California State University, Chico

Proposed Campus Fee Adjustments to
Student Health Services, Athletics, and
Student Learning Fees

Alternative Consultation and Advisory Referendum
Final Report

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Executive Summary
In February 2018, the President of CSU, Chico brought forth a proposal to increase three (3) mandatory student fees: Student Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee, and Student Learning Fee. The proposed fee increases are designed to sustain key programs that support the educational, physical, and mental health needs of our students. The proposed increases were prompted by rising costs and an extended period of deficit spending. In addition, in an attempt to keep costs stable during the Great Recession, the fees have not been increased for eight years or more: Student Learning Fee (last increase 2010); Athletics Fee (2002); and Student Health Services Fee (1998).

Student fees are in addition to tuition, and rates vary by campus. Tuition is set at the systemwide level and student fees are established by each campus to support specific needs. The fee increases discussed in this document are campus-based mandatory fees, not the State Tuition Fee. Student fees are classified as Category II fees “that must be paid to enroll in or attend the university,” in accordance with the Education Code and Executive Order 1102.

Campus-based student fees provide the base funding for many important programs that prepare our students for success, support student well-being, enhance the college experience, and build campus pride. These locally managed fees are necessary because state appropriations and tuition do not provide adequate funding to deliver these key programs. The services of the Student Health Center, activities offered by Athletics and Recreational Sports, and the enhanced hands-on educational opportunities provided by the Student Learning Fee are essential for the comprehensive educational experience expected by students today. These programs have been strained financially for a number of years because fee revenues at the current level are not keeping pace with rising costs and rapid changes in educational technology and academic programming.

To address the critical needs of students, the University is considering an adjustment to the Student Health Services, Athletics, and Student Learning Fees. If approved, the fee adjustments will address limitations by hiring additional medical and counseling staff to reduce wait times for walk-ins and future appointments; ensure we maintain top-notch intercollegiate athletics, intramural and recreational sports programs; and provide needed funds to support student learning that occurs across campus and in our seven colleges. Our goal is to adjust fees in order to sustain and enhance our programs for the next five years to meet the educational, physical, and mental health needs of our students. All three fees include a financial aid set-aside at the following rates: Student Health Services Fee, 6%; Athletics Fee, 4%; and Student Learning Fee, 33%.

Summary of Proposed Fee Adjustments

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TOTAL $190
Proposed Semester Fees

The proposal also includes gradual increases for the next five years. After academic year 2023-24, the Student Health Services and Athletics Fees will increase by the application of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

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Fee proposals are subject to either an advisory student referendum or an alternative consultation mechanism. Both methods are advisory to the President. After discussion with the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC), the President selected the process of alternative consultation. After the first two student forums the President decided to expand the fee adjustment process and notified the campus on March 5, that it would conclude with an advisory student referendum in late April. The student vote took place on April 25-26.

Prior to the start of alternative consultation, the President met with the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) on December 11, 2017, and January 24, 2018, to communicate her intention to proceed with alternative consultation for the proposed fee increases. From February 15 through April
13, 2018, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs, Interim Director of the Health Center, Athletics Director, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences, Chief of Staff, and Assistant Vice President of Budget Operations used an alternative consultation process to educate the campus community on the details of the proposed fee adjustments, engage students in dialogue, and collect comments from the campus community and alumni. Activities consisted of, but were not limited to:

- Presentations to student interest groups and governing oversight committees;
- Six open forums and one student leader forum;
- Email communications sent to student groups and governing oversight committees;
- Multiple social media posts and announcements with an emphasis on Twitter, given that it is our most utilized and engaging platform for news and updates, specifically for students;
- Ten consecutive weeks of advertisements placed in the university newspaper, *The Orion*;
- Announcement placed on the digital monitor at the Bell Memorial Union;
- Online and printed voter pamphlet distributed throughout campus;
- A website dedicated to the proposed fee adjustments. It can be found [here](#);
- A Frequently Asked Questions page on the website, which was updated with responses to questions received throughout the consultation process. It can be found [here](#).
- An online feedback mechanism available from February 15 to April 20, 2018;
- A public service announcement broadcast on The Blaze, 103.5 FM, and other Deer Creek Broadcasting radio stations.

