

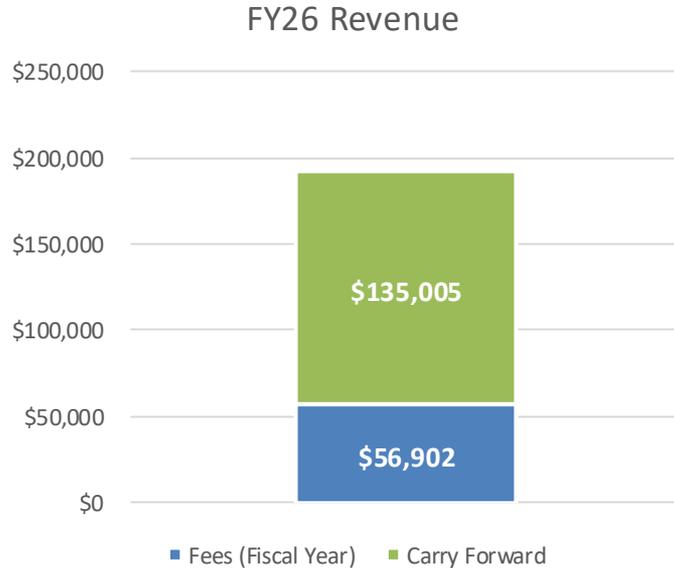


Sustainability Fee Presentation

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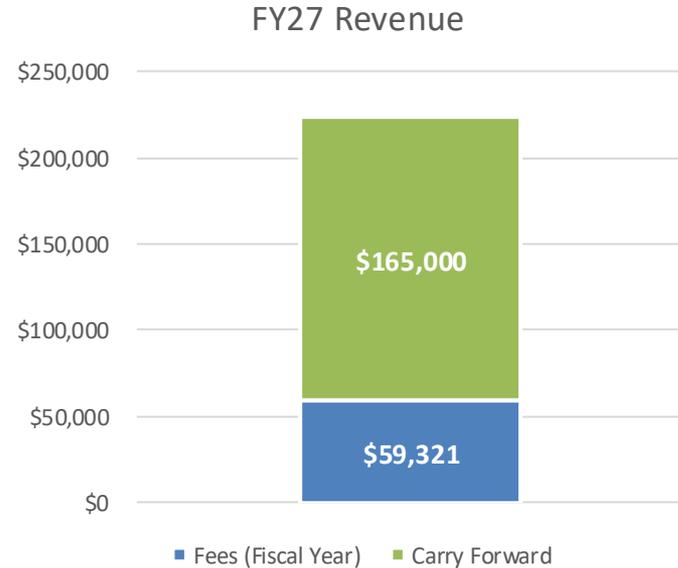
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Sustainability Fee Revenue



Current Fee

- \$0.42/credit
- \$5.04/semester
- \$10.08/year

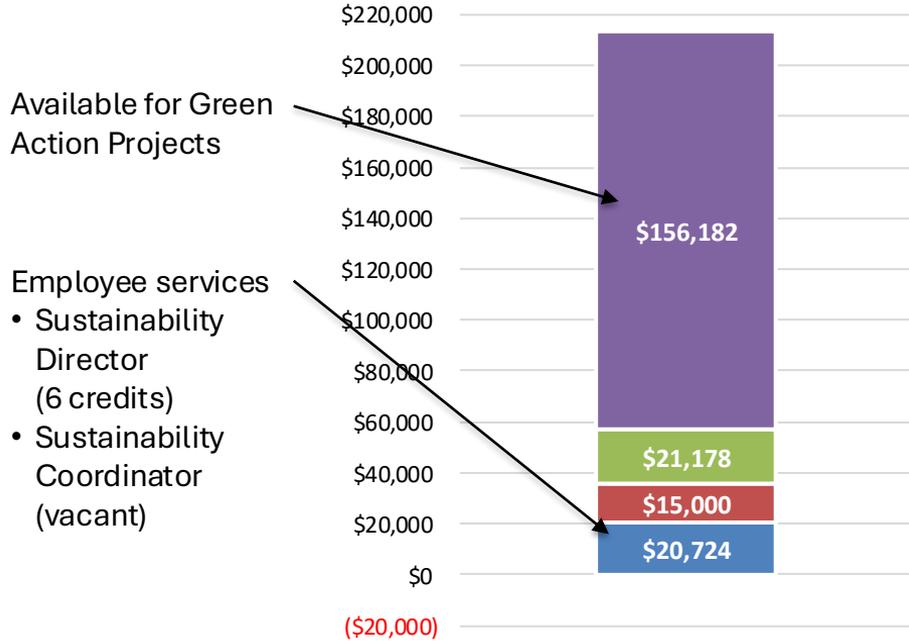


No proposed increase

- Significant carry forward due to previous salary savings
- Increase due to enrollment

