

COSAF Report | Recommendations & Comments

Review: CEI Fee, *Campus Expansion Initiative*

February 9, 2024

Action Item #2024-053

Quorum Met

Per the Council on Student Affairs and Fees Bylaws: *Recommendations associated with Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments must have a quorum, defined as **half the voting membership**, rounded up to the nearest number.*

Total voting members: **19**
 In attendance at 2/9/24 meeting: **17**
 Quorum was met at **89%** attendance

CEI CPI Recommendations

CEI provisions:

- Law Student(s) will make recommendations on the **Student Health Center**.
- Graduate & Professional students will make recommendations on **Student Health Center, Student Community Center** and **Campus Recreation/Sport Clubs and Rec Sports**.
- Remainder of Council will make recommendations on all components of CEI.
- **Unitrans** does not receive a CPI adjustment, as the fee covers debt service on buses (not operational costs)

Per the Council on Student Affairs and Fees Bylaws: *Recommendations associated with CPI adjustments on Campus Based Fees must pass by **66%**, rounded to the nearest number.*

A Qualtrics survey was administered to voting members on 2/9/24, asking if they recommend a CPI adjustment to the department in 2024-25. Following are the survey results:

	Intercollegiate Athletics	Campus Recreation	Student Health & Counseling Svcs	Coffee House	Student Community Ctr	Unitrans
YES	12	14	15	13	14	<i>Not eligible for CPI</i>
NO	1	2	2	0	2	<i>Not eligible for CPI</i>
	Yes – 92%	Yes – 87.5%	Yes – 88%	Yes – 100%	Yes – 87.5%	

RESULTS: COSAF recommends a CPI adjustment to all components of the CEI fee in 2024-25: Intercollegiate Athletics, Campus Recreation, Student Health & Counseling Services, Coffee House, Student Community Center

The next pages include recommendations and comments provided by council members following the CEI department presentations during Winter quarter.

Intercollegiate Athletics Presentation to COSAF 1/12/24 (Division I and Grants-in-Aid)

YES VOTE comments

Since there is going to be a slight adjustment for the fee, it makes me more comfortable approving the CPI increase.

With the new agreement between administration, ICA, and ASUCD in lowering fees for the student body that go towards ICA, it makes sense that there is a CPI adjustment this year so that the program can support student athletes that need it.

I appreciate their presentation including the human factor and sharing student athletes' experiences. We often talk about percentages and numbers while referring to students, it was useful to hear our student athletes and how these scholarships help them pursue their goals.

Athletics spends every last dollar allotted to them for grants and I appreciate that they also do fundraising to continue to give more grant support for student athletes.

Increasing the CPI for athletics is essential as it not only fosters a sense of pride for the university but also ensures the continuity of funding for athletic scholarships through CEI. The allocation of scholarships, especially to athletes from low-income backgrounds, significantly enhances their opportunities and quality of life.

Athletic scholarships play an integral role in a student's decision to be a student and athlete at UCD. Having to lessen the amount of scholarships offered or amount per scholarship given would be upsetting especially for those that depend on this aid in order to fund their education and athletic career. This department continues to demonstrate to COSAF their frugality with their expenses in other means and I don't think scholarships should be something they have to make frugal with.

I love the fact that Davis competes at the D1 level and find it crucial that we have funds to offer athletes scholarships if we want to continue to compete at this level. Also, the firsthand accounts of how this money has changed the lives of our very own athletes were very informative.

This is very important for the campus.

NO VOTE comments

n/a

ALTERNATE MEMBER comments

Supporting the Athletics' Department and their requested increase for 2024-25 is necessary for the department to continue building a standard of excellence and school spirit.

I believe funding would be better spent in areas of UC Davis, where the funds would affect a wider, student body. Funding for Division I athletics only affects a small subset of the Davis community, and other fees could have a more impactful effect on UC Davis students as a whole.

The presentation given portrayed that the ICA is very mindful about their spending and budgeting. They make good use of their funds and it is clear they are continuing to always strive to improve their teams and divisions.

Campus Recreation Presentation to COSAF 1/12/24 (Sport Clubs & Rec Sports)

YES VOTE comments

The presentation was extremely informative and provided valuable insight about the usage of funds.

The sports Clubs and Rec Sports presentation more than justified their request for a CPI adjustment, especially since their reserves will be used up after the completion of their turf replacement.

I believe that Sports Clubs and Rec Sports have built a strong relationship with clubs that work with Campus Recreation to fundraise for a portion of their funds; it is necessary for Campus Recreation to have funds to maintain the quality of the fields these teams use.

The presentation was very specific, they detailed the price and use of reserves for the replacement of Dairy field turf. They also explained facility maintenance expenses. They showed the impact of the teams they oversee, as well as the major accomplishments of some teams. These teams help students distract themselves from academics and other responsibilities.

The presentation was very informative and put together nicely. I enjoyed all the statistics included as it helped to visualize the impact that campus recreation has on students.

In addition to providing students on campus work opportunities, this fee supports a wonderful service and opportunity for students.