During the consultation period, staff met with many groups from across campus, including the AS Government Affairs Council, Student Academic Senate, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Student Health Advisory Committee, Academic Senate, Provost’s Academic Council, Department Chairs, and the University Budget Committee, to inform them of the proposal and have open dialogue. Groups were asked to provide their opinions, either during and/or after the meeting, collectively or as individuals. Students, faculty, and staff were also invited to participate in the process by submitting their comments electronically through a link on the fee adjustments website.

The advisory referendum was held from 8 a.m. April 25 through 8 p.m. April 26. In the referendum, the majority of student voters rejected increases to all three fees—the Student Health Services Fee, the Student Learning Fee and the Athletics Fee.
Status of Campus Services Funded by Fees

Student Health Services

Student Health Services include the following programs:

- Student Health Center (SHC)
- Counseling & Wellness Center (CWC)
- Campus Alcohol and Drug Education Center (CADEC)

Student Health Services prides itself in understanding the unique needs of college students. When students do not feel well, physically or emotionally, it can have significant ripple effects that can prevent them from achieving academic and personal goals.

Executive Orders 943 (PDF) and 1053 (PDF) outline the health care services required from the Counseling & Wellness Center and the Student Health Center, but with growing operational expenses and a budget based on a 20-year-old health fee model, it is increasingly difficult to meet the rising health care needs of the campus community.

Recent surveys indicate that 1 in 4 college students will struggle with a mental health problem while enrolled. Indeed, the greatest spike in demand in Student Health Service is for mental health services, and the increase in referrals between the Student Health Center and the Counseling and Wellness Center is significant. Many students come to both the Student Health Center and the Counseling and Wellness Center for help with acute panic and anxiety and, if left untreated, many of these students are at risk for dropping out, drug and alcohol abuse, and even thoughts of suicide.

At both the CWC and the SHC, students report that they receive excellent care from the providers once they get in, but getting an appointment at either clinic is a challenge. During the fall of 2017 at the counseling center, the average wait time for an intake appointment was 14 days. During that same time period, the wait time for a gynecological appointment was 15 days. Both CWC and SHC provide same-day walk-in slots but those spots fill up quickly each day.

The International Association for Counseling Services (IACS) recommends that a university counseling center should have one counselor for every 1,000 students. Right now, our ratio is about 1:1,900.

The proposal is to increase the Student Health Fee by $99/semester beginning in fall 2018 with an additional $9/semester increase annually for five years. After academic year 2023-24, the fee will increase by the application of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). A student fee adjustment (the first fee base fee increase in 20 years) will give Student Health Services financial security for the next five years. Improvements will include but we are not limited to:

- Adequately staff to meet the health care needs of our students
- Offer extended hours
- Eliminate the summer visit fee
- Expand summer counseling services
- Shorten wait times during the semester
Athletic Programs

Intercollegiate Athletics has historically played a vital role in the Chico State experience. The Wildcats have been competing in sports since before the turn of the century. Annually ranked among the nation’s highest-achieving NCAA Division II programs, the Department of Athletics provides one of the pillars of our campus identity, bringing recognition to the University throughout the state, region, and nation, which leads to alumni pride and positive reach to prospective students.

Chico State Athletics boasts a long history of sustained excellence. For example, since joining the California Collegiate Athletic Association 20 years ago (for the 1998-99 academic year), Chico State Athletics has appeared in the NCAA Championships 153 times, claimed 72 CCAA titles, won 37 NCAA West Region titles, and earned 17 NCAA championships.

Athletics plays a vital role in fulfilling the University’s mission in the areas of academics, diversity, and public service. Chico State sponsors 13 NCAA Division II intercollegiate athletic teams with over 350 students participating each year. More than 20 students are regularly employed by the department in a variety of event management capacities, and nearly 10,000 students attend home athletic events free of charge over the course of an academic year. The average GPA and graduation rates of our student-athletes consistently exceed the campus average. Chico State’s coaches and student-athletes help foster a climate that acknowledges and celebrates the differences that define who we are. High-caliber coaches and staff help prepare our student-athletes annually with the attitudes, skills, and habits of lifelong learning and teamwork. Our student-athletes help to set a tone of service on campus, volunteering in local schools and in the community, and giving of their time and money to support campus initiatives, such as the Hungry Wildcat Food Pantry.

