

Dear UGA Student:

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Earlier today, the Board of Regents held a special meeting to approve further budget reductions for the University System of Georgia from 6% to 8%. As detailed in a memo from Chancellor Davis which can be viewed at

<http://www.bursar.uga.edu/Feestudentletter.pdf>

one of those steps was to implement for the spring 2009 semester, a special additional \$100 student fee to help maintain the academic quality that you demand.

This Special Spring '09 Semester Fee of \$100 will be assessed to your student account on or before December 12, 2008. Any time there is activity on a student's account, the student is notified via email that they need to review their account. All students will receive an email from the student account system when the \$100 fee is added to their account. When you receive this future email notification, please take a moment to review your account. All payment types (check, electronic check, credit card) are available to satisfy this fee.

When you review your spring 2009 bill online you will be able to identify this fee under the heading "Special SPR09 Fee/Tech Fee" which is a combination of the \$100 Special Spring '09 Semester fee and the \$108 technology fee which is assessed each semester. You will see a total amount under the heading "Special SPR09 Fee/Tech Fee" of \$208.

If based on your financial aid award, financial aid funds are available to pay the \$100 fee, those funds will be applied to satisfy your student account balance prior to any financial aid disbursement to you. If financial aid awards are not available to pay the \$100 fee, you will need to pay this fee and any other student account balance by January 22, 2009 – the deadline to pay student account balances to avoid spring semester schedule cancellation. Please note that as with all increases that have been made to mandatory student fees since fall 2003, Hope Scholarship funds will not cover this fee.

We regret that this notification is coming at such a late date, but the economic crisis is substantial and the budget requires this action. Please know that this fee is critically needed for us to fulfill our responsibility to provide you with academic programs of excellence and high-quality student services.

Sincerely,

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