Sports Clubs and Rec Sports are integral to fostering communities and promoting physical health for students. The planned renovation of Dairy field and increased wage costs justify Campus Rec's current carryforward funds and a CPI adjustment.

I am glad to see that Sport Clubs and Rec Sports is spending down their reserves and support a CPI adjustment to reflect inflation costs.

I found Campus Rec's presentation to be very informative. They did a great job at showcasing how their reserves will be used.

This is a very important activity for students.

Most of this fee is used for student salary's and would need CPI to match inflation.

NO VOTE comments

Campus Rec always provides very insightful presentations and offers a huge variety of sports for our students here. However, from a fiscal perspective it sounds like the CEI fee is helping increase their reserves which already are in the millions for a capital project and therefore I don't deem it a necessity to apply a CPI adjustment.

ALTERNATE MEMBER comments

I don't believe that a CPI adjustment is worth it for the Sport Clubs and Rec Sports program. While, a CPI adjustment would be helpful to fund student salaries, only a select section of the student populace utilizes the Rec sports program. The available reserve fund can be used to prioritize student salaries.

Based on the presentations given, it seems like the current and projected uses of the funds are needed and practical.

YES VOTE comments

There is a clear need for funds and the presentation provided information regarding the specific uses of the funds.

With more than 40 percent of the student body utilizing the Student Health and Counseling services, this department has shown its importance to the UC Davis Community. A CPI adjustment will let them continue the services they provide.

SHCS is a really important service and necessary for our campus. It would be great if the service can be grown so that every student that needs counselling has access.

I appreciate SHCS aiming to keep primary care fees as low as they can, these can push students to take care of their body if needed. During their presentation, they explained that they see higher rates of students utilizing mental health services in comparison to other schools. I appreciate their efforts to onboarding more counselors and hope we get updates on this in the future.

The Student Health and Counseling Service provides essential services for students. I do have concerns on their large carry forward but am happy to see they have proactive plans to spend it down.

I believe the SHCS services many students and has shown the Council exactly how a CPI increase can further benefit our students.

The Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) plays a critical role in supporting students, ensuring that students have easy access to medical services. The potential replacement cost of equipment at the SHWC, in the event of malfunction or damage, justifies the SHCS having a high carryforward balance. A CPI increase helps with advancements in healthcare service delivery to students and increasing costs.

I appreciated last year that Student Health and Counseling Services did not request a CPI adjustment because there was not a specific need. This year they are requesting an adjustment and I feel that they have demonstrated both planned uses for their reserves and a need.

SHCS recent expansion project provides students on campus with more resource and access to mental health services. From their various presentations it sounds like this department is always trying to find more providers to increase the care they can provide and the CEI fee will allow them to cover these salary increases.

SHCS is making very student-centered improvements! I can't wait to see how their planned uses of their reserves turns out.

This is very important for the campus.

The Student Health and Counseling Services are integral for continued UCD student success. They provided a comprehensive list of resources they intend to have in the future for continued student success.

The CEI fund is definitely crucial to the operation and maintenance of SHCS given that it takes up 17% of the funding sources. This service is not only used by a majority of students, but is quite necessary for a student's wellbeing and health. They are not frivolously spending but instead using funds to replace outdated furniture and expand their access to students. Not approving a CPI increase would truly only hurt students, given that it would affect salaries, equipment, and maintenance.

Student Health & Counseling Services Presentation to COSAF 1/12/24 *continued*

NO VOTE comments

With there being not much difference in costs between this and last year, there is no need for an adjustment this year.

ALTERNATE MEMBER comments

The fee increase for 2024-25 seems necessary to support these services which are vital to students and their health.

I support a CPI adjustment for the SHCS. Considering the profound effect student health can have on a student's academic, physical, and mental well-being, a new SHCS building with adequate funding should be a priority of this committee. Funding for new equipment and space for more patient will make a meaningful difference for the UC Davis student body.

The presentation given was very insightful as it gave a deeper look into what the funding is used for and what the projected funds will be used for.

I appreciate the summary of the level of service provided and efforts to improve inclusivity in the system.

It would be nice to relocate the counseling service department near the SHCS with support of CEI funds.

Student Community Center Presentation to COSAF 1/26/24

YES VOTE comments

SCC is such a great space and i agree with the discussion of reducing the computers and increasing study space. Really appreciate that they are open till pretty late and on weekends too!

Since the SCC is funded only on CEI, the CPI adjustment is crucial. I appreciate their transparency and their pro-action on making the space available to students by reserving all the rooms for study-sessions during finals week.

I believe that the SCC will make good use of the CPI adjustment as they have worked hard to offer an inclusive space on campus that many walks of life can utilize.

The student community center provides space for students and the campus community. As a student building, the building is provided free of charge to students.

I am glad to see that the SCC has planned to spend down their reserves. As long as that remains the plan, then I will support a CPI adjustment.

