

3/2 fee issue timeline (Internal CGS Document, not for reprint)
Josh Coy, President, CGS

Feb 28th- Following up on some confusion over fee rates from an earlier University Recreational Sports Committee (URSC) meeting on Feb. 1, CGS Delegate Ehsan Ghane reaches out to the other CGS delegate on the committee (Daniel Curzon), as well as IPC and USG representatives because he opposes the apparent fee increase.

March 1st (Friday)- Ehsan realizes the flaw in the fee calculation that has been made, and creates a powerpoint that explains the issue and forwards this to CGS President Allie Sturm.

March 4th (Monday)- Allie contacts University Registrar, Brad Myers, after speaking with CSA chair Peter Koltak about this issue.

March 7th- Allie meets in person with Brad Myers

March 11th- Allie follows up with Brad Myers with a complete chart of exactly how all the fees in question are an increase vs last year. The total amount of excess fees equals \$81.70.

March 12- Brad acknowledges that those are the fees, and suggest that Allie look over how everything fits into the academic year. At this point, via email, it does not appear that the problem at hand is clearly understood.

March 12th- Allie gets back to Brad and discussed the difference in weeks in Summer vs the academic semesters, and also discussed the confusion surrounding Maymester.

March 13th- After pressing Brad on the fee issue, Brad replies back to Allie that *“those ‘increases’ were not purposefully presented as an increase in fees – so I wouldn’t want them characterized that way. None of us wanted to have a totally different set of fees for the Summer Term, and the length of the term is roughly similar to the length of time covered by a regular semester.”*

-Brad then says that he will put Allie in touch with Dave Wiseley, CFO for Student Life.

March 20th-28th- All the student government leaders (Allie, Tariq, Taylor, and Peter) discuss, and there is some confusion over what the fee structure means, but that it does appear to be an increase. Allie has scheduled a meeting with Dave Wiseley for the 28th and offers to have anyone else join her. On March 28th Taylor says that he has spoken to Geoff Chatas and Dr. J and that they plan to take the issue up with CSA.

March 28th- Allie meets with Dave Wiseley and Donna Lewis, Director of Budgeting and Planning.

April 3rd- Allie follows up with Donna and request more info on how the fees were calculated. Donna replies, on April 12 with the 3/2 conversion that was used for the

academic year and that “it was also determined that there would be no differential fee for summer. We do look at anticipated enrollment on an annual basis when projecting revenue.”

April 4th- Peter Koltak asks to be updated on this issue via email.

-Taylor replies “Geoff Chatas wants to sit down and talk about the overall fee structure. That's really all I know.”

-Taylor replies later that it appears that this issue is being pushed towards CSA. Though no administrator appears to be making Peter, the chair of CSA, aware of this.

-Peter sets up a meeting with Allie and Taylor, because he is unclear what CSA can do about this, correctly so.

April 5th- Allie, Taylor, Peter, and newly interim VP Josh Coy meet to discuss a letter to the Lantern. I arrived late, and did not get a full picture of what was going on, but Allie had the lead on this and continued to do so.

April 7th- Allie compiles the appropriate charts, created by Ehsan Ghane, and crafts a message to send out to The Lantern. She offers to make this a joint statement with USG.

April 8th- Allie meets with Dr.J and is told that it is assumed that Finance will be taking care of this. As such, the message the Lantern is put on hold.

April 9th- Allie compiles a document explaining summer term issues, and distributes this amongst her executive team.

Mid April-early May- Transition of administrations, continued work on issue gets delayed

May 7th- after the transition of administrations, Ehsan Ghane follows up with new CGS President Josh Coy, and passes along all his documentation on the issue. The picture he paints is clearly one of a mathematical error, that is being passed on as an expected change from the quarter to semester transition.

-I contact Allie and she gives me a complete update of what she has done so far, and forwards all relevant emails along to me.

-Ehsan replies back to me that the rates were given to Rec Sports Director Don Stenta by Dave Wiseley's office.

May 13th- I meet with Dave Wiseley, he acknowledges that there has been a mathematical error, but suggests that I take the issue up with CSA. I do not feel that this is an appropriate path to take, so begin looking for other options.

May 15th- I contact CFO Geoff Chatas. In my email to Geoff, I clearly lay out the issues at hand: the mathematical errors, the misuse of equating fees only in the academic year and not considering the *calendar year* increases, and the fact that there appears to have been no movement to fix the problem on an administration level so far. Geoff is out of town, so a meeting is scheduled for the 30th.

May 17th- I explain the issue to the delegate body at our May meeting, and let them know that I have a meeting with Geoff scheduled and will keep them informed.

May 30th- Geoff and I meet and he acknowledges the problems, agrees to correct them, and plans to bring this up at the next board of trustees meeting.

June 14th- I pass on the information from Geoff at the June delegate meeting, and tell delegates that it appears we have reached a positive conclusion to this, but no dates for refunds are yet known.

July 17th- Having just returned from being out of the country, I email Geoff at 2:40pm to ask for an update.

- Coincidentally, at the July delegate meeting that very day, delegates begin to note that they have been receiving refunds in amounts consistent with the fee overpayment.

I had assumed that Geoff was not going to have enough time to get this on the Board of Trustee's agenda for June, so all are pleasantly surprised.

-I email Geoff to confirm, he does, and says he will see if the Provost's office plans an announcement for Monday. I offer to wait until then to make any statement.

-I then email Ehsan Ghane to personally give him the good news and thank him for all that he did in making this happen.

July 23- After fielding some incoming questions from students, I email Geoff again asking if there will be an announcement. No response.

July 26th- I post a blog on the CGS website, thanking both Ehsan and Geoff publicly, and giving students some insight into what the fee miscalculation was and what they need to do to make sure that there is no delay for them in receiving it.

-I pass this blog post along to Kristen Mitchell, editor of The Lantern, ask her to get the word out to students, and say that I'm pretty sure my blog post covers everything I need to say. The only question that was asked of me after this from the Lantern was "what is your major"?

July 27th- Article is published in the LAntern with no mention of Ehsan Ghane's discovery of this issue, or the critical role he played in getting the word out.

July 27th? <http://buckeyelink.osu.edu/summer-2013-fee-recalculation.html>

Recalculation notice appears on Buckeye link.

July 28th- I contact the lantern to give them the full story, along with this timeline, requesting a focus on the real hero, Ehsan.

July 30th- Dispatch article published.