



June 20, 2024

CHANCELLOR CAROL T. CHRIST

**RE: RECOMMENDATIONS AND ANNUAL REPORT FROM CHANCELLOR'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON STUDENT SERVICES AND FEES**

The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees (CACSSF) respectfully submits this annual report as a summary of key student fee issues and recommendations from 2023-2024. **Specific recommendations requiring approval are in bold.** Following your approvals, the Office of the CFO will communicate with UCOP as appropriate.

Background

The Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees (CACSSF) was convened in 2006. The committee regularly advises the Chancellor and senior administration on student services funding and fee issues. The committee supports students through multi-year planning, closer partnerships with administration, and a coordinated process on student fees. CACSSF's voting membership includes nine student representatives (three each from the ASUC, Committee on Student Fees, and Graduate Assembly), six representatives from campus administration, and two Academic Senate-appointed faculty members.

CACSSF Recommendations

1) As previously approved by the student body, three compulsory campus-based fees (the Recruitment and Retention Fee, the Educational Opportunity and Equity Fee (GOLD) and the Campus Climate and Equity Fee may request an annual inflationary adjustment, subject to review by CACSSF and your approval. The Recruitment and Retention Fee has requested an increase of \$0.75 per semester per undergraduate student, the Campus Climate and Equity (Big C) Fee has requested an increase of \$0.75 per semester per undergraduate and graduate student, and the Educational Opportunity and Equity Fee (GOLD) Fee has an increase of \$0.50 per undergraduate and graduate student. The Campus Health Fee, Student Basic Needs Fee and Wellness Fee also have fee increases for 2024-25; each of these has its own approval process. CACSSF recommends these increases this year but notes that this is a result of unusually-high inflation and hopes that the fee increases in future years can be minimized.

2) CACSSF voted to endorse The Life Safety Fee increase to \$56.50 per semester and to extend the fee for 15 years through 2039. As you know, this request was submitted to the UC Office of the President (UCOP) and approved by the Regents on May 16, 2024. CACSSF wants to thank you for your support in facilitating this recommendation to UCOP and to thank the Office of our campus CFO for their behind the scenes diligence in this process.

A schedule of campus-based fees for 2024-25 is in Attachment A and requires your signature before transmission to UCOP. CACSSF recommends approving these increases as requested.

Additional Highlights

1) Late Add and Late Drop Miscellaneous Student Fee (MSF): As detailed in our letter to you in February 2023, CACSSF recommended the elimination of the Late Add and Late Drop Miscellaneous Student Fee (MSF). On June 10, 2024 we received correspondence from your office that you did not support CACSSF's recommendation based upon workgroup findings from the Council of Undergraduate Deans (CUD).

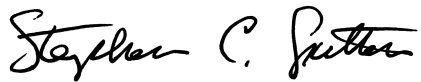
2) Intercollegiate Athletics Recurring Student Service Fees: After a careful assessment, CACSSF voted to re-allocate ~\$445,000 in recurring student service fee dollars from Intercollegiate Athletics to fund other critical student services programs. We received communication from your office on May 15, 2024 that you did not support our recommendation to re-allocate Intercollegiate Athletics the recurring student services fees. Our plan is to work with Chancellor Lyons to identify possible funding sources to support critical student service programs in the Disabled Students Program (DSP) and Organization Advising & Student Involvement Services (OASIS).

3) During 2023-24, CACSSF conducted a spring grant-making cycle and allocated approximately \$1,000,000 in one-time funding from its discretionary fund to support student service initiatives. Due to budgetary constraints and mandated salary increases for all Student Student Services (SSF) funded positions, the Committee does not recommend any new recurring projects. Funded projects are in Attachment B.

In recent years, budgetary constraints and increasing personnel costs have impacted the student fee ecosystem. As we look ahead to the future, it will be imperative for CACSSF to holistically review all ongoing SSF allocations. We appreciate your careful consideration of these recommendations. Please know that we are available to discuss any of this information in greater detail.

