



Student Fee Referendum Pamphlet FY21-22 - BALLOT PREVIEW

Student Fee Referendum FY21-22

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 FY22-23.
- The referendum will be conducted electronically through Qualtrics; voting begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 11 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 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.

Health Services Fee Increase

Proposed Fee Change

- The Health Services Fee proposal is to increase the fee from the current \$370 established in 2017 to \$426 per semester, an increase of \$56 or 15 percent, effective fall of 2022. Thereafter, commencing in the fall of 2023, annual Medical Care Consumer Price Index (MCCPI) adjustments would be applied.

Background

- Health Center is highly utilized by cadets. It is a critical resource. Patient volume increased by six-fold compared to the prior year and workload for the staff is at capacity.
- The CSU Executive Order 943 indicates that University Health Services organizations may assess fees to provide basic services. The fee increase will aid in achieving a self-sustaining program.

- The Health Center is operating at a deficit. Fee revenue does not cover expenses. FY20-21 Health fees collected were approximately \$703K and operating costs were \$1.18M. Resultantly, the net deficit of \$475K was subsidized from state funds.
- Campus General Fund dollars subsidizing the shortage would otherwise be freed up to apply to other campus programs since these State funds are not specifically designated for the Health Center.
- The current fee of \$370 per semester was increased in 2017 by \$30 - or 9% - from \$340.
- Health fees at CMA are higher compared to other CSU campuses because the costs are spread among a smaller student population.
- In recent years, additional services (e.g., CAPS and counselors) have been added with no increase to fees.
- CMA cadets do not pay for certain costs (e.g., common medications, many lab tests, and physicals) for which other campuses charge.
- Health care costs continue to rise.

Argument in Support

- The Health Center will be able to maintain high levels of quality care.
- The increase will align with rising costs.
- A gradual and incremental increase over time more equitably shares the cost across all years than a potential larger future adjustment.
- Services are conveniently available on campus versus the need to secure transportation to an alternative location.
- Quality of in-house staff support services are high, specialized knowledge (US Coast Guard physicals and Athletics eligibility physicals).
- Upon cadet request, the Health Center is currently in process of hiring one full-time counselor (a change from 1.9 to 2.5 FTE).
- The Health Center will be able to work towards self-support of department as required by CSU Executive Order 943 and avoid dependence on the annual state budget.
- Increasing the fee will free up funding for other campus programming.
- Appointment wait times for services may increase from days to weeks.
- If the fee is not approved then services may be reduced or there could be charges for certain services.

Argument Against

- Students will be required to pay higher fees, a \$56 net increase.
- MCCPI price changes will result in fluctuating price increases based upon the index changes which track purchasing power.
- The program has been subsidized for several years with no apparent detrimental impact.

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HEALTH SERVICE FEE REFERENDUM FY21-22

Should the Health Services fee increase from \$370 to \$426 per semester, a \$56 increase, effective fall 2022-23 with annual Medical Care Consumer Price Index (MCCPI) adjustments thereafter?

- YES, I VOTE **FOR** THE INCREASE TO THE EXISTING FEE
- NO, I VOTE **AGAINST** THE INCREASE TO THE EXISTING FEE

New Athletic Fee

Proposed Fee Change

- Proposal of a new Athletics Fee for \$50 per semester (\$100 per year) effective fall 2022, with a \$5 per semester increase effective fall 2023, and a Higher Ed Price Index (HEPI) adjustment thereafter.

Background

- The Athletics fee would be a new campus based annual mandatory fee upon enrollment. It would be used to support intercollegiate sports teams that compete at the NAIA level.
- The fee revenue collections for fall 2022 would be applied to the following priorities:
 - The launch of the student-section in the fall of 2022 which is the spirit section of Cal Maritime's home events;
 - New 3rd Assistant Athletic Trainer position; and
 - Financial aid Cadet-Athletic Scholarships.
- Currently Athletics is sponsoring 15 intercollegiate teams and club sports with no consistent scholarship support
- An Athletic fee would enhance athletics recruitment, retention, and success. The fee would increase overall diversity and population on campus.
- Funds will provide a dependable annual baseline for athletic scholarships (financial aid) not currently in place.
- The National Athletic Trainers Association metrics indicate that our program should have 3.5 Athletic trainers and we currently have only 2 trainers.
- We currently do not have a student section at home events which would boost school spirit and enhance the fan experience.
- Funding from Instructionally Related Activities is no longer a consistent funding source for Athletics.
- Oversight and accountability for programming and expenditures will be reported annually to the Fee Committee.

