



Student Fee Referendum Pamphlet FY22-23 - BALLOT PREVIEW

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Voter Information

- The CSU Maritime Academy Campus Student Fee Advisory Committee will conduct a referendum as required by CSU fee policy for Category II fees when establishing a new fee or making a change to an existing fee.
- Category II fees are mandatory fees paid by all students enrolled.
- The proposed change to the fees would take effect fall FY23-24.
- The referendum will be conducted electronically through Qualtrics; voting begins at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 20 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2022.
- The results of the referendum shall be considered favorable when the majority of students voting approve the action.
- The results of the referendum shall be advisory to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee and the President unless education code requires that the referendum pass.

Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Fee Increase

Proposed Fee Change

- The Instructionally Related Fee (IRA) original proposal is to increase the fee from the current \$130 established in 2007 to:
 - \$160 annually, an increase of \$30 or 23 percent, effective fall of 2023
 - \$190 annually, an increase of \$30 or 18.8 percent, effective fall of 2024
 - Thereafter, commencing in the fall of 2025, annual Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) adjustments would be applied.
- The Campus Fee Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal and recommends a modified version of the Instructionally Related Fee increase from the current \$130 to \$160 annually, an increase of \$30, effective fall of 2023.

Background

- The IRA fee supports class field trips, debate competitions, senior project supplies, art exhibits, music and dance performances, intercollegiate athletics, and other activities associated with instructional activities.
- Currently qualified applications for program activities exceed the funding available. A fee increase would support more programming.

Argument in Support

- Funding an increase to the IRA fee will support diversity of program activities and gain greater numbers of student involvement.
- More qualified applications for program activities will receive funding.
- The fee increase would help to eliminate out-of-pocket expenses for curriculum- related activities.
- The fee has not been adjusted for inflation in 16 years. An increase would bring the fee in alignment with inflation.
- If the fee is not approved, then program activities may be reduced or there could be charges for certain activities.

Argument Against

- Since this is enrollment based mandatory category II fee, all students will be required to pay the higher fee.
- If the original fee proposal option is selected, HEPI price changes will result in fluctuating price increases based upon the index changes which track purchasing power.

CSUMA OFFICIAL BALLOT INSTRUCTIONALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES FEE REFERENDUM FY22-23

Please selection [one](#) option.

- Increase the Instructionally Related Activities fee from \$130 to \$160 annually, a \$30 increase, effective fall 2023-24, from \$160 to \$190 annually, a \$30 increase, effective fall 2024-25, with annual Medical Care Consumer Price Index (MCCPI) adjustments thereafter?
- Increase the Instructionally Related Activities fee from \$130 to \$160 annually, a \$30 increase, effective fall 2023-24?
- Do not increase the Instructionally Related Activities fee?

Commencement (Graduation) Fee Increase

Proposed Fee Change

- The Commencement Fee original proposal is to increase the fee from the current \$11 per semester established in 2003 to:
 - \$16 per semester, an increase of \$5 or 45.5 percent, effective fall of 2023
 - \$21 per semester, an increase of \$5 or 31.3 percent, effective fall of 2024
 - Thereafter, commencing in the fall of 2025, annual Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) adjustments would be applied.
- The Campus Fee Advisory Committee reviewed the proposal and recommends a modified version of the Commencement Fee increase from the current \$11 to \$16 per semester, an increase of \$5, effective fall of 2023.

Background

- The Commencement fee supports graduation activities.
- Bodnar field is the preferred venue since it accommodates the highest attendance capacity and provides the best transportation and parking logistics. Feedback for moving the program to Bodnar field has been very positive.
- Currently the program is operating at a deficit thus requiring subsidization.
- The fee has not been increased or adjusted for inflation in 19 years.

Argument in Support

- A fee increase would help to cover increased Commencement costs.
- New audio/visual technology is needed to improve streaming capability for the graduation event.
- An increase would bring the fee in alignment with inflation.

Argument Against

- Since this is enrollment based mandatory category II fee, all students will be required to pay the higher fee.
- If the original fee proposal option is selected, HEPI price changes will result in fluctuating price increases based upon the index changes which track purchasing power.

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COMMENCEMENT (GRADUATION)
FEE REFERENDUM FY22-23**

Please selection one option.

- Increase the Commencement fee from \$11 to \$16 per semester, a \$5 increase, effective fall 2023-24, from \$16 to \$21 per semester, a \$5 increase, effective fall 2024-25, with annual Medical Care Consumer Price Index (MCCPI) adjustments thereafter?
- Increase the Commencement fee from \$11 to \$16 per semester, a \$5 increase, effective fall 2023-24?
- Do not increase the Commencement fee?

Use the "Back" button to review your answers or use the "Next" button below to advance and submit your ballot.