entertainment series, debating and oratorical activities, student publications, student government, the student fee advisory committee, student transportation services not covered under other authority, and any other student activities and services specifically authorized and approved by the [Board].”

Except for U. T. Austin, this fee statute requires input to the Board from a 9-member, student majority, student fee advisory committee and the president of the institution concerning the student fee budget.

Section 54.262 allows the Board to waive any part of the student services fees in the case of undue financial hardship, provided the number of students does not exceed 10% of total enrollment. The authority to waive fees is delegated to institutional presidents under Regents' Rule 40401.

A. **Compulsory Student Services Fees**

These fees are those charged to all students and may not exceed \$250 per semester or summer session if approved by a majority at a general student election. The fees must be

assessed in proportion to the number of semester credit hours for which a student registers. (No compulsory fee for parking or parking facilities may be levied.) Increases resulting in a fee of more than \$150 may not take effect unless approved in a student vote or by a majority vote of the student government. In subsequent years, a fee increase of more than 10% of the fee “approved at the last student election” may be made only if authorized by an election.

**B. Voluntary Student Services Fees**

These fees are charged only to those students who make use of the service for which the fee is established.

**11. Incidental Fees and Other Charges\*\* [Sections 54.504 and 55.16]**

As described above, authorization is given in several sections of the *Texas Education Code* for the Board to approve certain specified fees and charges. One general authority under which an institution of higher education may collect fees from students is *Texas Education Code* Section 54.504 commonly referred to as the Incidental Fee Statute.

Section 54.504 allows the Board to consult with a student fee advisory committee prior to fixing incidental fees for services such as, but not limited to, “fees such as late registration fees, library fines, microfilming fees, thesis or doctoral manuscript reproduction or filing fees, bad check charges, application processing fees, and laboratory breakage charges.” An incidental fee may not be levied if the Board currently makes a charge for the same material or service under authorization of other law. (All U. T. System institutions have established student committees for input into the proposed establishment of fees and proposed fee increases.)

A second general authorization is contained in Section 55.16 of the *Texas Education Code*. It authorizes the Board to fix and collect rentals, rates, and charges for occupancy, services, use, and/or availability of all or any of its property, buildings, structures, activities, operations, or other facilities. (This authorization includes the authority to fix and collect rentals for university-owned dormitories and apartments.) The Board is required to fix each rental, rate, charge, or fee in an amount sufficient to pay for each related activity or service, all associated capital costs, including debt service, operation, and maintenance costs, including associated overhead costs of the System or institution, plus prudent reserves. The Board may, for billing and reporting purposes, accumulate all mandatory fees and charges provided for by *Texas Education Code* Section 55.16 or Chapter 54 as a separate facilities and services charge.

Regents’ Rule 40401 delegates authority to charge the fees to the presidents with approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. Incidental charges for non-academic goods and services that are not typically required as a part of a student’s enrollment at an institution are delegated directly to presidents (e.g. elective recreational activities, personal training, etc.).

**12. Environmental Service Fee\* [Section 54.5041]**

The Board may charge a fee to provide environmental improvements at the institution through

services related to recycling, energy efficiency and renewable energy, transportation, employment, product purchasing, planning and maintenance, or irrigation, or to provide matching funds for grants to obtain environmental improvements. The initial fee and any increases must be approved by a majority vote of the students who participated in a student election. The initial fee cannot exceed \$5 for each regular semester or summer term of more than six weeks; or \$2.50 for each summer session of six weeks or less. Any subsequent increase may not result in an amount that exceeds \$10 for each regular semester or summer term of more than six weeks; or \$5 for each summer session of six weeks or less. The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year in which it is first charged unless the institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in which case the fee may not be charged after the academic year in which all such bonds have been fully paid. An institution may not use revenue generated by the fee to reduce or replace other money allocated for environmental projects, and the fee is not considered in determining the maximum amount of student services fees an institution may charge.

