

STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)
FY2027 PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio

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1. Please provide in brief terms: your unit's mission, goals that support your mission, and a justification of your unit's student fee allocation in terms of benefits for students.

In FY25, a dedicated budget was established to centralize operations for the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Health and Wellbeing. Previously, the AVP operated without a standalone budget, with expenses covered by the DSA Vice President's office or individual Health and Wellbeing departments. To support this transition, an Administrative Manager position was created and minimal M&O funds were transferred to launch the new budget area.

This office provides strategic leadership and administrative oversight for the Health and Wellbeing portfolio, which includes six departments: Campus Recreation, Cougars in Recovery, Counseling and Psychological Services, Justin Dart Jr. Student Accessibility Center, Student Health Center, and UH Wellness. Together, the AVP and Administrative Manager foster collaborative, efficient, and effective teamwork across the Health and Wellbeing portfolio to advance student health and wellbeing.

2. Please discuss the means that you are utilizing to evaluate your success in achieving the DSA strategic initiatives as well as action steps in contributing to the retention of students. Where data exists, discuss any assessment measures and/or learning outcomes used to evaluate program success. Please provide the method for collecting this data.

The AVP leads a Core Team participating in the Texas Higher Education Collaborative for Wellbeing, a statewide initiative involving 18 public institutions. This collaboration leverages improvement science methodology and the Wellbeing Improvement Survey for Higher Education Settings (WISHES)—a free, concise tool that provides UH with timely, actionable data. WISHES helps us better understand student needs and informs decisions that shape institutional norms, structures, and services to foster student health and wellbeing. Through this initiative, we are enhancing our ability to deliver responsive, data-informed programs that support student success.

3. Please discuss any budget or organizational changes experienced since your last (FY2026) SFAC request, their impact on your programs, and your reason for implementing them. SFAC recognizes that some programs did not receive the funds that they requested, that some programs were impacted by additional expenses after the conclusion of the budget cycle, and that some programs may be ahead of or behind their self-generated income projections.

- As discussed above, this budget area was newly created during FY25
- The Administrative Manager position was created to support the AVP and the Health and Wellbeing Leadership Team (6 department Directors) to create a more collaborative, effective, and efficient team to enhance the impact on student health and wellbeing
- Minimal M & O budget was transferred into this new budget area from the DSA central office