Additionally, athletics provide a bridge to the community of Chico and beyond, generating a positive outlet and inviting them to be a part of our Wildcat Family.

Organized recreational sport activity was introduced at Chico State many decades ago. The program was designed to meet increasing student demand for recreational sport programming and competitive opportunities that could not be absorbed by varsity athletics. The current Recreational Sports, Intramural and Sport Club program continues the mission to serve all Chico State students by providing activities that promote and advance healthy lifestyles. Studies have shown that students who participate in recreational sports opportunities have increased retention rates, improved health and wellness, and generate a more favorable opinion of their college experience. Additionally, participation in recreational sport opportunities has been shown to strengthen interpersonal skills, including managing emotions and developing competence, autonomy, and integrity.

The Intramural program boasts the largest participation numbers, with 4,000 unique students recording over 29,000 participation opportunities last year in a variety of organized sport leagues and events. Program offerings are assessed annually to ensure the changing needs of the student population are being met and programming remains relevant. The Recreational Sports program employs over 100 students annually to serve in a variety of important roles required to manage sport activity, including sports supervisors and officials, program assistants, and sport club officers. The Chico State Sport Club program provides an opportunity for students who desire to continue participating competitively during their college experience when varsity sport opportunities are not available. Currently, Chico State sponsors 20 competitive sport clubs and 6 recreational sports clubs, serving 1,100 students. This
student-led, student-funded program provides an outstanding opportunity for developing student leadership. Students learn valuable communication, problem solving, budgeting, organizational and leadership skills. Roughly 5,450 students are served annually through athletics, intramural sports, and sports clubs.

The Athletics Fee was overwhelmingly supported by a student referendum in May 1992 to provide funding necessary to save the Intercollegiate Athletics program and enhance the Recreational Sports program. Facing the withdrawal of state funding that would have resulted in the elimination of Intercollegiate Athletics, the largest student vote on record approved the fee by a vote of 63% to 37%. Once approved, the fee provided the necessary operational funding for the Intercollegiate Athletics program, free admission to regularly enrolled students for all home athletic events, and free access for regularly enrolled students to Intramural Sports programs.

Sport has always been the common bond between Chico State Athletics and Recreational Sports. Historically the programs were united in one department. An organizational change was made in 2007, upon the opening of the WREC, to better align Chico State with national trends in campus recreational sport activity and better serve the student population. Today, the programs operate as two distinct units but the spirit of the original fee is still honored.

The current challenges facing Athletics and Recreational Sports are the result of increasing operational, salary, and employer benefit costs that have exceeded the pace of enrollment growth and Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases on the current fee. The base Athletic Fee approved in 1992 was $40/semester. Except for limited inflation adjustments, the base fee has been adjusted one time (an increase of $14 in 2002). Operational efficiency and disciplined spending have deferred the need for a fee increase for more than a decade. However, the current fee of $97/semester is not adequate to sustain the current Intercollegiate Athletics program and the Recreational Sports, Intramurals and Sport Club programs.

Simply put, the Intercollegiate Athletics program will face elimination without an increase in operational dollars to meet the rising costs of sponsoring a NCAA Division II program. The minimum membership requirement for a NCAA Division II institution is sport sponsorship of 10 intercollegiate teams. With the current sport configuration of 13 varsity teams, there is no combination of budget cuts or team reductions that will allow the program to continue at the current funding level.

Recreational Sports, Intramural and Sport Club programs continue to face the rising costs of student wages, Sport Club travel, insurance, and mandatory athletic training requirements. Continuing popular programming options and further expanding programs to reach more students may not be possible at the current funding levels.

The proposal is to increase the Athletics Fee by $51/semester beginning in fall 2018 with an additional $3/semester increase annually for five years. After academic year 2023-24, the fee will increase by the application of CPI. The funds generated will provide operational funding for Chico State Athletics well into the future and allow for significant enhancements to the Recreational Sports program.

