

Statement of Reasons

for Amendment of

Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 41800.1

The California State University Board of Trustees is considering a change in the application fee for the first time since 1989. However, section 41800.1 sets the application fee at \$55 and must be amended to effectuate any change in the fee.

The proposed amendment removes language setting the application fee at \$55 and replaces it with less specific language indicating just that the CSU Board of Trustees shall set the application fee amount. While section 41800 grants the CSU Board of Trustees the authority to set fees, the current section 41800.1 limits the flexibility of the Board to adjust the application fee amount given its express reference to \$55.

The proposed amendment to section 41800.1 allows the CSU Board of Trustees to consider and implement a change to the current application fee rate of \$55 if it deems the change appropriate and necessary, and per the authority granted to do so in section 41800. Should the CSU Board of Trustees decide to change the application fee, the Board would be doing so for the first time in 30 years, and the increase would help support the application system, fund changes to the application fee waiver criteria, and support implementation of the new redirection policy and systems. An increased application fee is anticipated to be considered in the summer of 2019 and take effect on October 1, 2019 for applicants applying for the Fall 2020 term.