Sincerely,

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Co-Chair



Sarah Hager
Co-Chair



Attachments A-B

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Attachment A Campus Based Fee Schedule

UC Berkeley Campus-Based Student Fees											
<i>as of 4/30/24</i>											
			PROPOSED			PROPOSED					
			2024-25			2024-25					
			UNDERGRADUATES			GRADUATES					
Berkeley Campus Fee – consists of:	Expiration date	Fee Increases (see notes)	Per Semester	Academic Year	Summer 2025	Per Semester	Academic Year	Summer 2025			
1. ASUC Fee (includes AMP Initiative)	see notes	annually adjusted	\$ 34.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 3.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
2. Student Center Fee	no expiration	static	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 3.00			
3. Ethnic Studies Fee	no expiration	static	\$ 2.25	\$ 4.50	\$ -	\$ 2.25	\$ 4.50	\$ -			
4. Life Safety Fee	Summer 2024	static	\$ 56.50	\$ 113.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 56.50	\$ 113.00	\$ 28.00			
5. Recruitment and Retention (STARR) Fee	no expiration	annually adjusted	\$ 29.50	\$ 59.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
6. Campus Health Care Fee	no expiration	annually adjusted	\$ 97.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 97.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 64.00			
7. The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) Fee	Spring 2027	fixed increases	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00			
8. Lower Sproul Plaza Fee	no expiration	fixed increases	\$ 306.00	\$ 612.00	\$ 153.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 612.00	\$ 153.00			
9. Save the Daily Cal Initiative Fee	Summer 2027	fixed increases	\$ 6.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 2.50	\$ 6.25	\$ 12.50	\$ 2.50			
10. Wellness Fee	Spring 2045	annually adjusted	\$ 225.50	\$ 451.00	\$ 172.25	\$ 225.50	\$ 451.00	\$ 172.25			
11. Educational Opportunity & Equity (GOLD) Fee	no expiration	annually adjusted	\$ 21.25	\$ 42.50	\$ -	\$ 21.25	\$ 42.50	\$ -			
12. Campus Climate & Equity (Big C) Fee	Spring 2027	annually adjusted	\$ 33.75	\$ 67.50	\$ -	\$ 33.75	\$ 67.50	\$ -			
13. Housing Security Fee	no expiration	annually adjusted	\$ 4.75	\$ 9.50	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.75	\$ 9.50	\$ 4.75			
14. Student Basic Needs Fee	Summer 2029	annually adjusted	\$ 17.75	\$ 35.50	\$ 11.50	\$ 17.75	\$ 35.50	\$ 11.50			
15. Graduate Assembly Fee	Spring 2030	static	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.00	\$ 66.00	\$ -			
subtotal			\$ 850.50	\$ 1,701.00	\$ 452.00	\$ 820.00	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 449.00			
16. Class Pass Fee - Transit	Summer 2029	fixed increases	\$ 105.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 105.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 52.50			
Total Mandatory Campus-Based Fees			\$ 955.50	\$ 1,911.00	\$ 504.50	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ 501.50			

Notes:

gold Student fee referenda passed by student vote; subject to Chancellor and UCOP approval

blue Requested increases that require approval from VC Student Affairs (Wellness) or Chancellor (STARR, GOLD, Big C, Housing Security)

Carol T. Christ

Carol T. Christ, Chancellor

June 24, 2024

Date

Attachment B
CACSSF Discretionary Fund Allocations

Allocations for Fiscal Year 2024-25

CACSSF conducted a Spring 2024 grant-making cycle and allocated approximately \$1,000,000 in one-time funding from its discretionary fund to support student service initiatives. Grants are to be utilized between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