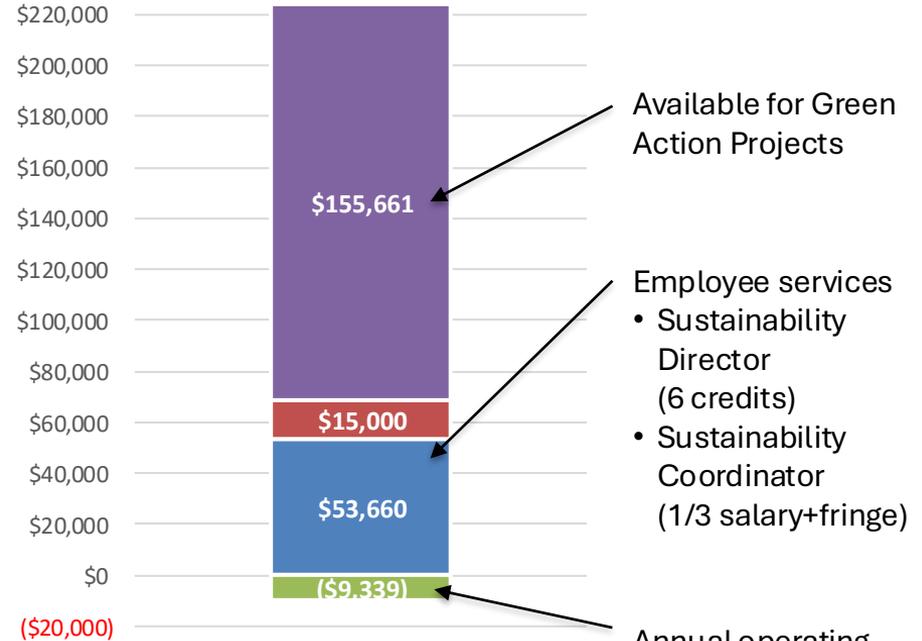
Sustainability Fee Expenses

FY26 Expenses



- Surplus (Available for Green Action Projects)
- FY Fee Surplus/Deficit
- Operating Expense
- Employee Services

FY27 Expenses



- Surplus (Available for Green Action Projects)
- FY Fee Surplus/Deficit
- Operating Expense
- Employee Services

Background

Board Policy 5.11. Part 5. Subpart B. Discretionary Fees

Authorizes campuses to collect a Sustainability Fee

Board Procedure 5.11.1. Part 4. Subpart J. Sustainability fee

1. Colleges and universities, by affirmative vote of the campus student association, may establish a policy to charge a sustainability fee.
2. The sustainability fee will be used in support of progress toward the system's commitment to environmental sustainability as outlined in Board Policy 5.17 and System Procedure 5.17.1, excluding capital projects.
3. The budgeting process used for the allocation of these funds shall be similar to the processes used for student life activities.

Maximum Amount is \$20 per term.

Background - System Procedure

System Procedure 5.17.1 Environmental Sustainability Practices

Each college and university president shall appoint a representative for all energy- and sustainability-related issues and **shall maintain records carbon emissions, energy and water conservation and efficiency, and waste. The representative shall also monitor and communicate programs, initiatives, and curriculum addressing sustainability, including (but not limited to) sustainable food policies, conservation and protection of the natural environment, and pollution prevention efforts.** The targets for each carbon, energy, water, and waste closely follow the Minnesota Department of Administration's Cabinet Level Agency goals.

Sustainability Goals

Minnesota State Sustainability Goals

- **reduce carbon dioxide emissions** to a level at least 30 percent below 2009 levels by 2025, and to a level at least 80 percent below 2009 levels by 2050.
- **reduce energy consumption** per square foot by 30 percent below 2017 consumption by 2027
- **reduce water consumption** per square foot by 15 percent below 2017 consumption by 2025.
- achieve a 75 percent **solid waste diversion** rate through both recycling and composting of solid waste by 2030.

Sustainability Goals (cont'd)

Minnesota State Sustainability Goals (cont'd)

- Implement programs and initiatives that **promote lower carbon-intensive transportation options** such as carpooling, biking, walking, and use of public transportation systems both for regular commuting as well as for campus-related activities
- implement programs, initiatives and/or curriculum **addressing sustainable food offerings and other food service-based initiatives** such as tray-less dining and compostable or reusable serveware and containers; local and regenerative food production; and food recovery efforts.
- Implement programs, education, staff training and **initiatives addressing green infrastructure**, such as Low Impact Development for stormwater management, Smart Salting ice and snow removal strategies, and design and manage landscapes to protect pollinators using native trees and plants.