13. **Vehicle Registration Fee\*\*** [Section 54.505(a)] and  
**Parking & Traffic Enforcement Fees\*\*** [Section 54.505(b)]

The Board may assess reasonable vehicle registration fees and a reasonable fee or fees for the provision of facilities and the enforcement and administration of parking and traffic regulations. No facilities fee may be charged to a student unless the student desires to use the parking facilities. Authority to set fees for vehicle registration and fees and other charges associated with parking was delegated to the presidents. Regents' Rule 40401 delegates authority to charge the fees to the presidents with approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or the Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

14. **Medical Services Fee\*** [Section 54.50891]

The Board may charge a fee not to exceed \$55 per semester or term. The fee may be used only to provide medical services to registered students and may be charged only after students and administrators have an opportunity to offer recommendations on the type and scope of services to be provided. The fee may be increased to an amount not to exceed \$75 per semester or term if approved by majority vote in a general student election. The Board may not increase the fee by more than 10% per year unless approved by a majority vote in a general student election. For U. T. Austin, a fee increase must be approved by a medical services fee committee; a majority of the members of the committee must be students.

15. **International Education Fee\*** [Section 54.5132]

The Board may collect a fee of not less than \$1 and not more than \$4 per student per semester or summer session for funding an international education financial aid fund. The fee may only be increased if approved in a student election. (*Note: Levy of this fee is authorized for U. T. Austin in Section 54.5131.*)

16. **Student Union Fees\*** [Section 54.515]

The Board may charge a student union fee not to exceed \$20 per regular semester and \$10 per summer term to finance, construct, operate, maintain and improve a student union building. The fee may be imposed or increased above \$10 per regular semester and \$5 per summer term only after majority approval by students participating in a general election. This statute is not applicable to institutions that have special student union fees.

17. **Continuing Education Course Fees\*\*** [Section 54.545]

The Board shall charge a reasonable fee to each person registered in a continuing education course. The fee must be set in an amount sufficient to recover the costs of providing the course. Authority to set continuing education fees was delegated to the presidents under Regents' Rule 40401.

18. **Student Endowment Scholarships and Internship Program Fee\*** [Section 56.241 et seq.]

A general academic teaching institution may elect to participate in the Student Endowment Scholarship and Internship Program upon a determination by student government that the program will benefit the institution and upon approval by a majority vote in a general student election. If approved by majority vote, the Board imposes the fee and, with the assistance of an advisory committee, determines eligibility requirements and selects students to receive the scholarship and internship funding.

19. **U. T. Arlington Special Fees**

A. **Shuttle Bus Fee\*** [Section 54.512]

The Board may levy a shuttle bus fee not to exceed \$10 per regular session and \$5 per summer term for the sole purpose of financing shuttle bus service.

B. **Intercollegiate Athletics Fee\*** [Section 54.5121]

The Board may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee not to exceed \$7.75 per semester credit hour unless an increase is approved by a majority vote at a student general election. If the amount of the increase does not exceed five percent, the legislative body of the student government may approve the increase.

C. **Recreational Facility Fee\*** [Section 54.5122]

The Board may charge a fee in an initial amount not to exceed \$9 per student for a regular semester; \$6 for a summer session of 10 weeks or more; \$4 for a summer session of 8 weeks or more; and \$3 for a summer session of less than 8 weeks. The fee may be imposed only after approval by a majority vote of those students voting in a general student election called for that purpose. A fee increase from one academic year to the next requires approval of the student government or, if more than 10%, by a student election. The fee is capped at \$75 per student for regular semester, \$50 for summer session of 10 weeks or more; \$35 for summer session of 8 weeks or more; \$25 for summer session of less than 8 weeks; and \$10 for a summer session of less than 3 weeks if the student was not enrolled in the preceding regular semester.



- D. **Student Union Fee\*** [Section 54.529]  
The Board may levy a student union fee not to exceed \$150 per student for each regular semester or \$75 per student for each summer term. No increase above an amount previously levied may be made unless approved by a majority vote at a student general election held for that purpose. The ballot proposition for such an election must clearly state the amount of the proposed fee increase and describe the reason for the proposed fee increase.

