WVSU Campus Radio:

Sole source of funding has been student fees. Approximately $20,000 annually in student activity fees is collected and appropriated for the University to have a radio lab and "station" for our students, faculty, staff, alumni and other members of the "State family"

Rent for facility is $11,500, which is over half of the revenue.

Rent in the Wilson Student Union for University related groups is based on square footage ($11.87). For-profit groups pay based on income (Taco Bell, Subway).

What we have done to compensate for paying rent:

We cancelled subscription to music services.

We have requested funds from the Communications Department to purchase equipment used in radio facility AND classroom instruction (Dept Chairs Marrash-Minnerly and Shafer have provided much needed equipment)

We have had all repairs, installations and maintenance performed by ETC staff (Garvey Price, Jeff Higley and Tom Ogle)

Students pay out of pocket for media (blank CDs, jump drives), some travel (to provide coverage of away athletic events), and contest entry applications (National Broadcasting Society Undergraduate Competitions). Recently the Athletic Department has helped with travel expenses when necessary.

What we would do if we didn't pay for space:

Stop expecting students to provide as much financial resources.

Upgrade our physical facility; sound proof studios, replace aging computers and audio software, add microphones and mixer to classroom space to record large groups and multi-person interviews.

Provide additional field equipment for students to use in gathering sound.

Enhance our presence at our own athletic facilities; purchase mic system to allow for crowd and game sounds in our live broadcasts.

Maintain money for repair and replacement of everyday use equipment.