Department / Organization	Program / Service	Brief Description	FY2025 Amount
Graduate Assembly	Mutual Aid Fund	This fund serves students experiencing an emergency such as incurred costs due to death, outstanding medical expenses that hinder the ability of an individual to be a student, relocation costs, and additional basic needs emergencies.	\$175,000
RSO	Empowering Womxn of Color Conference (EWOCC)	One of the longest-running conferences in the nation that addresses needs and concerns of womxn of color and has brought together prominent womxn of color activists and community leaders to create a space to discuss and strategize ways to address current issues facing womxn of color over the past 39 years.	\$21,680
RSO	Black Pre-Health Student Conference	Project aims to inspire Black pre-med and pre-health students along their journey by providing insight on future careers in health through examples of Black excellence in the healthcare field. Includes quality speakers, workshops, and activities that encourage Black students to continue to pursue a career in health/science by providing them with opportunities to network	\$15,000
Graduate Assembly	Professional Development and Graduate Student Parent Travel Awards	This application is to provide additional funding for the Graduate Assembly (GA) to give out in the form of travel grants to graduate and professional students through 2 types of awards: Professional Development (PD) and Graduate Student Parent (GSP) award.	\$20,000
ASUC	ASUC Undergraduate Professional Development Fund	A professional development fund that can provide resources to undergraduates who lack access to professional development resources or the funding to seek these resources off campus.	\$20,000
RSO: Zawadi, Amores Valientes	QT Ball	Annual ball hosted to uplift mission of Latinx & Black Queer or Trans students to speak up and create the space that they want on campus in collaboration with OaklandToAll. Hosting a safe space for community and also provide rapid STI testing.	\$7,000

ASUC	Holistic Caseworker Grant	Student Advocate Office (SAO) grant that empowers low-income students to not only become but to be retained as caseworkers in our office, ensuring that students most affected by classist systems at the University are centered within the office and in SAO's work to dismantle these systems.	\$55,000
ASUC Office of President	Multicultural Initiative Fund Grant	The grant aims to increase multiculturalism at Cal and foster a stronger sense of belonging for students from marginalized identities and is given to RSO's to aid the hosting of their events.	\$25,000
Graduate Assembly	Graduate Registered Student Organization (GRSO) Funding	Funding to aid and give out to the many graduate registered student organizations (GRSOs) on campus for items such as meetings and events including food, non-alcoholic drinks, supplies, and speaker honoraria.	\$100,000
ASUC	Enhancing Accessibility with Speechify Premium for All Students	Speechify facilitates content consumption in an audio format, enabling students to engage with readings during daily activities. This addresses the pressing need for equitable access to educational resources, particularly for students with disabilities such as ADHD or Dyslexia,	\$18,000
RSO: Iranian Students Cultural Organization	Norouz Show 2025	Norouz Show, or Persian New Year, features a premier student-run show where various aspects of Persian and Iranian culture are highlighted. The different aspects of Persian culture and the holiday are highlighted, and it unites the Iranian culture to provide a safe environment for students to celebrate their Iranian heritage.	\$7,000
ASUC	The Birdhouse at Berkeley	A co-operative housing which meets sensory and social needs of neurodivergent students. These include: solidified policy regarding sensory needs, expedited and non-judgemental maintenance requests, housing assignment flexibility, academic support meetings, and an inclusive community which is currently severely lacking.	\$2,000
RSO: Pilipino American Alliance	Pilipinx Cultural Night	Engage with the Pilipinx community of Berkeley and the wider Bay Area through participating in a wide variety of activities that work to deepen our connection to our cultural heritage and arts.	\$7,000
Center for Support & Intervention	Recovery at Cal - Strengthening recruitment and retention for students in/seeking recovery	Aims to increase recruitment and to retain currently involved students in the Collegiate Recovery Program by improving marketing materials to improve CRP's visibility on campus, we seek to expand the Recovery Scholar Program to reach and accommodate a greater	20,000

