FAQs

Why does Chico State charge for the use of its facilities?
All CSU campuses are required to be reimbursed for use of state facilities during non-normal business hours and by all non-state entities and off-campus users. This system-wide policy, Executive Order 1000, was established by the Chancellor’s Office in July 2007 to implement a cost recovery program for use of its facilities. These mandates have been in place since the adoption of Executive Order 648, in January 1996; however, our campus has been slow to implement and has received three audit findings in the last several years.

Why can’t student groups use campus facilities at any hours for no cost?
Student groups are an important part of student life on campus and the implementation of EO 1000 will not be used to limit access. Student groups have full access, without charge, to the campus during all normal business hours. In addition, to reduce impacts to Student Groups during non-normal business hours, the campus has incorporated “extended hours” into our policy; whereby, Student Groups can use several buildings on-campus any Sunday from 1pm-10pm, during the academic year.

Do other student groups at other CSUs pay in similar situations?
Application of EO 1000 across campuses requires it.

Why doesn’t the CSU have fees the same on every campus? If not, could our fees be lower?
Most of our charges are based on actual personnel costs the campus incurs. Other campuses may have different rates depending on the salary range of personnel providing similar functions.

If the University has to charge, why not charge a nominal fee?
EO 1000 requires the campus to recover its full costs. However, the University does take into account the benefit to our academic mission in determining fees.

Can the University subsidize the cost because of the benefit?
When the activity is closely related to the primary academic mission of the University, a direct benefit may be identified that may justify reduced or waived rates. The difficulty exists in consistently identifying a direct benefit and consistently applying a reduced fee structure.

How will the University decide which groups get a waiver or reduced rate?
University staff will review the benefit to University academic mission, Memoranda of Understanding (MOU’s) or other contractual arrangements in making a determination.

Business hours don’t always favor when student groups want to use facilities – could this be adjusted?
Some adjustments have already been made as a result of input during the 18-month period over which the new procedures and rates were developed. Specifically, student groups are allowed the use, without charge, of several facilities during non-normal hours on Sunday afternoons and evenings during the academic year for meetings and other events.

Could the policy have a moratorium while some of these questions are addressed?
These new procedures and rates were effective November 1, 2011, with a soft implementation period during which time many individuals and entities were notified regarding new procedures. Charges were waived or reduced for events already scheduled. Some long term, on-going uses are continuing without
charge as MOU’s are finalized or other arrangements are made. The University has cleared our audit findings based on our January 2012 implementation date.