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The proposal of the tuition and fees for next semester has been sent to the University System of Georgia. The Board of Regents will vote to approve or deny the proposal at April’s annual board meeting regarding tuition and fees.

In the fall of last year, Student Fees Committee met with the intent of proposing the mandatory fees and tuition that will be charged to Armstrong students for the 2018/2019 academic year. According to process outlined by the University System of Georgia, proposals to increase, create or change the purpose of a mandatory fee must be presented to a campus advisory committee, which is comprised of at least 50% students. The committee for Armstrong was comprised of 6 students and 6 faculty members.

According to Robert L. Whitaker, VP for Finance and Operations, “the goal on all adjustments to tuition and mandatory fees was to not increase the cost for an Armstrong Campus student post- conscription, it was the State of Regents approves the proposal, then the Board of Regents will meet. In fact, the cost of attendance can be reduced, not increased.”

According to the proposals, nothing will change for Armstrong students. Various fees will either increase or decrease for Armstrong students. “The guiding principle,” according to Whitaker, was to “create a cost savings and to level fees where services would be comparable.”

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The next year, Armstrong students could pay a reduced athletic fee of $90. Statesboro students will pay a much higher athletic fee and an added athletic facilities fee. The disparity in the amount of fees is representative of the benefits students on each can receive. Armstrong Campus is located over 50 miles from Statesboro. All of Georgia Southern’s athletic programs are housed on the Statesboro campus.

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A report on the usability of the Armstrong athletic facilities for NCAA Division 1 sports is forthcoming.

The decision on proposed changes should be made public sometime in April.

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**Georgia Southern Baseball To Host FanFest Saturday**

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Georgia Southern University (GSU) baseball will host its annual Fan Fest on Saturday Feb. 10. The event will be held at Statesboro’s campus at J.U. Clements Stadium and will feature a scrimmage with the team, a baseball clinic for children and an autograph session to cap off the event.

The gates open will open at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and the event will begin at 11 a.m. The team will have an open scrimmage to showcase the team’s talent and strength. The 2018 baseball season in front of the fans. The team scrimmage will last approximately two hours.

After the scrimmage, children ages 6-12 will be able to participate in a free baseball clinic on the field. Student athletes will guide children on an array of different baseball basic workouts.

Each young participant will receive free ticket to the baseball game later in the day against Louisiana’s Ragin’ Cajuns. The team will be signing autographs on the concourse by the stadium with an array of coaches and players. Merchandise available for purchase. Fans can take pictures by the Blue Monster, the infamous 10-foot tall wall in the outfield. Fans are also encouraged to bring their used baseball equipment that will be donated to Dominican baseball programs in order to spread the game of baseball throughout the Dominican Republic.

This a sports-filled event and opportunity to experience the Statesboro campus, where students can also take advantage of the 5 p.m. baseball game versus top Sun Belt Conference team Ragin’ Cajuns. Go Eagles and support GSU baseball and basketball this Saturday. Go Eagles! - according to Whitaker, was to “create a cost savings and to level fees where services would be comparable.”

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**Controlling Controversial Civil War Memorials**

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The Task Force charged with recommending changes to Savannah’s Civil War Memorials, presented their findings to the Savannah City Council Thursday.

Mayor Eddie Deloach announced the task force on Oct. 12, 2017. The Mayor tasked the Task Force after violence erupted in Charleston, S.C., following an “alternative-right” rally. The Task Force was charged with making simple and sensible recommendations that would address ways to make the Confederate Memorial more representative of Savannah’s community while also preserving Savannah’s unique history, according to the report.

Eight recommendations were brought before the council. The recommendations were aimed at creating a contemporary context for the memorials. This recommendation would preserve the chance for future generations to add to and modify, and restore the memorial to its original intentions.

If the city implements the changes, a plaque will be added to the monument in the middle of Forsyth Park that reads: “This memorial was originally erected in 1875 to the city’s Confederate dead, redesignated in 1879 and re-dedicated in 2018 to all the end of the American Civil War.” The plaque would be placed in the north-facing open panel of the memorial. The south-facing open panel would be left blank to give future generations a chance to add a memorial.

Removal of the McLaws and Barlow monuments was included in the recommendations. The two bronze barsity boxes were placed in the memorial 35 years after the erection of the original memorial and “are distractions from the original memorial,” according to the Task Force. Under the recommendation, the busts would be moved to Laurel Grove Cemetery where the two soldiers who are buried.

The council also seems poised to pass Alderman Van Johnson’s proposal to lease the Confederate Memorial more permanent. The proposal would eliminate jail time and reduce the penalty from $1,000 to $150 for individuals caught with less than one ounce of marijuana in city limits.

During the first reading at last Thursday’s City Council meeting, Johnson thanked the Council and the Mayor for the opportunity to bring his proposal before them. Johnson wanted the proposal to get “not this is not an opportunity for criminal justice, but also an opportunity for social justice,” he explained. Johnson also mentioned the Mayor and other council members, including Aldermen Thomas and Durrence and Alderwoman Shabazz who supported moving the proposal to the first reading.

Alderman John Hall added that he wanted to “thank Alderman Johnson’s progressive thinking and hard work in introducing this piece of legislation.”

The proposal has previously received support from both interim SCMPD Chief Reventos and Retiring Chief Lumpkin. However, Sheriff John Wilcher does not share the enthusiasm.

In a previous council meeting, Sheriff Wilcher reiterated that “the law says possession of marijuana is illegal, it’s illegal.” Wilcher also added that “[T] is all still pass an ordinance in this city, I am still going to cite people it says they must be taken to jail, they must be fingerprinted, and they must receive a mugshot,” he concluded.

The proposal will come up for a second reading on March 1.

The council also adopted a motion to approve a resolution designating the city of Savannah as an information technology corridor. Keith Fletcher, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Speros, a technology firm, testified before the council highlighting the benefits of Savannah becoming an IT corridor. According to Fletcher, “an IT corridor here in the Savannah area will bring high-tech technology jobs to Savannah.”

The council unanimously approved the motion.

Near the end of the meeting, Alderman Thomas floated the idea of Savannah joining a host of other cities in the fight against pharmaceutical companies in regards to the opioid crisis. Thomas asked City Attorney, Brooks Stillwell, how Savannah could aid in the crisis. Stillwell told Council that he would look into it and have something for them at the next Council meeting.

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February is the perfect time for romantic movies in hit theaters, and with this Valentine's Day, a particular movie comes into mind. The final and third installment in the Fifty Shades series is back. Romance drama Fifty Shades Freed will premiere on Feb. 9. The film stars Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan as newlyweds who must confront their past and face new threats which could jeopardize their happy ending.

Another romantic drama Every Day is about a 16-year-old girl who falls in love with someone who inhabits a different body every day. They try to find each other on a daily basis, but soon the toil of loving a new person every day will force the two to make tough decisions. Every Day will premiere on Feb. 23.

If you're in the mood for something a little bit more classic, why not watch "The Notebook? Based on the Nicholas Sparks novel, this romantic drama stars Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling as a couple whose love story withstands the tests of time. If you haven't seen this tear-jerker, then it is worth the watch. But if you have seen it, why not watch it again? "The Notebook" is timeless.

So, if you're in the Valentine's Day mood and in need of some heartwarming love stories or just in need of some new premieres, this is the perfect time to binge watch. Let us know what you think of these movies and shows and feel free to write for us!
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