

**Date of Board Meeting:** January 21, 2025

**Subject:** Add Course Lab Fee to Two New Biology Courses

**Recommendation:** Approve Lab Fees, Effective Fall 2025

**Background and Rationale:**

The request is to add a \$30 lab fee to two new biology courses, BIOL 2404 Human Biology lecture/lab and BIOL 2106 Environmental Biology lab, effective fall 2025. Both courses, as well as BIOL 2306 Environmental Biology lecture, have been approved by the Curriculum and Instructional Resources (CIR) Committee and will be submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to seek permission to add to WCJC's core curriculum. If approved by THECB, the courses will be added to the course schedule for fall 2025. All life science labs include a lab fee to help offset the cost of consumables, repair and maintenance of lab equipment, and other costs associated with the operation of science labs. Lab fee approval must occur prior to the opening of fall 2025 registration that begins in April.

**Cost and Budgetary Support:** No Cost

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**       Student Success       Community Impact  
    Resource Optimization       Institutional Excellence

**Resource Person(s):** Jennifer Mahlmann, Biology Department Head  
   Kevin Dees, Life Science Division Chair

**Signatures:**

Kevin Dees

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**President's Approval:**

Betty A. McNeal  
President

1-13-25  
Date