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VICE CHANCELLOR ADELA DE LA TORRE

Student Affairs and Campus Diversity

RE: Approval of CPI Adjustments to Student Fee Increases for 2016-17

Dear Adela,

I am writing in response to your May 23 letter outlining suggested increases to four campus-based referendum fees for 2016-17, which follow the recommendations of the Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF). The four student fees are:

- Campus Expansion Initiative (CEI)
- Facilities and Campus Enhancements (FACE)
- Legal Education Enhancement and Access Program (LEEAP)
- Student Services Maintenance Fee and Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI)

I would first like to commend the work of COSAF this year. Under the able leadership of Co-Chairs Vidur Dewan and Naftali Moed, and with support from staff and leadership in Student Affairs and across campus, committee members quickly learned about our campus' myriad student fees and applied this knowledge to thoughtfully recommend Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases. This work embodies the UC's spirit of shared governance.

I approve the fee increases attached to this letter but wish to raise here a few important points that have come to light after additional research:

1. Language pertaining to the SASI fee states that this fee "will be adjusted annually to reflect fluctuations in the [CPI]." For the campus to be in full compliance with the approved referendum, this adjustment is not optional and should be made annually.
2. Providing a CPI increase to some components of a fee but not to others runs contrary to guidance from the Office of the President. Specifically, when students include a CPI adjustment in referendum – as is the case with the four fees listed above – it is assumed that the intent is to

distribute the CPI increase to all programs funded by the fee, unless otherwise specified. While there is language specifying that CPI increases do not apply to allocations for capital expenditures, there is currently no provision to apply CPI only to some operational allocations but not others.

Acknowledging that the above issues have not been raised with COSAF, I choose to use my administrative authority this year to approve only the increases outlined in the attachment. However, I ask that COSAF work with campus staff – from Student Affairs, Budget & Institutional Analysis, Campus Counsel, and others as appropriate – to further research and reflect on these issues at the start of the 2016-17 academic year.

On a technical note, I want to highlight one small difference in the fee increases reflected on the attachment to this letter: I am not approving an increase to the CEI fee paid by Law students. It appears an increase to this fee was inadvertently included in COSAF's recommendations. The CEI fee paid by Law students does not support Campus Recreation and Unions, and without that increase there is no need to increase return-to-aid.

Last, the attachment does not reflect increases to components of the LEEAP fee overseen by the Law Student Association. If LSA recommends any increases, I will evaluate and respond to those separately.

I reiterate my sincere appreciation for the work and dedication of COSAF members and all those involved in this important work.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Approved CPI Adjustments to Campus-Based Fees 2016-17						
	Undergraduate			Graduate/Professional		
	15-16 Fees	Proposed Increase	Proposed 16-17 Fees	15-16 Fees	Proposed Increase	Proposed 16-17 Fees
Campus Expansion Initiative (CEI)	\$548.81	\$0.85	\$549.66	\$192.61	\$0.20	\$192.81
Intercollegiate Athletics - Scholarships	\$201.96	\$0.00	\$201.96			
Student Affairs - Student Health & Counseling Center	\$143.16	\$0.00	\$143.16	\$143.17	\$0.00	\$143.17
Student Affairs - Financial Aid (Return-to-Aid)	\$122.31	\$0.17	\$122.48	\$43.06	\$0.04	\$43.10
Student Affairs - Student Community Center	\$39.00	\$0.38	\$39.38			
Student Affairs - ASUCD Coffee House Expansion	\$24.00	\$0.14	\$24.14			
Student Affairs - ASUCD Unitrans ^a	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00			
Student Affairs - Campus Recreation	\$6.38	\$0.16	\$6.54	\$6.38	\$0.16	\$6.54
Campus Expansion Initiative (CEI) Applies to law students only				\$183.47	\$0.00	\$183.47
Student Affairs - Student Health & Counseling Center				\$143.17	\$0.00	\$143.17
Student Affairs - Financial Aid (Return-to-Aid)				\$40.30	\$0.00	\$40.30
Facilities and Campus Enhancements (FACE)	\$412.18	\$6.81	\$418.99	\$412.18	\$6.81	\$418.99
Student Affairs - Campus Recreation	\$239.90	\$3.75	\$243.65	\$239.90	\$3.75	\$243.65
Student Affairs - Financial Aid (Return-to-Aid)	\$62.55	\$1.36	\$63.91	\$62.55	\$1.36	\$63.91
Intercollegiate Athletics - Multi-Use Stadium	\$55.91	\$0.61	\$56.52	\$55.91	\$0.61	\$56.52
Intercollegiate Athletics - Schaal Aquatic Center	\$36.17	\$0.63	\$36.80	\$36.17	\$0.63	\$36.80
Student Affairs - Student Recruitment & Retention Ctr	\$17.64	\$0.46	\$18.10	\$17.64	\$0.46	\$18.10
Legal Education Enhancement and Access Program (LEEAP) Applies to law students only				\$389.70	\$3.74	\$393.44
Student Affairs - Campus Recreation				\$239.56	\$3.74	\$243.30
Intercollegiate Athletics - Multi-Use Stadium				\$55.88	\$0.00	\$55.88
School of Law - Financial Aid (Return-to-Aid) ^b				\$40.00	TBD	\$40.00
Intercollegiate Athletics - Schaal Aquatic Center				\$36.26	\$0.00	\$36.26
School of Law - Recruitment & Retention ^b				\$15.00	TBD	\$15.00
School of Law - Rec & IMs ^b				\$3.00	TBD	\$3.00
Student Services Maintenance Fee and Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI)	\$343.86	\$1.00	\$344.86			
Intercollegiate Athletics - Operations	\$305.88	\$0.00	\$305.88			
Student Affairs - Campus Recreation Operations	\$13.95	\$0.37	\$14.32			
Student Affairs - Campus Recreation	\$10.14	\$0.26	\$10.40			
Student Affairs - Pavilion	\$6.33	\$0.16	\$6.49			
Student Affairs - Cross-Cultural Center	\$2.52	\$0.07	\$2.59			
Student Affairs - Equestrian Center	\$2.52	\$0.07	\$2.59			
Student Affairs - Women's Resources & Research Ctr	\$2.52	\$0.07	\$2.59			
Total Increase - Undergraduate	\$1,304.85	\$8.66	\$1,313.51			
Total Increase - Graduate/Professional (non-law)				\$604.79	\$7.01	\$611.80
Total Increase - Law Only				\$573.17	\$3.74	\$576.91

^a Unitrans' allocation is not eligible for a CPI adjustment because it is for capital expenditures only.

^b CPI adjustments on the School of Law's LEEAP allocations are recommended by LSA, not COSAF.