

# Safety Fee

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# What is the Safety Fee?

Student fee funded buildings that are seismically deficient are brought up to code or replaced through the seismic Safety Fee.



# History of the Fee

## 1995

- \$66 fee was approved by the Regents
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- Enrollment was 22,402 students
- Fee was established to retrofit South Hall, North Hall and the Memorial Union

## 2006

- Enrollment grew to 30,474 students
- Increase in number of students paying the fee and favorable financing led to more revenue than needed for the debt service
- Fee is the same at \$66. Regents approved 25% of the fee being set aside for return to aid (RTA) and excess revenue to fund other safety projects



The background of the slide is a photograph of a bright, modern interior space. It features large, multi-paned windows with white frames and light-colored columns. In the foreground, there is a dark green table with a laptop, papers, and a black bag on it, surrounded by wooden chairs. The overall atmosphere is clean and professional.

# Safety Fee Use

The current Safety Fee paid by UC Davis students is \$66 per year.

This fee funds debt service for the seismic work done on the following buildings:

- North Hall
- South Hall
- Memorial Union

The debt is paid off in 2029



The campus regularly inspects campus buildings for seismic safety.

Freeborn Hall was deemed seismically deficient and needs to be addressed.

As a result of lack of capital funds, the project was delayed





# Freeborn Hall

Freeborn Hall is a student fee supported building.

The Safety Fee would be one of the funding sources to seismically correct this space. If other safety issues develop, the Safety Fee could help mitigate those safety concerns as well.

FACE and CEI funds would also be used for the health and wellness components.





# Freeborn Hall

A study has determined that bringing Freeborn Hall up to code would not be financially feasible and the building will need to be replaced or demolished

The Safety Fee will bring the space to a safe status

Additional funds will enhance the space



# Space Audit Conducted in Summer 2023

- Student Affairs conducted a space audit to review all non-Housing space utilization, including a walk through of the spaces.
- Through this audit, we attempted to cure our existing needs with current space, but found it was not possible.



# Space Solutions for Vacated Areas

The Student Affairs Division will utilize the vacated offices by ICC and OEOES to address unmet space needs such as

- New student centers to serve the increased diversity of the student body (Disability Cultural Center, Carceral Impacted Students Program, Middle Eastern North African South Asian Center, Strategic Asian and Pacific Islander Retention Initiative, AB540 & Undocumented Student Services, Aggie Compass/Basic Needs).
- Spaces for student organization meetings, practice space and events.
- Spaces for increased staffing for high demand student service areas such as case management, retention, and student success support.



# Seismically Corrected Student Space

Student Affairs would like to replace the seismically deficient Freeborn space with a seismically corrected Student Opportunity Center







The Student Opportunity Center plans to provide the following student services:



- Launch students into meaningful careers
- Support Lower-income and first generation college students
- Support Student Basics Needs, addressing issues such as food and housing insecurity
- Health and Wellness services for students (supported by CEI and FACE)
- Student Activity Spaces

**Improving Access & Health Equity**

Conducted a weight stigma and mental well-being assessment to advocate for size-inclusive classrooms	Spearheaded development of Linkage-to-Care Protocol for New HIV Diagnoses at SHCS	Developed mandatory annual LMS training based on SHCS' Guidelines for the Quality Care of Trans Patients	Expanded access to free bike helmets to staff and faculty	Conducted a needs assessment and literature review to identify barriers for LGBTQIA+ students around engaging in physical activity at UC Davis



# UC Campuses with Safety Fee

Campus	Annual Fee
UC Santa Cruz	\$120
UC Los Angeles	\$113
UC Berkeley	\$92
UC Davis	\$66



# Planning Ahead . . . .

To seismically correct and reimagine Freeborn Hall, Student Affairs would like to seek COSAF's support and endorsement of this proposal to extend the Safety Fee through 2059, and maintain the same level of \$66 per year.

- \$49.50 for the Safety Fee and \$16.50 for Return to Aid, resulting in approximately 9,500 students receiving grants to offset this fee.
- The Return to Aid will continue to provide financial aid for our lowest income students, as it does today.



# Student Affairs is interested in your advice and counsel



A Qualtrics survey will follow our meeting today, seeking your endorsement and support of the Safety Fee extension beyond 2029 to seismically correct Freeborn and enhance student services.