ABOR rejects undergraduate tuition charges

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Regent President Gary Stuart said the fees would not be paid off until 2011, there will be a two-year overlap from 2009 to 2011 when students will have to pay both the yearly $50 and $34 fee, totaling $134 per student a year. The cost of the project will be $35 million and the fee would be in place until the bonds are paid off, Moore said.

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Moore said it is important to remember that even if the majority of students voted to approve the fee, the ultimate fate of the fee will be decided by the Arizona Board of Regents and the UA president. Bell said the fee would take $35 million out of students’ pockets and ASUA should have waited in order to look at more alternatives.

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Report and consumer sciences junior April Studio works on her leg muscles in the weight room while her trainer looks on at the Student Recreation Center last week. The new Student Recreation Center fees will be on the ballot for students to vote on in next year’s elections.

By Natasha Bhuyan Arizona Daily Wildcat

A Tucson regent will head the committee responsible for searching for the next university president to replace President Peter Likins when he retires in 2006.

Regent Fred Boice, a three-year member of the Arizona Board of Regents, will chair the presidential search committee and select viable candidates for the UA's top position, which the regents must officially appoint.

Regent President Gary Stuart, who will announce the decision today at the regents' meeting in Tempe, said he chose Boice for his intelligence, discipline and relationship with the Tuscon community.

A former president of the UA Foundation, Boice also serves on the Board of Trustees for the University Medical Center and is a member of the Advisory Board for the Arizona Health Sciences Center, making him experienced and knowledgeable about university issues, Stuart said.

"His long connection to the UA makes him the natural choice," Stuart said.

As chair of the committee, Boice will have the sole responsibility of selecting members for the committee, drafting a timeline of the presidential search and exclusively managing the search process.

Boice, who will select committee members and ASUA lets students decide on $35 million Rec fee

By Anthony D. Ávila Arizona Daily Wildcat

In their last meeting of the semester, the Associated Students of the University of Arizona Senate passed a referendum that would put a new Student Recreation Center fee on the ballot for the next year’s student elections. The fee, which would not go into effect until the completion of the facility in 2009, would expand the Rec Center from 80,000 square-feet to 118,000 square-feet, said Juliette Moore, the director of the Rec Center.

Since the Rec Center-as-is will not be paid off until 2011, there will be a two-year overlap from 2009 to 2011 when students will have to pay both the yearly $50 and $34 fee, totaling $134 per student a year. The cost of the project will be $35 million and the fee would be in place until the bonds are paid off, Moore said.

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