Students can expect the following impacts from the fee adjustment:

- Continuation of our competitively successful Intercollegiate Athletics program
• Continued free admission to all home athletic events for regularly enrolled students
• Expanded Intramural Sports programming, including increased night and weekend programming opportunities
• Increased funding for Sport Clubs
• Increased resources to maintain student employment levels in Recreational Sports
• A new athletic training position to address the health and safety requirement for Sport Club student-athletes

Student Learning Fee

Over a number of years, Chico State’s budgetary capacity to fund classroom, laboratory, field, and pre-professional student opportunities has steadily eroded. We anticipate little let-up from this trend. As a result, we are hard pressed to maintain and upgrade existing hands-on and technology-enabled experiences. Continuous investment is necessary to maintain high-quality laboratory, studio, library, software, and other resources that students need to be competitive in their careers. Funding for such valuable services as tutoring and supplemental instruction, field trips, and student competitions have similarly diminished. Students, faculty, and staff are feeling this challenge as we try to preserve the quality of a Chico State education that includes hands-on, experiential learning inside and outside the classroom.

Students have contributed to support these needs through the Student Learning Fee (SLF), which was established in June of 2010. The initial fee was $20 per academic year, and it increased by $8 per year. The annual fee today, in the 2017-18 academic year, is $76. For this year, we anticipate about $865,000 in available SLF funds and $426,000 set aside for financial aid.

A review of recent spending of SLF funds demonstrates our growing challenge in meeting classroom, laboratory, and co-curricular needs that prepare students for the demands of today's professions and disciplines. Unmet SLF need (e.g. requested vs. funded) has been growing, from $1 million in 2014-15 to $1.84 million in 2016-17. We expect the unmet need in 2017-18 to be near $2.4 million. These requests are critical to maintaining and upgrading experiential learning and supporting student success. For example, in the current academic year, SLF funds are providing:

• A large centrifuge to support the study of DNA by more than 1,000 students enrolled in 14 different biology courses.
• An aquaponics production unit to engage students from 13 different courses in agriculture, biology, plant science, and mechanical engineering in learning about nutrient cycling, plant and fish growth, environmental control, quality management, and marketing.
• Educational travel for political science and criminal justice students participating in the Community Legal Information Center to broaden their knowledge, outreach, and networks.
• Development of remote observation equipment and space in the Associated Students Child Development Laboratory, which allows majors in child development to observe children without influencing their behaviors.
• Additional free tutoring services offered through the College of Business Student Success Center.
• Student leaders to support the production of the Chico Great Debate.
• A Maker Space at the Meriam Library to support entrepreneurial projects from students across campus
The need to support innovative student experiences continues to grow, driven by rapid and progressive changes in technology and knowledge. A sufficiently resourced and responsibility managed environment will help to prepare our students for the opportunities and challenges of tomorrow.

In order to make progress toward improving our students’ experiential learning and related support services, we are requesting an increase of $80 per year per student to the existing Student Learning Fee. If approved, the 2018-19 annual SLF would be $156. The other conditions—the $8 fee increase per year and the 33% financial aid set-aside— are proposed to remain the same as the original 2010 SLF authorization, with an extension to the 2022-23 academic year. We estimate that the increased fee will generate about $2.24 million in available Student Learning Fees in 2018-19, which more closely approaches estimated need.
A total of 254 individuals provided comments on the fee adjustments website. Students, faculty, staff, and other individuals had the option to provide general comments, Student Health Services Fee comments, Athletics Fee comments, and Student Learning Fee comments. Comments were collected from February 15 to April 20, 2018. All online comments are provided for review in Appendix A.

Respondents were each provided with the opportunity to respond to the following questions:

1.) What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Health Service fee?
2.) What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Learning Fee?
3.) What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Athletics Fee?
4.) Do you have any other questions or comment you would like to share?

The responses were anonymous and with respondents selecting their primary appointment from student, staff, faculty, and other. Some respondents did not select a primary appointment and were categorized as unknown within the online software. Comments were reviewed and coded as either positive, negative, or neutral. The results of the analysis are below:

Figure 1: Online Comment Feedback, Student Health Services Fee Comments n= 221

![Pie chart showing feedback distribution]

Question 1: What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Health Service fee?

- Positive: 45%
- Negative: 47%
- Neutral: 8%
Figure 2: Online Comment Feedback, Athletics Fee Comments n=209

Question 2: What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Athletics fee?

- Positive: 49%
- Negative: 46%
- Neutral: 5%

Figure 3: Online Comment Feedback, Student Learning Fee Comments n=184

Question 3: What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Learning Fee?

