

**List of Factors for Future Considerations of Fee Changes per AB 970
(RFIN 03-13-01)**

- The legislature in 2010 reaffirmed “access, affordability and high quality” as “...the essential tenets of the master plan...” [Education Code Section 66002 (d)] Adjustments to mandatory systemwide fees at the CSU should always be considered with these three master plan goals in mind.
- The state has a historic commitment to fund the master plan. State law affirms this commitment specifically with regard “...to provide an appropriate place in California public higher education for every student who is willing and able to benefit from attendance.” [Education Code Section 66201] State law affirms this commitment specifically with regard to providing “...adequate resources to support enrollment growth...” and that the annual state budget act contain appropriations necessary to accommodate all California residents who are continuing undergraduate students or eligible for admission as freshmen or sophomores or transfers from community colleges. [Education Code Section 66202.5] Adjustments to mandatory systemwide fees should be based on consideration of the extent to which the state is meeting the above commitments.
- Consideration shall be given to whether a fee adjustment is necessary, in combination with existing levels of state support, to assure adequate resources to admit all California resident CSU-eligible undergraduate applicants, and to provide all students with necessary courses, high quality programs and support services that lead to improved student success and timely graduation.
- Adjustments to mandatory systemwide fees shall take into consideration the level of state support the university receives, total costs of student attendance, potential impacts on underrepresented and low to middle income students, as well as efforts to mitigate impacts. [Education Code Section 66028.4 (a)]
- Consideration shall be given to the percentage of CSU baccalaureate recipients who graduate with education loan debt, the average amount of that loan debt, and how these measures compare with state and national averages. Consideration also shall be given to the availability of financial aid, including work-study, tax credits and institutional financial aid. [Education Code Section 66028.2 (a)]
- Consideration shall be given to the extent to which fee rates and institutional financial aid practices are maximizing the availability of federal financial aid, including tax credits, for CSU students and families.
- Consideration shall be given to comparisons of fee rates, as well as net costs of attendance, with other public higher education institutions in the state and the nation.
- Consideration shall be given as to whether adjustments to the fee structure would promote improvements in access to necessary courses, successful course completion, improved time to degree and graduation rates.
- Consideration shall be given as to whether the fee structure maintains adequate differentials between undergraduate and graduate/postbaccalaureate fees, in recognition of longstanding Board of Trustees policy, state priorities for access to baccalaureate education, typically higher costs of

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graduate/postbaccalaureate programs and typically higher benefits accruing to master's and doctoral degree recipients.

- If the state provides stable and predictable increases in funding, consideration shall be given to fee increases that are moderate, gradual, predictable and with ample notice to students.
- The Board of Trustees shall consider adjustments to mandatory systemwide fees and amendments to principles governing consideration of these fees only after appropriate consultation with the designated student association has taken place, as required by state statute and CSU fee policy. [Education Code Sections 66028.3 and 66028.4 (b)]