Board of Trustees Highlighted Agenda Items: July 21, 2009

Trustees to Vote on Student Fee Increase
Facing an unprecedented drop in state support, the California State University Board of Trustees will vote on a State University Fee increase for the 2009-10 academic year. If approved, beginning in fall 2009, annual full-time fees will increase by $672 for undergraduate students, $780 for teacher credential students and $828 for graduate students. This increase will be in addition to the $306 fee increase (fulltime undergraduate) adopted in May.

The undergraduate State University Fee would go up from $3,354, as adopted in May, to $4,026 per year. Including the average campus fees of $801, undergrads would pay approximately $4,827 per year, which continues to be the lowest fee rate among comparable institutions.

The university will set aside one-third of the revenue from the fee increase ($79 million) to augment financial aid to cover the fee increase for financially needy students. The remaining $157 million will help mitigate impacts to student access and quality as a result of the unprecedented reduction in state budget support.

More than 187,000 students will be covered dollar-for-dollar for the increase through a mix of grants, fee waivers and newly expanded federal tax credits.

Trustees will also vote on a nonresident tuition increase of $33 per semester unit ($22 per quarter unit). This would raise full-time tuition from $10,170 to $11,160, and generate approximately $11.5 million for the 2009-10 budget year. This is the first increase in nonresident tuition since 2004-05. Visit the CSU Budget Central site to learn more about fees and financial aid.

CSU Budget Update
Trustees will hear a report on the CSU 2008-09 and 2009-10 budgets. Gov. Schwarzenegger and the legislature remain deadlocked on closing a $26.3 billion budget deficit. The "July Revision" of the budget proposes a "retroactive" reduction to the CSU budget for 2008-09 of $717.5 million which would directly impact the budget for 2009-10.

After taking into account proposed 2008-09 and 2009-10 proposed reductions, and the expected stimulus funds, the CSU estimates a 2009-10 budget deficit of $584 million.

Title 5 Amendment: Personnel
The Board of Trustees will vote on a Title 5 amendment to allow the chancellor to furlough non-represented, management and executive employees in cases of natural disaster, epidemic, other debilitating events, or a financial crisis. Other amendments will also give the chancellor similar authority to reduce pay or institute unpaid holidays for non-represented employees.

Furloughs have been proposed as part of a range of option to address a CSU 2009-10 budget deficit of $584 million. If passed by the board, all executive, management and non-represented employees will begin to furlough on August 1, 2009.

Title 5 Amendment: Education
A separate Title 5 amendment will grant campus presidents the authority to preclude any student from enrolling in any additional state-supported courses when that student has met all necessary requirements for a degree. The presidents may also take action to confer a degree to those students.

This amendment is intended to increase space available for new and continuing students at a time when the CSU is limiting enrollment and turning away thousands of qualified applicants.
Board of Trustees Agenda and Schedule

The CSU Board of Trustees will convene at the CSU Chancellor’s Office, 401 Golden Shore, Long Beach, CA. Unless noted, meetings take place in the Dumke Auditorium. Times are approximate.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009
9:30 a.m. Board of Trustees – Closed Session, Munitz Conference Room
  • Executive Personnel Matters
  • Presidential Evaluations
    (Government Code Section 11126[a] (1)

10 a.m. Committee on Collective Bargaining—Closed Session, Munitz Conference Room
(Government Code Section 3596[d])

11 a.m. Committee on Collective Bargaining—Open Session

11:30 a.m. Committee on University and Faculty Personnel
  • Proposed Title 5 Revisions: Addition of Article 6.8 Regarding Furloughs of Non-Represented Employees; Addition of Article 6.9 Regarding Reductions in Pay for Non-Represented Employees; and Amendment to Holidays Provision, Action

11:40 a.m. Committee on Educational Policy
  • Title 5 Revision: California Code of Regulations - Conferral of Degree upon Completion of Degree Requirements, Action

11:45 a.m. Lunch Break

12:30 p.m. Committee on Finance
  • Report on the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Support Budgets, Information
  • State University Fee Increase, Action
  • Nonresident Tuition Increase, Action

2 p.m. Board of Trustees – Open Session

MEDIA INFORMATION: Reporters who cannot attend the meeting may hear any open portion of it by calling 916-278-2663 (password: 0901222#)