I vote to apply the CPI increase to the SCC however with that being said I'd like to comment that I'd like to see more study space made available in the SCC. They currently offer an excellent bar seating upstairs however it is quite small and I think being able to expand that potentially along the full length of the building would be very attractive to students and increase the engagement to this facility.

Student Community Center Presentation to COSAF 1/26/24 *continued*

YES VOTE comments

The SCC is making vital renovations this year with their reserve funds. My only piece of feedback would be to explore the possibility of maximizing indoor study space, as this is a wish I hear from students often.

This is very important for students.

The Center clearly provides important, enriching service to undergraduate students from varying demographics. It is necessary that those providing these programs retain their purchasing power to continue their student-centered work.

The Student Community Center provides space for students and space to key equity programs. This is important to students and keeping our campus welcoming for all.

The Student Community Center presentation was informative and provided lots of future plans they intend to have to improve the UCD experience for the student body.

NO VOTE comments

Although I found the fund uses to be valid for the student community center. I feel as though is there no need for a CPI adjustment.

Seeing as the estimated allocation has not differed by much between 2022-23 and 2023-2024 school year, I feel there's no need to have an adjustment for this year.

ALTERNATE MEMBER comments

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Coffee House Presentation to COSAF 1/26/24

YES VOTE comments

I love the idea of the expansion that will be happening at the CoHo.

I appreciate the coffee House's break-even approach to the items they sell. The coffee house provides employment to hundreds of students and serves thousands of customers each day.

YES VOTE comments

Great that they are planning on increasing the seating area as there is never space at the CoHo.

Maybe have a covered ceiling on the outdoor area as it might make the space more usable in different weathers.

I like that they have plans to expand on seating for students as that is a necessity, given that CoHo is a popular place for students. This adjustment will help them proceed with the project.

The presentation showed future plans and how they plan to expand their space.

It is evident that the coffee house is a very student centered and led unit on campus and I believe they will make good use of a CPI adjustment by continuing to enrich campus life.

The ASUCD Coffee house provides a wonderful space for campus. I appreciate that they have plans to expand the space and create gender neutral bathrooms.

I believe the remodel of the CoHo is very much needed. I appreciate that ASUCD has created a plan to both expand and better the use of its space as more and more students are utilizing the CoHo.

The Coffee House provides exceptional service to students and requires a CPI adjustment to expand their services. Additionally, CoHo plans on using a large portion of their CEI carryforward funds for the Coffee House Expansion project.

I think the coffee house has so much potential and it such a prime location on campus. I'd love to see them continue to expand and grow back their presence on campus post covid when a lot of their restaurants had to be closed.

I support the expansion of the COHO by adding the west patio and believe that this will be a good use of their reserves. However, using student fees to build a COHO staff break room seems unnecessary and does not, in my opinion, support, and impact students in the way that I believe these funds should. Almost all other student-run departments on campus do not have break rooms.

The Coffee House is an important gathering place for everyone.

ALTERNATE MEMBER comments

Though having not watched the presentation, the small requested increase in fees is likely warranted to continue to have the ASUCD Coffee House running at the capacity it is currently at.

I believe a CPI adjustment for the ASUCD CoHo is not necessary. The only use case for this adjustment would be spent in maintenance. In this case reserve funds could be used, whereas other fees that more directly affect student health and academic well-being could be funded instead.

ASUCD Coffee House gave a good breakdown of their expenses and budget outlines. Their projects for future renovations and building expansions seem reasonable and like they would help improve the overall student experience.

ALL comments

Unitrans provides a great service to UC Davis students and their plans for a zero-emission status is paving the way for a brighter and cleaner future.

Unitrans is really great and provides connectivity throughout Davis. They gave a great presentation with a lot of information about the buses in their fleet and the kinds of routes they run. It is great to see that they're ahead in their goals to reduce emissions.

During their presentation they showed us why Unitrans is a pride of UCD. They explained their progress on zero emissions goals.

The presentation was nicely put together and informative. I enjoyed the transparency and the statistics provided as it put in perspective their goals in elevating the student experience.

Unitrans service for undergraduate students living off-campus is vital. The Unitrans presentation clearly outlined their plan for an electrified fleet in the future and their considerations regarding the Silo bus terminal.

Unitrans always provides an excellent presentation and the presenter always is so knowledgeable and informative. From our council meeting it sounds like grad students are willing to entertain the notion of paying for Unitrans via student fees and not having to purchase bus passes. I'd love to see that conversation play out and for them to potentially being offering this service through this payment structure instead.

I really enjoyed Unitrans presentation and am very impressed with their progress in making all buses eco-friendly.

Unitrans is doing an excellent job. Its transition to all electric busses is impressive!

It is crucial for COSAF to continue to support the Unitrans fee as this is a great benefit to students.

I support funding Unitrans. This public transport infrastructure is integral to supporting UC Davis students. Such transport reduces car traffic, is used widely by students, and improved/new bus stops would significantly ease student life. Furthermore, the use of electric buses could bring down costs for this area in the future.

The presentation gave great insight into their expenses and their budget outline. It seems like they are making efficient use of their funds.