

**The University of Kansas
Financial Impact Statement**

**CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FEE
2005-2006**

I. PROPOSED FEE

Effective with the Fall Semester, 2005, the Campus Environment Improvement Fee would be increased as follows:

| | <u>Present Fee</u> <u>2004-2005</u> | <u>Proposed Fee</u> <u>2005-2006</u> | <u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u> | <u>Percent</u> <u>Increase</u> |
|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| PER SEMESTER | | | | |
| Full-time students* (6 hours or more) | \$2.00 | \$3.00 | \$1.00 | 50% |
| PER SUMMER SESSION | | | | |
| Full-time students* (5 hours or more) | \$1.00 | \$1.50 | \$0.50 | 50% |

*Fee is assessed at an hourly rate for enrollments of less than six hours per semester or less than five hours per Summer Session.

II. FEE CHANGE JUSTIFICATION

The initiation of this fee in the fall of 1998 has resulted in the development of an effective, on-going basic recycling program. A long time goal of the Student Environmental Advisory Board, benefits of recycling and the universal concern for improvement of the environment are well documented. The implementation of the campus-wide recycling and environmental improvement program has had a positive impact on the entire University community. A modest increase in the fee will support improvements in University-wide recycling projects such as recycling bins along Jayhawk Boulevard, an on-campus recycling center, game day recycling for fans at Memorial Stadium, and additional student employment to facilitate the program. This increase will generate approximately \$48,600 additional funds annually for the Campus Environmental Improvement Fee, making the total annual revenue approximately \$145,700. This is a joint Student/University effort which has proven to be a highly beneficial community service project.

III. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE FEE INCREASE PROPOSAL

The Finance Subcommittee on Fee Review, a standing committee of Student Senate, proposed the increase of the recycling and environment fee. The \$1.00 fee increase proposal was favorably passed by the Student Senate Finance Committee on March 16, 2004 and submitted to the Student Senate. Student Senate approved this proposal on March 17, 2004. The fee increase proposal was next put before the entire student body. By referendum vote, the fee increase was overwhelmingly approved with 81% of those voting supporting the increase. The final recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the central administrative staff of the University.

IV. NUMBER OF STUDENTS AFFECTED

All students, undergraduate and graduate, who pay the required campus fees, would be affected by the change. Students enrolled in six or more hours each semester will pay the \$3.00 Campus Environmental Improvement Fee per semester. Part-time students will pay the hourly rate. The estimated income is based on a combined fall/spring FTE enrollment of 46,100 and summer FTE enrollment of 5,000.

V. IMPACT ON STUDENTS

This fee represents only a small portion of the full fees (tuition and required campus fees) paid by students. Students will benefit from the expansion of the recycling bin locations and other recycling projects and improvements. It is not anticipated that this fee will adversely affect the ability of students to finance their education.