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TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
SUBJECT: Resolution Regarding Fee Structure at the CSU
PURPOSE Approval the Senate

ACTION REQUESTED:

That the Academic Senate approve the following resolution.

Whereas the Board of Trustees has recently considered increases in fees for repeating courses, taking overload courses, or being “super-seniors” and the Governor's budget calls for increased fees on students who take over 270 quarter units;

Whereas the current two-tiered fee structure that charges students the fees depending only on whether students enroll for 6 quarter units or less or for more than 6 units does not discourage students from taking additional classes beyond 8 units, thereby increasing withdrawals, allowing students to take unneeded elective classes, and providing little disincentive for students to take high- unit majors;

The Academic Senate of California State University, East Bay resolves the fee structure for resident students of the California State University must be changed; and further resolves that

The fees should be by unit so that there are no more concerns about students taking courses because “they are free”; and further resolves that

Students should not be penalized for trying to complete their degrees just because they took extra time to find their paths in Community College, or changed majors, or could not immediately get the classes that they needed; and further resolves that

The Academic Senate of California State University, East Bay shall distribute this resolution to the Governor, the Chancellor, Executive Vice Chancellors Smith and Quillian, the Board of Trustees, and the Academic Senate of the California State University.

Rationale:

Attempts to rush students to graduation by increasing their fees are regressive and unfair. Such increased fees will likely target students who transfer to CSU with units from other institutions, students who change their major, double majors, students with minors, and students from high-unit majors.

Charging by the unit prevents “free courses” (such as those taken above the 17 unit cap) and diminishes the perception that programs exceeding 180 quarter units are providing units without revenue. Lower fees for 1- and 2-class-per-term students increases access for working individuals.

Sliding fee structure encourages students to be full-time without increasing the average cost for full- time students; and allows students who can handle large numbers of units to pay to do so while maintaining their state subsidies. Paying by unit also shifts costs of high-unit programs to the students. The ASCSU has passed its own resolution requesting a Task Force be created to study CSU Student Fee Policy: <http://www.calstate.edu/acadsen/Records/Resolutions/2012-2013/documents/3113.shtml>