20. **U. T. Austin Special Fees**

- A. **Student Recreational Sports Fee\*** [Section 54.510]  
The Board may set a fee not to exceed \$20 per semester or 12-week summer session or \$10 for a 6-week summer session when a campus recreational sports facility is available for use. This fee is not counted in determining the maximum fee under Section 54.513. The fee for a particular facility may only be collected for 20 years or until the bonds for financing the facility have been paid off, whichever occurs last.
- B. **Student Services Fees\*** [Section 54.513]  
After appropriate consideration of the recommendations of the student fees advisory committee, the President recommends to the Board compulsory and voluntary student services fees for U. T. Austin. The total of all compulsory student services fees may not exceed \$250 for any semester or summer session. No increase of more than 10% of the fee “approved at the last student election” may be made unless approved by an election.
- C. **International Education Fee\*** [Section 54.5131]  
The Board may collect a fee of \$2 per student per semester or summer session for funding an international education financial aid fund if approved in a student referendum. The fee may be increased to \$4 if approved in a student referendum.
- D. **U. T. Austin Union Fee\*** [Section 54.530]  
A compulsory fee not to exceed \$33 for regular session and \$16.50 for each summer session term may be levied for operating, maintaining, improving, equipping, and/or constructing additions to the existing Texas Union building. The fee may be increased by no more than 10% per year after concurrence by the student fees advisory committee and may be raised by more than 10% per year upon approval by a majority vote of students participating in a general election to a total amount not to exceed \$50 for each regular session and \$30 for a summer session term. The activities of said Texas Union building financed in whole or in part by the fee shall be limited to those activities in which the entire student body is eligible to participate, and in no event shall any of the activities so financed be held outside of the territorial limits of the U.T. Austin campus.
- E. **Student Health Services Building Fee\*** [Section 54.536]  
The Board may set a fee of up to \$8 per semester or 12-week summer session, \$6 per 9-week summer session or \$4 per 6-week summer session to finance renovation, improvement, maintenance, or replacement of the student health center building or for operating the student health center.

- F. **Student Services Building Fee\*** [Section 54.537]  
The Board may set a fee not to exceed \$1.10 per "registered semester hour" to finance the construction, repair, maintenance, renovation, improvement, replacement, or operation of a student services building. The fee may not be imposed until the semester in which the building is available for use.
- G. **Gymnasium Renovation Fee\*** [Section 54.5371]  
The Board may charge a fee not to exceed \$1.90 per credit hour per semester or 12-week summer session or \$0.95 per credit hour per 6-week summer session to finance, renovate, operate, maintain or improve Gregory Gymnasium.
- H. **Aquatics Center Fee\*** [Section 54.5372]  
The Board may charge an aquatics fee not to exceed \$0.85 per semester credit hour for financing, constructing, renovating, operating, maintaining, and improving an aquatics center at the Gregory Gymnasium complex.
- I. **Reduced Designated Tuition\*** [Section 54.061]  
The Board may establish tuition rates under Section 54.0513 that are not more than 25% lower than the rates that would otherwise apply for certain courses at U.T. Austin that are conducted during off-peak hours. This authorization was contingent on the Legislature specifically appropriating money for the biennium ending August 31, 2009, to cover the revenue lost by application of this section. This appropriation was not made.
- J. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue Fee\*** [Section 54.5133]  
*[Note: No longer authorized to be charged.]*
- K. **Barbara Jordan and Cesar Chavez Statues Fee\*** [Section 54.5135]  
*[Note: No longer authorized to be charged.]*

21. **U. T. Dallas Special Fees**

- A. **Student Union Fee\*** [Section 54.531]  
The Board may levy a student union fee not to exceed \$60 per student for each regular session or \$40 per student for each summer term. The fee may not be increased by the Board above \$40 and \$26.67, respectively, unless approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election. The fee is in addition to other use or service fees.
- B. **Recreational Facility Fee\*** [Section 54.544]  
The Board may charge a recreational facility fee not to exceed \$65 per student per semester or a summer session of 12 weeks or longer or \$43.33 a summer session of less than 12 weeks for financing, constructing, equipping, operating, maintaining, or improving student recreational facilities or programs. The fee may not be charged or increased unless approved by a majority of the students participating in a general election. The fee for a particular facility may only be collected for 20 years or until the bonds for financing the facility have been paid off, whichever occurs last.

