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Memorandum

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Via E-mail Only

To: Chief Business Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Health Services Program Directors
Financial Aid Officers
Admissions and Records Officers

From:  Elias Regalado, Director
Fiscal Standards and Accountability

Subject: Student Health, Parking Services & Transportation Services Fees

Health Fees

Education Code Section 76355 provides the governing board of a community college district the option of increasing the student health services fee by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Whenever the calculation produces an increase of one dollar above the existing fees, this fee may be increased by \$1.00.

Based on calculations by the Financial, Economic, and Demographic Unit in the Department of Finance, the Implicit Price Deflator Index has increased enough to support a one dollar increase in in the student health fee. Specifically for the student health fee, districts may now charge a maximum of **\$20.00** per semester, **\$17.00** for summer session, **\$17.00** for each intersession of at least four weeks, or **\$17.00** for each quarter term.

Parking Services Fees

Education Code Section 76360 provides the governing board of a community college district the option of increasing the parking services fee by the same percentage as the

increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services. Whenever this calculation produces an increase of one dollar above the existing fees, the fee may be increased by \$1.00.

Based on calculations by the Financial, Economic, and Demographic Unit in the Department of Finance, the Implicit Price Deflator has increased enough to support a one dollar increase in the parking services fee. Specifically for the Parking Services Fee, Districts may charge a maximum fee of **\$53.00 per semester**. The calculation did not change enough to increase the summer, intersession and quarter term fee amounts. Thus, districts may continue to charge a maximum fee of **\$26.00** for summer session, **\$26.00** for each intersession of at least four weeks, or **\$26.00** for each quarter term.

Transportation Services Fees

Education Code Section 76361 provides the governing board of a community college district the option of increasing the transportation services fee by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services. The fees may be increased annually up to the next whole dollar increment above the existing fee limit that calculation produces

Based on calculations by the Financial, Economic, and Demographic Unit in the Department of Finance, the Implicit Price Deflator Index did not change enough from last year to produce an increase in the transportation services fee. Specifically for the Transportation Services Fee, Districts may continue charging a maximum fee of **\$73.00** per semester, **\$37.00** for summer session, **\$37.00** for each intersession of at least four weeks, or **\$37.00** for each quarter term.

If you have any questions about these fees, please contact Michael Yarber at (916) 327-6818 or myarber@cccco.edu.

Subject: Approval to Increase the Student Health Center Fee for Las Positas Colleges

Background: The Director of Fiscal Standards and Accountability from the California Community College Systems Office issued a memorandum dated February 24, 2017 to support a one dollar increase in the student health fee, and that districts may begin charging a maximum fee of \$20.00 per semester and \$17.00 for summer session based on calculations by the Financial, Economic, and Demographic Unit in the Department of Finance.

With this being passed from the Chancellor's Office, it is proposed to increase the student health fee to Las Positas College by raising the fee from \$17 to \$20 per semester, and from \$15 to \$17 for the summer session starting Spring 2018.

With the current economic conditions and budget cuts from state funding sources, increasing the mandatory student health services fee will allow the Student Health & Wellness Center (SHWC) to continue providing accessible health and behavioral health services. To meet the rising number of student requests for behavioral health services, this increased health fee will fund a more comprehensive integrative behavioral health program.

The funding will support the Las Positas college behavioral health program. The behavioral health program will be defined as an integrative program that deals with mental health, substance abuse, and associated physical disorders. The program consists of an integrated delivery of care model including medical providers, educators, public health professionals, clinical mental health providers, peers, and other healthcare professionals. The increased funding will support two LMFT interns (18 clinical hours per week, 4 behavioral health outreach hours, 2 supervision hours), one LMFT intern supervisor (4 supervision hours), and one behavioral health outreach coordinator position (hours tbd). The behavioral health program coordinator will facilitate a peer support program, a behavioral health education outreach program for students including workshops and support groups such as stress management, resiliency training, and mindfulness. The coordinator will also provide behavioral health education, resources, tools, and support for staff/faculty to assist, identify, and refer students dealing with behavioral health issues on campus.

For students to succeed during their academic career, early treatment to healthcare and behavioral health services are vitally important. Disease prevention is more likely to occur when barriers like high costs are removed and a preventive approach to healthcare is adopted. All enrolled students are provided affordable, convenient access to health and behavioral health services through the Student Health & Wellness Center.

Several colleges such as Ohlone and Pierce College, have acquired a board approved policy to automatically charge the maximum allowable fees as approved by the Chancellor's Office in accordance with the Education Code.

If the Student Health Center fee had been adjusted for inflationary increases over this four-year period, a fee initiative to increase the student fee would not have been necessary. Even with the proposed fee increase, the annual cost to a student for unlimited access to the Student Health & Wellness Center is low when compared to a single visit to see a mental health provider, clinic, physician or hospital emergency room.

Without the increase in the Student Health Center fee, services to students would be drastically reduced, and many students would suffer, physically, emotionally and fiscally. Such a reduction could

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result in many students not receiving necessary, timely and low cost medical services. They would become more dependent on expensive hospital, urgent care and off campus outpatient services and an increase in student illnesses resulting in academic failure.

It is because the Student Health & Wellness Center is such a vital service in supporting students, academic success and because the fee supporting those services has not increased in over three years, the Board of Trustees is being asked to support and approve this proposal.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed increase to the student health fee to \$17 for Summer Semester, and \$20 for Fall and Spring Semesters which will support the student health and wellness program in providing accessible integrative health and behavioral health needs of students at Las Positas Colleges.