- Positive: 50%
- Negative: 36%
- Neutral: 14%
Figure 4: Online Comment Feedback, General Comments n= 142

Forum Feedback Summary

Six open forums and a student leader forum were conducted with over 469 individuals participating. Some attendees participated in multiple forums; therefore, the total number of attendees does not reflect unique participations. The table below includes attendance information for each open forum and one student leader forum.

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A total of 85 comment cards were submitted by meeting participants at the six open forums and one student leader forum.

As with the online comments, respondents were each provided with the opportunity to respond to the following questions:
1.) What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Health Service Fee?
2.) What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Learning Fee?
3.) What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Athletics Fee?
4.) Do you have any other questions or comment you would like to share?

The responses were anonymous and respondents selecting their primary appointment from student, staff, faculty, and other.

Comments were reviewed and coded as either positive, negative, neutral, or blank indicating that the attendee chose not to provide a comment on the question. The percentages for each type of comment are illustrated in the figures below. All comments from the comment cards are provided for review in Appendix B. The results of the analysis are below:

Figure 5: Comment Card Feedback, Student Health Services Fee Comments, n=85

![Pie chart showing the distribution of comments for the proposed increase in the Student Health Service Fee.]

- Positive: 38%
- Negative: 34%
- Neutral: 6%
- Blank: 22%
Figure 6: Comment Card Feedback, Athletics Fee Comments, n=85

Question 2: What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Athletics fee?

- Positive: 32%
- Neutral: 8%
- Negative: 24%
- Blank: 36%

Figure 7: Comment Card Feedback, Student Learning Comments, n=85

Question 3: What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Learning fee?

- Positive: 32%
- Neutral: 7%
- Negative: 36%
- Blank: 25%
Figure 8: Comment Card Feedback, General Comments, n=85

Question 4: Do you have any other questions or comments you would like to share?

- Positive: 18%
- Neutral: 22%
- Blank: 25%
- Negative: 35%
Advisory Referendum Results
Below are the results of the advisory referendum copied directly from Big Pulse, the vendor application facilitating the voting process.

Fee Adjustment Advisory Referendum

Report date: Thursday 26 April 2018 20:01 PDT

Health Services Fee
Poll ID: 143920
As at Poll close: Thursday 26 April 2018 20:00 PDT
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Ranked by votes

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Athletics Fee
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As at Poll close: Thursday 26 April 2018 20:00 PDT
Number of voters: 5264 · Group size: 5451 · Percentage voted: 96.57
Ranked by votes

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Appendix A: Online Survey Questionnaire and Online Comments

CSU, Chico
Feedback on Proposed Fee Adjustment

Thank you for answering the following questions.
We value your feedback and will keep your individual responses anonymous.
Please submit responses by Friday, March 16, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Please indicate your primary appointment:
- Student
- Staff
- Faculty
- Other

If 'Other', then please describe

What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Health Services fee?

What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Athletics fee?

What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in the Student Learning Fee?
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Faculty Comments

