Date: June 20, 2014

To: Members, CSU Board of Trustee

From: Lou Monville  
Chair, CSU Board of Trustees

Re: Student Success Fee Working Group

Upon the suggestion of a number of Trustees, in light of recent political and media discussion of “Student Success Fees” and in consultation with the Chancellor, I have asked that a Student Success Fee Working group be formed. This working group will study the role, process and enactment of type of category II campus-based mandatory fee that must be paid by a student to enroll or attend a campus of the California State University commonly known as “Student Success Fees”.

The working group will be comprised of: Trustee Doug Faigin, Trustee and Student Talar Alexanian, Chancellor Timothy White, President Mildred Garcia and President Jeff Armstrong. An initial finding of the group will be presented at the September 2014 Board of Trustees meeting, which will include the annual report which is typically presented at the November meeting.

The charge to the committee is to study and present findings on the following:

1. The process and history by which category II campus-based mandatory fees are enacted and the approval process;
2. The notification process by which the Board of Trustees and Chancellor are informed of category II fee discussions on campuses;
3. The accountability and outcome reporting process to the stakeholders of category II fees to include, the Board of Trustees, students, faculty and staff and the public at large;
4. The impact of category II fees on student success, and affordability;
5. The inequity of category II fees across the 23 campus system, with an additional overlay of racial, socioeconomic, and academic readiness data.

The goal of the Student Success Working Group is to better inform the Board of Trustees and Chancellor of the future of such category II fees, and understand the impact of the fees in the changing funding models for the California State University.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the Chancellor directly should you have any questions.

cc: Chancellor Timothy White  
CSU Presidents  
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