

ACADEMIC SENATE
of
THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Item 5

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March 11-12, 2004

Long-term Undergraduate Student Fee Policy

- RESOLVED: That the State shall bear the preponderance of responsibility for funding the cost of education for all California State University (CSU) eligible undergraduates; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the state university fees for the CSU paid by full time, in-state students shall rise to a permanent cap of 25 percent of the actual cost of instruction, as calculated by the Chancellor's Office, inclusive of technology support, library resources, and faculty compensation needs; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That fees should be raised on a schedule that would achieve a permanent cap of 25 percent in eight years; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees shall set aside an appropriate percentage of new revenue generated by the annual increases in resident undergraduate fees for institutional financial aid programs for CSU students; and shall make a determination of this amount by calculating federal and state financial aid resources and information provided in the Student Fee, Financial Aid and Cost of Education report.

RATIONALE: In-state student fees remain among the lowest in the nation. However, the actual cost of instruction per student in the CSU system has risen to approximately \$13,000 annually when one takes into account the cost of technology, library resources, and adequate compensation to bring faculty salaries up to the average in their cohort of state universities nationally. Furthermore, the current funding to the CSU has declined to only \$10,355 per student toward the actual cost of educating students. Thus, the CSU system must receive increased funding from the state of California and from student fees.

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