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<td>This fee adjustment is hard, but it is necessary in order for Chico State.</td>
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<td>I think it is unconscionable that we continue to raise the costs for students, especially as we see our undergraduate population coming more and more from 1st generation backgrounds and/or working part- or full-time jobs to attend. If we want these students to earn an education and then go contribute to the California economy, we cannot further burden them financially while they are earning their degree and saddle them with debt which hampers their contributions to the economy when they leave and discourages them early in their careers (if they persist to graduate in the face of such burdens). Everyone in California benefits from a more educated and prepared population, and President Hutchinson and Chancellor White should be pushing the state legislature to better support our students financially--for the sake of the state if not for the sake of our students.</td>
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<td>The framing of this for the campus is inaccurate. Virtually anything that provides benefit to students will show some good result. The question is not &quot;does this produce any good?&quot; the question should be &quot;is this the best use of funding?&quot; We need to make financial decisions with comparative analysis and to do that we need comparative data. We want the students of the University to be critical thinkers and do smart cost-benefit analysis. Lets give them the information to do that.</td>
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<td>If Chico State wants to create a &quot;Culture of Caring&quot; that puts students needs at the forefront of the university then we should start funding vital services for students and stop asking them to pay larger and larger bills. As class sizes increase, more part time faculty are hired, we are seeing more and more students under stress. Adding to their stress with more fees (and a tuition increase) is the exact wrong thing to do.</td>
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<td>A very flawed process, without opportunity for meaningful input about your three priorities.</td>
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<td>I am really disappointed in our leaders for using our students as their ATM while they continue to support people and programs that are not well managed, expensive and ineffective. The administrators who created this calamity are never held accountable. They have all retired with big fat pensions. This has been a slow motion train wreck I have been witnessing for the past 5 years. Not putting this to a student vote through a referendum shows weak leadership and problems with transparency. We can and need to do better than this. Why did you allow this mismanagement to continue for so many years?</td>
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<td>Im sure the counter argument to my proposal is that this unfairly hurts colleges with small numbers of majors and/or colleges that provide a lot of GE courses for other majors. I can respect that, and that is why it makes sense to leave the original SLF as it is currently managed. If fairness and equity is the argument, then I hope we can have some consideration for the fairness and equity of the current system where big colleges are potentially &quot;cash cow&quot; SLF generators but the monies are distributed more heavily to other colleges. That fairness and equity should be given strong consideration as well.</td>
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<td>The Early Start Summer Remediation program should be mandated for all students who are not assessed at the minimum level for college (not optional if assessment levels are not to standards).</td>
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<td>Sometimes not getting what you want is a wonderful stoke of luck.&quot; -Dalai Lama. Students may not see it now, but they are investing in themselves. Chico State is not an average campus, it is one of the greatest Universities in the nation. We are well rounded, in every sense of the term. Let us continue to push forward and become what we have the ability to become. #WeAreChico</td>
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<td>I know that the Proposed Fee Adjustment doesnt affect me but I have sat in and listened all sides of the conversation. As a first generation college student and former student-athlete my parents and I were able to benefit from low costs as I received a golf scholarship and enough financial aid to cover me. My family and I truly value the education that I had. My younger brother is currently attending Chico State. While he doesnt receive an athletic scholarship or as much financial aid assistance as I once did (my parents make just over the amount that determines &quot;need&quot;), he and my parents are paying more out of pocket for his education but understand that the fee bump is necessary in helping better his future and success as a student.</td>
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<td>Chico State is such a wonderful place and I am so proud to work here. It is sad that the state wont fund these things and we have to ask for the students to pay for it. I understand where the students are concerned because it is becoming more and more expensive to get a degree, and degrees are becoming less and less valuable in the work place. Now a bachelors degree doesn't mean as much as it used to. A masters degree is the new bachelors degree. That being said, we are in a tough spot and if the only way to get these things funded is for the students to pay a fee then that is what we have to do. Investing in ourselves will pay off in the long term with a better experience overall. Years down the road they wont miss that $190 a semester, but they will be thankful for the services and experiences that they got. We have to keep Chico State as the special place that it is.</td>
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<td>I watched the record session that is available on the website. As I listened to the speakers a common note was that the departments had spent down their reserves. I think there was a missed opportunity to discuss fiscal responsibility and state that each year x% is set aside for reserves, like a savings account. This could be used if there is a health emergency that requires the health center to provide out of norm services or if athletics earns the right to compete at a high level tournament, or whatever the reasons are that a reserve is created. I think it was confusing to students as to why or how a reserve is created and how/why it was spent down.</td>
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<td>The formula used to distribute CCF funds this fiscal year (2017-18) DID NOT follow the previously set formula. The formula was ignored and CCF funds were allocated using an entirely different method. This was not approved by CFAC. For over 5 years Ive requested the allocation model be revisited and have been told it must be approved by CFAC and yet this year the model was changed on a whim that further decreased the allocation to our college. Very interesting.....</td>
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<td>When you present the information, I would suggest you also show the tuition and fees benchmark study that shows how we are such a great deal. I understand why students dont want an increase, but you need to do a better job of putting it in perspective relative to other state universities. We are an incredible value.</td>
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### Student Comments

