

# HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

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Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)  
Humboldt State University

Re: Student Fee Advisory Committee Recommendations

Dear Student Fee Advisory Committee Members:

Thank you for your memorandum regarding the proposed increases to the Campus Union Fee, Student Health Fee, and the Health Facilities Fee. I appreciate the committee's thoughtful consideration regarding the importance of expanding our on-campus medical and mental health services to better serve students, while also voicing concern about the financial impact the fee increases would have if fully implemented in a single year. I concur with the Student Fee Advisory Committee's (SFAC) recommendations and approve the following:

## Campus Union Fee

- As recommended by the Student Fee Advisory Committee, the Campus Union Fee will not increase at this time. I recognize that two-thirds of the students who voted in the Student Referendum opposed the requested increase.

## Student Health Fee

- Following extensive consultation, the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) recommended increasing the Student Health Fee from \$218 to \$319 per semester (\$8 related to the existing Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) inflationary rate approved on the fee and \$93 per semester in new funding requested through the alternative consultation process). I approve implementing the approved fee increase over two years to reduce the impact of the fee increase in a single year, and approve the semester rate of \$288 for 2018-19 (as reflected in Table 1, in the "Approved 2018-19 Fee Rate" column, below).
- Based on the SFAC's multi-year recommendation, I am also approving the semester rate for 2019-20 of \$319 per semester, plus the Milliman Medical Index inflationary increase for that year (as reflected in Table 1, in the "Approved 2019-20 Fee Rate" column), pending justification (see next bullet).
- Change the annual cost index multiplier from the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) to the Milliman Medical Index (MMI). To increase the fee by the MMI, the University Budget Office, in consultation with Student Health and Wellbeing

Services and the Vice President for Student Affairs, will provide an analysis and justification to the Student Fee Advisory Committee as early as possible in the spring semester; SFAC will then forward its recommendation to the President for approval.

**Table 1. Student Health Fee Rates for 2017-18 through 2019-20**

| <b>Student Health Fee</b> | <b>2017-18<br/>Fee Rate</b> | <b>Proposed<br/>2018-19 Fee<br/>Rate</b> | <b>Approved<br/>2018-19 Fee<br/>Rate</b> | <b>Approved<br/>2019-20 Fee<br/>Rate</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Semester Rate             | \$218                       | \$319                                    | \$288                                    | \$319 + MMI                              |
| Annual Rate               | \$436                       | \$638                                    | \$576                                    | \$638 + MMI                              |

#### Health Facilities Fee

- The Student Fee Advisory Committee also recommended increasing the Health Facilities Fee increase; this fee increase is approved for implementation over four years to reduce the impact of the fee increase in a single year (as reflected in Table 2). This plan will create the funding necessary to: 1) maintain the existing facility in the short term and 2) invest in a new facility in the long term (fall 2022 target date).
- I approve increasing the fee from \$3 to \$18 per semester in 2018-19 (as reflected in Table 2, in the “Approved 2018-19 Fee Rate” column).
- I approve increasing the fee from \$18 to \$33 per semester in 2019-20 (as reflected in Table 2, in the “Approved 2019-20 Fee Rate” column).
- I conditionally approve increasing the fee from \$33 to \$58 per semester in 2020-21 (as reflected in Table 2, in the “Approved 2020-21 Fee Rate” column), with the understanding that the fee rate may be recalibrated based on updated financial plans related to the new facility.
- I conditionally approve increasing the fee from \$58 to \$83 per semester in 2021-22 (as reflected in Table 2, in the “Approved 2021-22 Fee Rate” column), with the understanding that the final fee rate will be recalibrated based on updated financial plans related to the new facility.
- The Milliman Medical Index (MMI) is approved as the annual cost-index multiplier for the Health Facilities Fee beginning in fall 2022. To increase the fee by the MMI, the University Budget Office, in consultation with Student Health and Wellbeing Services and the Vice President for Student Affairs, will provide an analysis and justification to the Student Fee Advisory Committee as early as possible in the spring semester; SFAC will then forward its recommendation to the President for approval.

**Table 2. Health Facility Fee Rates**

| Health Facility Fee | 2017-18 Fee Rate | Proposed 2018-19 Fee Rate | Approved 2018-19 Fee Rate | Approved 2019-20 Fee Rate | Approved* 2020-21 Fee Rate | Approved* 2021-22 Fee Rate |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Semester Rate       | \$3              | \$55                      | \$18                      | \$33                      | \$58                       | \$83                       |
| Annual Rate         | \$6              | \$110                     | \$36                      | \$66                      | \$116                      | \$166                      |

*\*Note: The approved increases in 2020-21 and 2021-22 are estimates and will be recalibrated after results of the facility feasibility study, project design and development, and related financial plans have been completed and approved.*

By implementing the fee increases gradually over multiple years, HSU will be able to expand medical and mental health services to meet the needs of our students right away, while spreading the financial impact over a longer timeframe, as recommended by SFAC.

Thank you for your service on this important committee and your careful consideration of how student fees can help meet the needs of HSU students.

With best wishes,



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President