

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 20, 1999

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF LAW STUDENT ACCESS AND FACILITIES FEE, DAVIS CAMPUS

The President recommends that the Committee on Finance recommend to The Regents that effective Fall Semester 1999, a mandatory law student access and facilities fee be assessed all students enrolled in the School of Law at the Davis campus, as follows:

- (1) Beginning Fall Semester 1999, \$15.50 per student per semester.
- (2) Effective Fall Semester 2000, an increase from \$15.50 per student per semester to \$27.00 per student per semester.
- (3) Effective Fall Semester 2001, an increase from \$27.00 per student per semester to \$30.00 per student per semester.
- (4) Effective Fall Semester 2002, an increase from \$30.00 per student per semester to \$33.00 per student per semester.
- (5) Effective Fall Semester 2003, an increase from \$33.00 per student per semester to \$183.50 per student per semester.

Thereafter, the fee would be subject to an annual adjustment for inflation.

BACKGROUND

In April 1999, elections were held by the Davis campus Law Student Association to seek approval of a new fee to support law student services and campus recreation facilities. When fully implemented, the proposed fee is expected to provide funding for recruitment, retention, and outreach activities as well as to provide funding for improved facilities, including: (1) an activities and recreation center to complement the existing Recreation Hall; (2) recreational equipment and physical improvements to the Recreation Hall; (3) a new aquatics complex, containing an Olympic-size competition pool and diving facilities; (4) a portion of the cost of a new multi-use stadium; (5) enhancements for the Equestrian Center; and (6) a recruitment/retention center to assist and support student-led outreach and retention efforts. In addition, a specified portion of the fee revenue would be used for financial aid to help offset the impact of the fee for needy students. A copy of the student referendum language for this fee, which is referred to as Legal Education Enhancement and Access Program, is attached (Attachment).

The table on the next page displays the proposed uses and implementation schedule for the new fee:

Services Supported by	Fees per student per semester				
	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Law School Financial Aid	\$4.50	\$9.00	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Recruitment, Retention	5.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Law School Recreation	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Recreation Hall	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Activities and Recreation					102.00
Aquatics Complex					16.50
Multi-Use Stadium					27.00
Equestrian Center	1.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Total per semester	\$15.50	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$183.50

Fees would be collected only when the service, program, or facility becomes available for use by the students paying the fees. If the capital projects were not completed and available to students within the timetable outlined above, assessment of the portion of the fee related to the capital projects would be delayed accordingly.

Prior to the referendum, consistent with campus regulations, the campus required a minimum voter turnout of 210 Law School students for the referendum results to be valid. This number was derived from a formula based on past voter turnouts in Law School Association elections. The campus regulations also required that a majority of those voting must vote in favor of the fee to approve it. Of the 516 eligible students, 240 (46.5%) voted and, of these, 166 (69%) voted to approve the fee. These results met the campus' voter turnout and majority approval requirements.

(Attachment)