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<td>Honestly we pay this school more than enough money to achieve what it needs to. Maybe look into reallocating the money first instead of asking us for more. I'm already going into debt and I don't want to even think about another penny on top of it. I understand that the business program and major gets a lot of the money allocated to them (and I totally understand why) but reconsider money allocation more seriously because this is my future and it's not something to be taken lightly.</td>
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<td>I have recently read that you have chosen to do a student vote, which I appreciate very much. When I attended the forum at the HUB I was sincerely disappointed and felt that we were not going to have a say. Thank you for thinking of the students and their rights!</td>
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<td>I payed my full tuition this year and at first I did not like the idea of paying another $190. When I learned more about the benefits to myself and students as a whole I believe it is well worth it.</td>
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<td>I believe students at Chico State already pay enough. Tuition is around $3,500, we do not get free parking close to campus, so we have to have around $120 to get parking permits, and we still have to pay for books or online course materials such as learn smart which is a little more than $100 per semester. For those who get financial aid these fees do not affect them because they are getting their tuition paid for, but those who don't qualify for FAFSA are having to take out loans that do not cover the full cost making us pay the remaining of it out-of-pocket. Those who do not get FAFSA cannot afford these additional increases because as mentioned we still have to pay for tuition, school materials, and we also have our own living expenses. Please review these fees and see how this would affect all students finacially and if it would change anything or consider making some free parking close to campus.</td>
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<td>I strongly believe that this decision should go to a vote and let the students of this campus decide. This campus should be a majority rules democracy and with that we have the right to decide what we do or do not pay for.</td>
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<td>Instead of hiking our fees to basically &quot;fix&quot; what isn't broken and to pay for buildings we are not in dire need for (new physical science building) perhaps use it for a new parking structure. It baffles me that I pay about $130 for a parking pass and I cannot even find parking therefore I am forced to miss my class, that I also pay a pretty penny for, in fear of getting a ticket from UPD that I cant afford to pay for. I go through PS2 every morning and notice two floors of almost empty stalls of &quot;R&quot; parking; parking and yet only about 1 1/2 floors of student parking. I also go through PS1, 1st &amp; Orange lot, A lot, Stadium Lot, and Hazel Lot and all are also full. These student stalls (&quot;G&quot;; or &quot;FS&quot;) are usually mostly full by 8:15/8:30am on MWF and completely full by 7:15/7:30am on TuTh. So those that have classes starting at 9:00am or later would either have to get up and get to the college 2 hours before their class starts to fight for a parking spot or risk showing up an hour early to not find a spot. Back to missing class because I am unable to park, if I miss too many classes I get dropped from the class. This would cause me to have to retake a class while also extending my time here at Chico State. Which may be the goal all along, get us to pay more for tuition while also making it to where we have to stay longer at Chico State making you more money. My recommendation would be to open up &quot;R&quot;; spots to &quot;G&quot;; or &quot;FS&quot;; passes or make an additional structure for the students so that their tuition does not go down the drain. This should be done before you EVER consider raising tuition for things we cannot even park to participate in or for buildings that are not needed at this moment in time. While I do appreciate that you have asked for our opinions I know our voices will not be heard and everything will move forward as you planned. Who knows maybe you will actually listen to us but I guess we will just have to wait and see.</td>
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<td>People have to check their privileges! You have to understand that 200$ is not something we can just give out, we do not have that type of money. What are other options you are looking at for funding? How can the administration show us they care? Food pantry is not enough!!!</td>
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<td>Please don't raise the fees. Everyone is already struggling to pay for school and not everyone can afford to pay another couple hundred per semester/year.</td>
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<td>I completely support these fees that have been proposed. I think that it is extremely important to support these three major programs in order to expand and retain them on campus.</td>
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If we dont raise prices then can we keep basketball!

Thank You for taking the time to read into my opinions and hope that these much needed fees go into effect. I am glad you are taking this time to give students an opportunity to speak up. I Wish the president the best of Luck in making this decision.

Overall we need this adjusted fee not only for our health here at Chico state, but for our experience. I could not live without athletics and I cant imagine staying and being able to walk to class every day knowing that soccer is no longer in my daily schedule. It has brought me to family, and I have made a home for myself here, with a schedule that revolves around something I love that makes some people extremely happy to watch. It also gives my parents more excuses to come up and see me which in college is heavenly knowing that they love and support me. This program and community has changed my life, there is nothing else that could possibly replace it if this fee adjustment doesnt go through.

Fees were raised last year as well, I choose Chico because it was affordable and it is now turning into a school that isn’t. Find funding other ways.