		number of students as well as increase the amount of the stipend offered to each student.	
RSO: Nigerian Students Association	The Nigerian Students Association Annual Culture Show	Project aims to promote cultural diversity and celebrate Nigerian heritage at Berkeley through upscale displays of culture, dance, music, fashion, food, and entertainment.	\$7,000
Graduate Assembly	Night Out / Night Off for Graduate Students of Color	Series of arts focused events, both large (150+ people) and small (10 people) held in the fall and spring semesters that build community amongst graduate students of color.	\$64,000
National Pan-Hellenic Council	Cal NPHC Plots (A)	The creation of a memorial to Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. in a predominantly white institution can contribute to a more inclusive campus in several ways: 1) Representation and visibility of African-American culture and history. 2) This can foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of different cultures and histories. 3) Inspiration and empowerment 4) Attracting a diverse student body	\$1,500
RSO	The Black Muslim Wellness Initiative	This initiative will address needs of Black Muslims on campus through 6 social events, Ramadan and Eid care packages, Iftar dinner, and Black Muslim Halaqas (discussions) and Black Muslim Experience panel.	\$7,000
Graduate Assembly	Student Advocates Office Graduate Caseworker	ASUC Student Advocate Office (SAO) Graduate Caseworker position who specializes in the unique graduate student experiences.	\$8,750
Educational Opportunity Program	EOP STEM Program	EOP STEM was created to foster academic and personal support for undergraduate students pursuing a career in STEM who identify as low-income, first gen, historically underrepresented by providing one-on-one support, leadership opportunities, and career guidance.	9,600
Berkeley Underground Scholars	Underground Scholars Retention Support	This proposal is intended to provide resources to fill the gaps in service to underrepresented communities through Black Underground Scholars Initiative (BUSI), Wellness Services, and Career Services. Funding would go to programming and stipends.	25,000
ASUC: Open Computing Facility (OCF)	OCF Operational Staff Stipends	The goal of this proposal is to keep the OCF, highly frequented long-hours computer lab at 171 MLK with a generally high volunteer-staff-to-user ratio for accessible in-person support, as well as online support, open and staffed from 9am-8pm, Monday-Friday and 10am-6pm Saturday	\$45,504

Graduate Assembly	Womxn of Color Initiative	The Womxn of Color Initiative (WOCI) has advocated for academic and professional graduate student women of color by organizing events to support their thriving socially, professionally, academically, and spiritually.	25,150
Berkeley Recreation & Wellbeing	Inclusive Recreation Adaptive Sports Samplers	Providing students with opportunity to engage in introductory adaptive sports sessions, getting a chance to explore a few of the many adaptive sports that exist. For individuals interested in personal training, we aim to provide up to 30 eligible students with 102 weeks of personal training. This program would provide students with seven 2-hour sessions where they can learn more about adaptive sports, are provided with a safe and inclusive space to participate, and where individuals can connect with one another.	\$13,450
Graduate Division's Office for Graduate Diversity, Division of E&I	Graduate Thriving Initiative: Support Services, Workshops, and Programming for First-Generation, Low-Income, Historically Underrepresented Graduate Students	The Graduate Thriving Initiative addresses pressing needs affecting underrepresented graduate students, including finding and receiving critical university services and resources and addressing isolation and lack of support within the university environment. Funding will help create a thriving learning environment at the Hub where graduate students are supported holistically through resources, programs, and workshops that build a sense of community, wellness, and academic success.	\$40,000
ASUC; RSO's	ASUC & Student Union Space Reservation Fund	Provide a pot of funds for ASUC sponsored RSO's and ASUC groups (including commissions, Senate offices, Executive and Appointed Offices) to request ASUC funds to pay for venue and event spaces through the Berkeley Event Services Team.	\$50,000
RSO: Latin American Society	Current Issues in LATAM Speaker Series (Latin American Leadership Society FORUM)	Project promotes diverse and multifaceted conversations between community members and fosters a broader understanding among our students about Latin America's role in the world through hosting Latin American distinguished speakers.	\$5,000
Student Legal Services	Student Legal Services (SLS) - Funding for Counseling Attorney for Students	This is a proposal to continue funding for expanded FTE in the SLS office which provides free and confidential legal counseling to currently registered UC Berkeley students, offering advice, guidance, and coaching for their legal questions, rights, obligations, and processes.	\$198,366

RSO: African American Initiative	Ebony Gala	The Ebony Gala provides an opportunity for Black Students to gather with the opportunity to grow. This event is crucial to the Black community as it is an event that celebrates our blackness and lets the community finally get to experience the full spectrum of fun that any other student gets to experience, while also allowing students of varying majors and fields of study to come together and network.	\$7,000
		Total Funding	\$1,000,000