

**Summary of the COSAF Vote to Apply a CPI Adjustment to Campus Based Fees
May 29, 2015**

Eight of the sixteen voting members attended the meeting, comprising a quorum. Three additional members who could not attend the meeting e-mailed their ballots to the chairs. These results are provided separately below.

SASI VOTE

Yes Votes – 4

No Votes – 3

Abstain – 1

Votes E-Mailed In:

Yes Votes – 1

No Votes – 2

Comments from those voting “Yes”

“I would like to see that this fee increase will be used within the Athletic Department as well as how much the department needs – e.g. stats from the past”

“Athletics needs to revise their budget; they need to find a way to stop pulling from reserves”

Comments from those voting “No”

“I don’t think students see their money spent in athletics.”

CEI VOTE

Yes Votes – 2

No Votes – 5

Abstain – 1

Votes E-Mailed In:

Yes Votes – 3

No Votes – 0

Comments from those voting “Yes”

None

Comments from those voting “No”

“Does not seem directed at student needs.”

FACE/LEAAP VOTE

Yes Votes – 5

No Votes – 2

Abstain – 1

FACE/LEAAP Continued

Votes E-Mailed In:

Yes Votes – 3

No Votes – 0

Comments from those voting “Yes”

“I think students most directly see their money in CRU and would be most negatively affected if this does not go up.”

Comments from those voting “No”

“Does not seem directed at student needs.”

General Feedback Provided on Ballots:

“I’d like to see what improvements are needed for certain campus centers. For example, the Schaal Aquatics Center or the ARC- is this increase for upkeep of improvements. Providing loan amounts pending would also be useful. That way, voting members can see how important the fee increase may be. “

“Despite the utility of the services these adjustments are designed to support, I cannot in good conscious vote to increase another cost that students will have to pay.”

“There are more ex-officio members present. It creates an environment for truly open discussion when those benefitting from the vote are present. It may be beneficial to have times when only voting members are present for discussion.”

“These CPI increases, while necessary to maintain service levels, still represent an increasingly unacceptable burden for students. I and the other members of the committee are being asked to pass yet another increasing cost of higher education directly on to students. This was a difficult discussion, made much higher by the out of control increases to tuition over the past 15 years.”

“Use of reserves to cover shortfalls needs to be emphasized. We also need to see if we can unbundle these fees or at least adjust them in a pinpoint manner. Use of CPI as a voted on measure to adjust fees needs to be reconsidered. CPI is an inflationary increase, not a COLA, so it is unclear why CPI is not already applied annually.”

“I appreciated the level of transparency this year in comparison to last year. However, I would ask athletics to better present their budget in future years.”

“Given all of the capital improvements currently underway, these increases are necessary to maintain a fiscally responsible reserve.”