

*A White Paper Concerning the Student Activities Fund*

**Administrative Response**

The per student University's Student Activity Fee and annual percentage increase has trended as follows:

2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
\$205	\$215	\$226	\$236
	4.9%	5.1%	4.4%

These percentage increases approximate the increase in tuition each year. We agree that using the tuition increase percentage to guide the annual increase is a reasonable approach to setting the student activity fee.

In our view, a 27% jump from \$236 to \$300 in fiscal 2016-17 might be problematic for those challenged with college affordability. In addition, an allocation structure that is not faced with financial constraint and prioritization likely provides an unrealistic view into roles after leaving DePauw. As a result, we suggest that a reasonable compromise would be to increase the fee to \$275 from the current \$236 fee rather than increasing to \$300. We will, however, share with the board of trustees the student government recommendation of \$300 and give the trustees an opportunity to debate the topic.