

Unitrans Fee Orientation

In academic year 2018-19, a referendum was put forth to increase the Unitrans Fee. (The last time funding for Unitrans was increased from campus-based fees was in 2008.)

The increased fee revenue would provide funding to:

- (1) Continue unlimited undergraduate student access to Unitrans bus service and maintain current service levels
- (2) Comply with California's minimum wage laws and maintain operational staffing levels
- (3) Support enhanced driver training in order to expand extra capacity buses during crowded times and comply with Federal regulation requirements on driver training
- (4) Improve maintenance practices of Unitrans fleet buses to reduce breakdowns that impact services

The fee would increase from \$6 per quarter to \$19.33 per quarter, followed by a \$24 increase to be implemented gradually over three years.

After academic year 2022-23, the Unitrans fee would be adjusted annually by the CPI escalator used by COSAF. Other than the CPI adjustment, any increase to this fee would require a future referendum or other permissible action.

In Winter quarter 2019, the initiative was presented to students and passed. The increase took effect in Fall quarter 2019.

As per referendum language, starting in academic year 2023-24, COSAF began reviewing the uses of the Unitrans Fee.