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Once fee is established, school has contractual obligations to all bond holders; unless a donor comes forth and the fee can be “sunseted.”

In the contract, fee has been identified for a specific purpose; encourages students to think of it from the stance of the bond holder.

If money is left to the university, then the funds are put into a trust, and the money would sit there while the bond holders are paid back by the “sunseted” fee.

What are the drivers that help determine fee projections? – posed by Aaron Davis

Administrators are modeling three year projections, have not raised graduate tuition in the past three years.

General fees have gone up about 2.5 to 3 percent in the last three years.

Cost drivers = employee wages, health benefits around 70%, utility/purchase costs, have gone forward with the first two energy conservation costs, spent 15 million, have four years to pay back funds, will start to see results from the investment in the next year it is projected.

BGSU went forward with comprehensive program beginning in 2003 (est.), and set initial goal to raise funds; around 140 million dollars was raised; funds go to the university’s foundation, which functions as a separate entity.

Most donors restrict their gifts; which means they give on the condition that their donation goes towards one specific project.

## **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **New Business:**

#### **Graduate Strategic Plan**

- Lost many tenured faculty members over the years
- Brought up Graduate College Breakfast Event presentation
- Relatively stagnant in terms of graduate dollars
- Decline began around 2007-08
- Kent State has around double the amount of money coming in concerning graduate dollars
- Discussed goals for 2012 academic school year

Breaking up senators into four groups; will be led by two members of SEC.

- 1. What is the value of graduate education? Sherry/Leo
  - 2. How does Graduate Education contribute to the success of BGSU? Christina/Lingxiao
  - 3. What role does graduate education currently play at BGSU? Jeff/Anton
  - 4. What trends do you see that BGSU can take advantage of to strengthen graduate education?  
JR/Aaron
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- Discussed background checks and the purpose behind them.
  - How will this policy affect students who have criminal records?
  - Aaron suggested seeking a meeting to discuss the process of writing the policy for the background check process.
  - Senator asked about how credit and driving records would affect students' safety?
  - Discussing Federal Student Loans
  - Subsidized federal loans; federal government is no longer subsidizing loans for graduate students beginning in 2012
  - Discussed green sheet concerning which professionals do what in the Graduate College

Vice President: Discussed some of the specifics concerning Robert's Rules of Order

Academic Affairs Representative: Is discussing questions about WWF/WD with Academic Affairs committee; is encouraging senators who have questions/opinions to please share them.

Representative at Large: Asked if there were any other concerns regarding the Stroh Fee; motion was made to form a committee to continue to explore the issue of a Stroh Fee; card vote: 24-y, 16-n, 2 abstention

Dr. Mike Zickar – the Graduate Dean and administrator had to make decisions, no strategic plan was in place prior, last time planning was done by Graduate College was 1985, and it was suggested that planning happen every five years, but was not done

12 members are on the committee, two GSS reps, J.R. and David

In the next two months, officials will be going on the road and collecting data, figuring out if there need to be separate sessions held or should they be together

Plans are to have some focus group sessions

Senator asked how will graduate students be represented to university as a whole?

Zickar says there will be a mixture of diverse members of the university community.

Says he believes there will be conversations about graduate education in a lot of various details.

Aaron suggests that we look at and consider the changes the faculty desire to make and place this on the agenda as new business for the next meeting.