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## APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES FEE

Education Code Section 76355 provides the governing board of a community college district the authority to increase the student health services fee by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services. Whenever that calculation produces an increase of \$1 above the existing fee, the fee may be increased by \$1.

Based on calculations by the Financial, Economic, and Demographic unit in the Department of Finance, the Implicit Price Deflator Index has increased enough since the last fee increase of April 2006 to permit a \$1 increase in student health fees. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has informed all districts that effective with the Summer Session of 2007, districts may begin charging a maximum fee of \$16 per semester, \$13 for each summer session, and the Vice Presidents of Student Services recommend immediate implementation of the increase.

All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Student Health Fee Account in the Restricted General Fund of the District. These fees shall be expended only to provide health services as specified in regulations adopted by the Board of Governors. Allowable expenditures include health supervision and services, or the operation of a student health center, or both. Allowable expenditures exclude athletic-related salaries, services, insurance, insurance deductibles, or any other expense that is not available to all students. No student shall be denied a service supported by the student health fee on account of participation in athletic programs.

Currently, the District provides health services at a cost that exceeds the fee collected. Each year, the District files a State Mandated Cost Claim for the difference, although the State has not paid on these claims the last five years. The mandate remains.

The San Mateo County Community College District provides health services to students as required to sustain a "maintenance of effort" necessary to support its "mandated cost" claim submitted to the State each year. The mandated cost reimbursement guidelines call for the District to adjust its health fee charge to the maximum allowable to minimize the state's burden. Accordingly, the intent is to implement the current \$16 per semester for Fall 2007 and \$13 effective Summer 2007.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve establishment of the District Student Health Fee at \$16 per semester and \$13 per summer session, effective Summer 2007 semester.

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### Parking Facts for San Mateo County Community College District

The District is proposing that the Fall and Spring semester fee increase to \$40 and the daily fee increase to \$2 effective with Fall, 2007.

#### Current Fees

The parking permit fees for the District are \$30 per semester for Fall and Spring and \$20 for Summer. Daily permits are \$1. The District has the next lowest parking permit fees and the lowest daily fees in the Bay Area. Other local college fees are:

College	Fall/Spring Semester	Summer Semester	Daily Permits
Chabot College	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00
Contra Costa College	\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00
West Valley-Mission	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00
San Jose-Evergreen	\$ 40.00	No Info	\$ 2.00
CCSF	\$ 40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 3.00
Ohlone College	\$ 26.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 2.00
Foothill-DeAnza	\$ 40.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.00

#### Parking Spaces

CSM has 4,231 parking spaces, but many of the lots are in need of improvement. Skyline has 2,121 parking spaces, down 61 spaces due to construction. Cañada has 1,670 parking spaces, including 40 new spaces that have been added with Measures A & C construction. Although the bond measures will allow the colleges to resurface their parking lots without impacting fees, other parking lot maintenance, utilities and security costs continue to rise.

#### Parking Fund Deficit

Fees have not been increased at the colleges for over 5 years, while salaries, benefits and utilities have increased steadily during that time. The colleges have been using their general funds to subsidize the parking fund. That has taken funds away from students. CSM has spent over \$60,000 in 2005/06 and is projected to spend almost \$40,000 in 2006/07 of the general fund that could have been used for students. Skyline has spent over \$33,000 in 2004/05 and over \$44,000 in 2005/06. Cañada has spent over \$9,600 in 2004/05 and over \$11,800 in 2005/06. Fees are kept separately at each college.

#### Low-Income Students

Students who are eligible for a Board of Governor's Grant that waives their tuition fees pay only \$20 per semester for a parking permit. This proposed increase would not affect those students. Their parking permit fee will remain at \$20.

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