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## **RE: California State University Student Success Fees**

The following is a report which summarizes student success fees adopted or rescinded in the prior academic year, and the uses of proposed and currently implemented student success fees by the California State University (CSU).

This report fulfills the requirements of Section 89712 of the Education Code, which identifies the information to be contained in the report submission and is prepared by December 1 of each year for the Legislature and Department of Finance.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Nathan Dietrich, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advocacy and State Relations at (916) 445-5983.

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**Report to the Legislature  
and Department of Finance  
December 1, 2023**

## California State University Student Success Fees

as reported for the 2022-23 Academic Year

### Background

As required by Section 89712 of the Education Code, the California State University (CSU) is required to report a summary of the student success fees adopted or rescinded in the prior academic year and the uses of proposed and currently implemented fees. This statute is consistent with the adopted CSU policy that requires annual reporting to the public.

A “student success fee” is a type of category II campus-based mandatory fee that is required to be paid by a student before that student may enroll or attend a specific CSU campus. When the governor signed Senate Bill 860 in June 2014, it added Education Code Section 89712 addressing category II campus-based mandatory student success fees. The role, process, and enactment of student success fees were further codified when the governor signed Assembly Bill 1000 in 2015, incorporating provisions adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees for CSU student fee policy related to student success fees.

Additional information regarding the CSU’s student success fees can be found at [calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/csu-costs/student-success-fees](https://calstate.edu/attend/paying-for-college/csu-costs/student-success-fees). The website provides additional background, fee amounts and revenue by campus, and the process to establish, revise, or repeal the fees.

### Changes to Student Success Fees in 2022-23

For academic year 2022-23, there were only minor increases to student success fee rates to reflect inflationary factors. The average annual fee rate increased by \$7 (1.6%) to \$446.

Twelve of the twenty-three campuses charged a student success fee in 2022-23 ranging from \$198 to \$949. There were no new fees proposed or adopted, nor were any fees rescinded during the academic year.

## Use of Student Success Fees

A student success fee is a type of campus-based, campus-driven, campus-managed fee designed to enhance the quality of the campus environment and academic programs to improve the experience of students on a specific campus. No student success fee is identical to any other as each reflects the purposes and priorities of the individual campus implementing the fee.

The table below shows how student success fee revenues were expended in 2022-23:

Campus Identified SSF Activity Area	Actual Expenditures	Percentage
Student Support Activities	26,968,000	21.1%
Increased Courses	25,282,000	19.8%
Student Success and Retention	20,936,000	16.4%
Technology Improvements	18,785,000	14.7%
Student Academic Programs	14,800,000	11.6%
Student Development	9,133,000	7.2%
Student Academic Support	6,795,000	5.3%
Fee Consolidation and Elimination	2,010,000	1.6%
Student Engagement	1,844,000	1.5%
Facility Renovations	1,054,000	0.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,607,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Implementation and use of these fees began in 2008 to augment state funding which was reduced during the Great Recession, beginning at one campus and currently utilized at twelve of the twenty-three CSU campuses. The campus community determines the need for a student success fee and how the fee revenue is to be used to improve the quality of academic programs or the campus experience for students.

Student success fees fund a variety of priorities determined by each campus; however, there are common themes between the campuses. Most campuses utilize these funds for increasing high demand course offerings to facilitate graduation, expanding library hours to evenings and weekends, modernizing classroom information technology, provide funding for intercollegiate athletic programs including scholarship funding and facility improvements, as well as expanded career guidance programs.

Other activities funded by these revenues include student leadership development programs, student projects/competitions/performances, joint student and faculty research opportunities, participation in professional conferences, and diversity initiatives.