Argument in Support

- Fall of 2022 there would be a student section launched at all home games to enhance school spirit.
- With a 3rd fulltime Athletic Trainer the campus would be in NATA compliance and provide a safer environment for both athletics and recreational programming.
- The new Athletic Fee would expand sports diversity and enhance the team competitiveness creating equity/parity among league opponents and an even playing field when recruiting.
- All cadets will continue to have free admission to all home athletic events.
- Scholarship opportunities for athletes could raise visibility of Cal Maritime which may result in increased enrollment.

Argument Against

- Non-athletic students will not be receiving the scholarship benefit. Fees should directly impact the student community as a whole. Non-athletes are subsidizing the Athletics program.
- HEPI price changes will result in fluctuating price increases.
- Admission to games may not be free at some point in the future

CSUMA OFFICIAL BALLOT ATHLETIC FEE REFERENDUM FY21-22

Should a new Athletics Fee be established for \$50 per semester (\$100 per year) effective fall 2022, with a \$5 per semester increase effective fall 2023, and a Higher Ed Price Index (HEPI) adjustment thereafter?

- YES, I VOTE **FOR** THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW FEE
- NO, I VOTE **AGAINST** THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW FEE

Recreation Fee Increase

Proposed Fee Change

- The Recreation Fee proposal is to increase the fee from \$125 to \$150 per semester, a \$25 per semester (\$50 per year) - or 20% - increase, effective fall 2022, with a \$5 per semester increase effective FY23-24, and a Higher Ed Price Index (HEPI) adjustment thereafter.

Background

- The Recreation Fee of \$125 per semester was established in 2015 and has not been increased since its inception.

- Executive Order 1101 defines the Recreation Fee as a campus-based mandatory fee for all students enrolled. The fee is used to support recreational programs; maintenance and upgrade of equipment; development of club sports; hiring of fitness instructors, intramural referees, staff, and students; scheduling of classes; and other recreation related programs.
- Cadets have requested expanded intramural programming (e.g., softball, flag football, basketball, fitness classes/ yoga, Pilates, and spin).
- Results from a survey conducted in FY21-22 requested that the PEAC be open on weekends which requires greater support.
- PEAC provides a common comfortable gathering place for cadets and is central to their health and wellness.
- Funding from Instructionally Related Activities is no longer a consistent funding source for Recreation.
- Recreation currently depends on funds from the Athletics budget to adequately operate.
- Oversight and accountability for programming and expenditures is currently being reported annually to the Campus Fee Advisory Committee.

Argument in Support

- The Recreation Fee increase would support:
 - Upgrades and refresh to the PEAC equipment to align with current sports performance trends;
 - Purchase of weight room equipment, per cadet requests;
 - Increase PEAC hours to include weekends;
 - Addition of health and wellness fitness instructors to expand programming; and
 - Expansion of intramural sports (cadets requested per FY20-21 and FY21-22 surveys).
- The additional full-time athletic trainer position will support recreational as well as home athletic events.

Argument Against

- Potential reduction of hours of operation or limited use of facilities.
- HEPI price changes will result in fluctuating price increases.
- Gym seems to be well equipped and perfectly adequate.
- Intramural programming has been inconsistent in recent years.

CSUMA OFFICIAL BALLOT RECREATION FEE REFERENDUM FY21-22

Should the Recreation Fee be increased from \$125 to \$150 per semester, a \$25 per semester (\$50 per year) - or 20% - increase, with a \$5 per semester increase in FY23-24, and a Higher Ed Price Index (HEPI) adjustment thereafter?

- YES, I VOTE **FOR** THE INCREASE TO THE EXISTING FEE
- NO, I VOTE **AGAINST** THE INCREASE TO THE EXISTING FEE

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