

Campus Expansion Initiative (CEI) Orientation

CEI was voted on in 2002. The initiative would fund numerous programs. Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional and Law programs all voted on different portions of the referendum. What each group of students voted on was determined by the students from each of those groups.

The initiative included the following:

ICA move from Division II to Division I to fund Athletics Grant-in-aid to the level allowed by the NCAA.

Coffee House Expansion- this expansion allowed more students to be accommodated and more food services for students.

Unitrans- fees would be used for new buses, a new Silo bus terminal, and to provide matching funds for federal grants. *(CPI is not applied to the debt service portion of each fee, as those costs are fixed. Therefore, CEI for Unitrans does not receive a CPI adjustment.)*

Sport Clubs and Intramural Sports- to augment their operating budgets, allow for expansion of rosters and sports and to finance capital improvements.

Principles of Community Center (now called Student Community Center)- to co-locate student service departments, provide student intern work space, multicultural education programming areas and student gathering spaces focused on campus community and student life.

Student Health Center- The Cowell Student Health Center was outdated and needed to be replaced.

Return to Aid- to provide funding for those students with the greatest financial need.

Undergraduates voted on: Division I Athletics, Coffee House Expansion, Unitrans, Intramurals and Sport Clubs, Student Community Center, Return to Aid, Student Health Center. All passed.

Grad and Professional Students voted on: Student Health Center (passed), Student Community Center (did not pass), Sports Club and IM (passed), and Return to Aid (passed).

Law Students voted only on the Student Health Center and Return to Aid (passed).

CEI included a graduated fee increase, meaning the full fee was phased in over four years.

CEI required an oversight committee be formed to serve in an advisory capacity to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and Vice Chancellor of Finance, Operations & Administration. COSAF serves that role today. CEI also set up this oversight committee to vote on CPI adjustments so the fee would have the ability to keep up with inflation to ensure the future maintenance of the facilities and programs students were voting to fund.