



GREEK FEE OVERVIEW & INFORMATION

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SECTION 1 | INTRODUCTION

This document serves as a historical and procedural document for the Greek Fee collection, usage, and processing at the University of Oklahoma. It has been created to honor the spirit of the Greek Fee for current and future use, as well as provide a set structure for feedback and transparency. This document will cover the history of the Greek Fee, outline the exemption process, and provide structure for transparency and feedback.

SECTION 2 | HISTORY OF THE GREEK FEE

The Greek Fee was first proposed to the Greek community at the University of Oklahoma in Fall 2023. This proposal outlined a \$25/member fee that would be billed semesterly via an invoice to each active fraternity or sorority organization on campus. A robust fee waiver process was put in place in this first iteration of the fee along with an oversight board comprised of students, staff, and alumni. The 2023 – 2024 academic year was used to gain valuable feedback from constituent groups – including individual council meetings with students, meetings with alumni, advisors, and various university partners. A key piece of feedback from this time focused on the need to utilize the individual student university accounts for collection, rather than billing chapters directly.

Initial collection was slated to begin in Fall 2024 with a memorandum being sent to Greek leaders in February 2024. In late Spring 2024, the plans for the Greek Fee were put on pause after discussions with university leadership.

In Spring 2025, after discussions with upper university leadership and an adjustment of plans with feedback from students, alumni, and other stakeholders, an updated and final Greek Fee plan was shared with the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma. This plan was approved and endorsed by each of our five governing council presidents after majority votes of their member organizations, as well as each of the six Affiliate Circle organizations who do not have a structured governing body with a voting delegation.

At their June 2025 meeting, the Board approved the Greek Fee at \$30 per student per semester to be charged directly to each student in the fraternity and sorority community to their individual university student accounts. This final iteration of the plan was supported by elected student chapter and council representatives in all areas of the fraternity and sorority community.

SECTION 2 | SPIRIT OF THE GREEK FEE

The Greek Fee exists to provide campus fraternal organizations with a more sustainable funding model for advising and staffing support, programming, and community initiatives. This fee provides resources needed to foster a membership experience congruent with the mission of the University of Oklahoma and the missions of our campus fraternal organizations. All funds from the Greek Fee will stay with the fraternity and sorority community. Student Life staff will serve as primary account

administrators and will seek regular and intentional feedback from student constituents on fee allocation and strategic planning.

The spirit of the Greek Fee is to provide additional resources and funding to a rapidly growing Greek community. These funds should not replace current funding lines but provide additional support and resources to the fraternity and sorority community.

SECTION 3 | FEE EXEMPTION PROCESS

Fee exemptions will be available for students facing financial hardship or who have other specific, extenuating circumstances that may impact their ability to fulfill the Greek Fee obligation. Students who qualify for Pell Grants or Oklahoma's Promise will have the Greek Fee waived without discussion, provided they complete the petition for fee exemption by specified deadlines. Fee exemptions are granted each semester and students wishing to receive an exemption must apply each semester they wish to receive an exemption.

The exemption review committee will be comprised of student leaders in each of our governing councils serving in the VP Finance or Treasurer role as well as Student Life staff members. Additionally, Affiliate Circle representation will be comprised of one member-at-large from the council to serve in this capacity. The member-at-large from the Affiliate Circle will rotate through member organizations semesterly in alphabetical order of the organization name. Should the designated chapter but put forth a representative the semester they are eligible, the Affiliate Circle will not be represented that semester on this committee and the rotation cycle will continue the following semester.

Fee exemptions will be reviewed and awarded semesterly prior to that term's billing cycle using a set rubric.

SECTION 4 | FEEDBACK, OVERSIGHT, AND TRANSPARENCY

Student Life staff will serve as the primary account administrators and will seek annual and intentional feedback from student constituents on fee usage, allocation, and strategic planning.

Feedback is provided through a Greek Fee Advisory Panel. This panel is comprised of the four governing council financial officers, four governing council presidents, and one representative per organization in the Affiliate Circle. This panel will be consulted and should give majority approval as a body before raising the Greek Fee. Student voice and input were imperative in creating this transformational initiative and will continue to be at the center of decisions surrounding fund usage and alterations.

The Greek Fee Advisory Panel will meet annually for a feedback opportunity each spring as the university fiscal year begins to come to a close. This meeting will me a time to discuss fee usage and will provide the student leaders a time to give feedback on strategic planning.

In the spirit of transparency, Fraternity and Sorority Programs and Services will post an annual budget and expense summary online following each fiscal year. Additional information about the Greek Fee can be found online at link.ou.edu/greek-fee.