

**The California State University Student Fee Policy  
References**

**Working Group on Category II Student Success Fee  
(RFIN 01-15-01)**

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the California State University that, a binding student vote shall be taken on implementation of any proposed new student success fee. All students who are eligible to vote in student government elections shall be eligible to vote on such student success fee proposals. A rigorous consultation process shall be undertaken to inform and educate students on the uses, impact and cost of any proposed student success fee prior to the binding student vote. In the process of establishing new student success fees, and before the student vote occurs, it must be made clear to the students that if a portion of that fee is intended to support ongoing and/or long-term obligations, that portion of the fee will remain in place until the obligations are satisfied regardless of any subsequent vote to rescind the fee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, all student success fees now in place shall remain unchanged, including any previously established increments. However, a campus that considers a net new addition to an existing student success fee shall proceed as described in the above paragraph. Any campus proposing a new student success fee or an increase not already scheduled to an existing student success fee will consult with the chancellor and must receive approval on the process that will be followed to obtain approval for the fee before proceeding. Student success fee proposals may not be brought before the student body more frequently than once per academic year,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the proposed student success fee is accepted by a simple majority of the students voting, imposition of the fee shall still be contingent on approval by the campus president and chancellor. If the proposed student success fee is for direct instructional purposes that historically were covered by tuition and state funding, then the chancellor shall consult with the chair of the Board of Trustees before final approval is granted,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, newly enacted student success fees shall be in force for at least six years. Student success fees may be rescinded at any time after six years with another binding student vote wherein a simple majority of those students voting vote to rescind the fee. The campus decision to have a vote shall be made by the recognized student government. Rescission vote proposals may not be brought before the student body more frequently than once per academic year. If a vote to rescind passes, the chancellor, in consultation with the board chair and the president, shall ensure that no ongoing contractual or other obligation/liability exists which will remain unsatisfied if the student success fee is rescinded. If any such obligation(s) exist, that portion of the student success fee funding the obligation(s) shall remain in effect and the obligation(s) shall continue to be funded by the student success fee until the obligations are satisfied. No new contractual or other obligation which would be supported by the rescinded student success fee may be entered into following a vote to rescind the fee. In the process of reconsidering a student success fee, and before the student vote occurs, it must be made clear to the students that if a portion of that fee is intended to support ongoing obligations, that portion of the fee will remain in place until such time as the obligations are satisfied,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, existing student success fees as of the date this resolution is adopted may also be rescinded by a binding student vote under the same procedures described above for rescinding a fee, but no such student vote may be held until after January 1, 2021. If a vote to rescind passes, the chancellor, in consultation with the board chair and the president, shall ensure there are no ongoing, contractual or other obligations which will remain unsatisfied if the student success fee is rescinded. If any such obligations exist, that portion of the student success fee funding the obligations shall remain in effect and the obligations shall continue to be funded by the student success fee until the obligations are satisfied. No new contractual or other obligations which would be supported by the rescinded student success fee may be entered into following a vote to rescind the fee,

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, each campus shall be required to have a transparent, online accountability protocol that clarifies the decision process and allocation of student success fees, with annual reporting to the Chancellor and public by October 15. All campuses shall be held to this standard for any existing and new student success fees imposed in the future. In addition, all campus advisory groups that recommend or make final decisions on student success fee allocations shall include majority student representation.