- C. **Transportation Fee\*** [Section 54.5311]  
The Board may impose a transportation fee not to exceed \$18 per student per regular semester or \$9 per each summer session term for financing transportation services, including capital expenses. The fee may not be imposed or may not be increased by more than 10% of the amount last approved by a majority student vote unless approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election.
- D. **Student Services Building Fee\*** [Section 54.5312]  
The Board may impose a student services building fee not to exceed \$71 per student per semester or summer term of 12 weeks or longer, \$47.33 for a summer term of 8 weeks or longer but less than 12 weeks, or \$35 for a summer term of less than 8 weeks for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student services building. The fee may not be imposed or may not be increased by more than 10% of the amount last approved by a majority student vote unless approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election.
- E. **Intramural and Intercollegiate Athletics Fee\*** [Section 54.5313]  
The Board may impose an intramural and intercollegiate athletics fee not to exceed \$45 per student per semester or summer term of 12 weeks or longer, \$30 for a summer term of 8 weeks or longer but less than 12 weeks, or \$22.50 for a summer term of less than 8 weeks. The fee may not be imposed or may not be increased by more than 10% of the amount last approved by a majority student vote unless approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election.

22. **U. T. El Paso Special Fees**

- A. **Student Union Fee\*** [Section 54.535]  
The Board may levy a student union fee not to exceed \$30 per student for each regular session or summer session of 6 weeks or more and \$15 per student for each summer session of less than 6 weeks. However, the fee may only be increased above \$15 or \$7.50, respectively, after approval by majority vote of those students participating in a general election.
- B. **Recreational Facility Fee\*** [Section 54.541]  
The Board may charge a recreational facility fee not to exceed \$70 per student for a term or semester of 10 weeks or longer, or \$50 for any other term or semester for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving new and existing recreational sports facilities and programs. The fee may not be increased unless approved by a majority of students participating in a general election.

23. **U. T. Permian Basin Special Fees**

- A. **Student Union Fee\*** [Section 54.533]  
The Board may impose a student union fee for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union facility. The fee may not exceed

\$50 per student for each regular semester and may not exceed \$39 per student for each regular semester unless approved by a majority vote in a general student election. The fee may not be imposed in a semester in which the student union is not available for student use.

- B. **Intercollegiate Athletic Fee\*** [Section 54.5331]  
The Board may impose an intercollegiate athletic fee not to exceed \$5 per semester credit hour for the first academic year in which the fee is imposed. Imposition of the fee and increases from one academic year to the next must be approved by a majority vote in a general student election. The Board may prorate the fee for the summer.
- C. **Student Services Building Fee\*** [Section 54.5332]  
The Board may charge a fee not to exceed \$150 per regular semester, \$75 for a summer session of more than 6 weeks, or \$50 for a summer session of 6 weeks or shorter for financing the construction of a student services building. The fee may not be increased unless approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election.

#### 24. U. T. Rio Grande Valley Special Fees

*NOTE: Pursuant to Section 79.02(g) of the Texas Education Code, the Board may impose and collect any fee authorized by prior law, as that law existed at the time the applicable university was abolished, for U. T. Brownsville or U. T. Pan American, as determined by the board and subject to the limitations provided by the prior law authorizing the fee. The fees authorized by prior law are summarized below.*

