

CSU Trustees Vote to Raise 2010-2011 Fees by Five Percent

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In response to recent legislative budget action, the California State University Board of Trustees voted to raise the State University Fee by five percent for undergraduates and graduate professional programs. Trustees also increased fees for doctoral education students by 10 percent. For full-time undergraduates, that translates into a \$204 annual increase, and brings the total State University Fee to \$4,230 beginning fall 2010.

Effective for fall 2010, full-time fees will increase by \$204 for undergraduate students, \$234 for credential program participants and \$252 for graduate students. The undergraduate State University Fee will rise from the current \$4,026 to \$4,230 per year. Including the current average campus fee of \$867, CSU undergraduate students will pay approximately \$5,097 per year, still the lowest fee rate among comparable institutions and \$3,270 below the comparison average.

Education doctorate fees will rise from \$8,676 to \$9,546. The fee is mandated by state legislation to remain at or below the level of state-supported doctoral degree programs offered by the University of California which are currently set at \$10,302 for the 2010-2011 academic year. For nonresident students, per unit fees will remain at the same levels, but the cap of \$11,160 has been lifted, and the tuition paid per term will be calculated based on the number of units taken.

More than 187,000 CSU students will pay no fee increase due to increases in the State University Grants, federal grants, CSU fee waivers and expanded federal tax credits. Additionally, the CSU is the largest recipient of federal Pell Awards for students. On average, factoring in financial aid, families who make \$70,000 or less will not pay any undergraduate fees. Financial aid and federal tax credits will also be available for many other students, including those with family incomes of up to \$180,000.