- A. **Student Union Building Fee\*** [Section 54.542]  
The Board may levy a student union fee not to exceed \$30 for each student for each regular semester or \$15 for each student for each summer session term for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building. The fee may not be levied or increased unless the levy or increase is approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election.
- B. **Sports Recreation and Wellness Facility Fee\*** [Section 54.5421]  
The Board may charge a sports recreation and wellness facility fee to finance, construct, operate, maintain, or improve sports recreation and wellness programs and facilities at the university not to exceed \$75 for each semester of the regular term or for each summer session. The Board may impose the fee only after approval by a majority vote of those students voting in a general student election and may not increase the amount of the fee from one academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority vote of those students voting in a general student election called for that purpose.
- C. **Intercollegiate Athletics Fee\*** [Section 54.551]  
The Board may charge an intercollegiate athletics fee. The initial fee may not to exceed \$15 per semester credit hour for each regular semester or summer session, but cannot be increased by more than 10% unless approved by a majority vote by students participating

in a general election called for that purpose. The Board may not impose the fee on a student who is enrolled solely in online courses at the university.

Any compulsory student services fees charged under Section 54.503 shall be reduced by \$15 per semester credit hour beginning with the first semester in which this intercollegiate athletics fee is charged.

25. **U. T. San Antonio Special Fees**

A. **Student Union Fee\*** [Section 54.532]

The Board may levy a student union fee of not less than \$20 or more than \$150 per student for each semester or summer session assessed in proportion to the number of credit hours for which a student registers for the purpose of financing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building. The fee is in addition to other use or service fees. Fee increases may be made only after approval by a majority of the students voting in a student referendum on the issue of the increase and by a majority of student government.

B. **Transportation Fee\*** [Section 54.5321]

The Board may impose a fee not to exceed \$50 per student for a regular semester or \$25 per student for a summer session term for the sole purpose of financing transportation services for students. The fee may not be imposed or increased unless approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general student election.

C. **Intercollegiate Athletics Fee\*** [Section 54.5322]

The Board may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee not to exceed \$7 per semester credit hour for each regular semester, not to exceed a total of \$84 per semester. The imposition of the fee or an increase of the fee to exceed the above-stated amount requires approval by majority vote of the students participating in a student election.

D. **Recreational Facility Fee\*** [Section 54.543]

The Board may charge a recreational facility fee not to exceed \$150 per student for each term or semester of more than 6 weeks or \$75 per student per term or semester of 6 weeks or less to finance, construct, operate, maintain, or improve student recreational facilities. The fee may be charged only after approval by a majority of students voting in a general election. Fee increases may be made only after approval by a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

26. **U. T. Tyler Special Fees**

A. **Arts and Performance Center Fee\*** [Section 54.534]

The Board may levy an arts and performance center fee not to exceed \$20 per student for each regular session or \$10 per student for each summer term. The fee may not be increased above \$30 and \$15, respectively, unless approved by a majority vote of students participating in a general election. The fee is in addition to other use or service fees.

- B. **Student Recreational Facility Fee\*** [Section 54.5341]  
The Board may impose a fee not to exceed \$40 per student per regular semester; \$30 per summer session of 12 weeks or longer; \$15 per summer session of 6 weeks or longer; and \$10 per summer session shorter than 6 weeks. A fee may only be imposed, be increased, or exceed the stated cap if approved in a student election held for that purpose. The ballot proposition for such an election must clearly state the amount of the proposed fee increase and describe the reason for the proposed fee increase.
- C. **Intercollegiate Athletics Fee\*** [Section 54.5342]  
The Board may impose a fee not to exceed \$7 per semester credit hour. The imposition of the fee or an increase of the fee to exceed the above-stated amount requires approval by majority vote of the students participating in a student election..
- D. **Student Union Fee\*** [Section 54.5343]  
The Board may impose a fee not to exceed \$100 per student for each semester or each summer session of more than 6 weeks or \$50 per student for each summer session of 6 weeks or less for the purpose of providing revenue for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, renovating, improving, or equipping a student union building for the university. The Board may not impose a student union fee unless the fee is approved by a majority of the university's students voting in a general student election called for that purpose. The Board may not increase the amount of the student union fee by more than 10% from one academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority of students voting in a general student election.