All of these three programs have a huge impact on Chico State campus. I hope you increase the fees for all of the programs because in the long run, all of the fees will allow every student to be diverse in their own way.

please
please dont charge us more money.

I think we should raise all three fees to improve all three programs to make Chico State a all around better place.

I wish to vote NO on the proposal for the fee increase. It would jeopardize the students and really prove that our voices and health were not put first.

Rather than raising student fees, campus administrators should forgo their raises and incredibly high salaries. There was already a tuition increase. We already pay more than we should each year.

I love this school!

Why does the state governments budget proposal doesn’t properly fund the CSU system? Is the money allocated elsewhere?

The cost of attending university has outpaced inflation, housing and healthcare. Chico State is one of the last affordable places to live and go to school in all of California. Fee increases should keep in pace with inflation. Our generation is broke. Having a net worth of zero is a sign of success now. This schools shortcomings are not going to be solved by throwing more money into an already broken system. This problem was made obvious with the new physical sciences building. $100 million for one four-story building is absurd. This project could have built for 30 million, easily. By comparison, the entire Titanic costed only $7.5 million to build, which adjusted for inflation is $175 million today.

Lack of administration should not be students fault.

I am a Chico State Womens soccer player. I am so proud to be able to say that and not having athletics here would be a shame. Not having such great support that gets all the students at Chico involved would be awful. Not having a place to go when you are sick is not okay. Having to wait ridiculous hours to get seen by a doctor at the health center is not acceptable. Cutting the learning center where many students go to receive help is not okay. I think that these 3 things are all very influential in the Chico State community and without them what even is Chico State? Hopefully we wont have to know what it would be like.

Be transparent in what the proposed fees are actually being allocated for. This general idea of what the fees will support is not transparent enough, share plans to students that actually represent dollar per dollar what our fees are going to be spent on.

no need to increase fees

The most difficult aspect of this proposed fee is the misinterpretation of information throughout the campus. I have heard so many rumors about what these fees are being used for and most of them are completely wrong. I have heard of teachers forcing their students to sign a petition against this fee by telling them the money is going to be used for the new sustainable building. This frustrates me because strong opposition is arising but these opposers are misinformed. I really hope the final decision is made by listening to the students of Chico State but only if these students truly know what they are deciding upon. I have faith that this community values these resources enough to accept the fee increases and continue to make Chico State a well-rounded university.
I have had great experiences with all of the Chico State resources/extracurriculars listed above. If these areas within the university's budget require a little extra funding in order to maintain their top tier status on campus then I am all for it. Student health and well being, athletics, and student learning aid—it doesn’t get more personal for us as students.

I understand why there should be a fee charge for this but is it really necessary? I personally believe we shouldn’t have a fee raise because as of now college is expensive, and many struggle just trying to pay the tuition now, to add more payment fees is a greater risk to discourage kids from even going to college. Please don’t do this, I really can’t afford to lose any more money than I already have lost. Please don’t.

190 dollars isn't much of a tuition raise add you should go ahead and bump the price up.

I truly hope this passes for the sake of all our students and future students. In order for Chico to stay relevant we need to start paying more to improve all of our programs. We haven't raised tuition like this since 1992, and there has been much inflation and raises to minimum wage since then obviously. So I hope this passes for the good of Chico State.

If implemented, the proposed fee increases would increase student costs by $380 per year, and this is on top of the nearly-inevitable tuition increases. As a graduate student who receives only subsidized loans, and as an alumna who left Chico State with over $20,000 in loans, I have concerns about how these fee increases would impact Chico State Students. I would urge those in charge to reconsider the current proposal and come back to us with a more moderate proposal.

I hope you read all of this. I know some of it is a little lengthy.

This increased fee seems harsh, however we must recognize that we have not had a fee increase since 1992. Almost all students have been born after that year, which goes to show the amount of inflation we have faced as a nation and as an economy. The future of Chico State lays within this fee increase. Without Chico States Health Center, Athletic Program, and Student Learning Center there will be very few positives and amenities as to why a high school student should choose Chico State. We need these resources as they affect so many more students, faculty, and community members that we can realize. We are at a time of need and as a current Student Athlete I am begging you to be in support of this proposal for the future of our school and for the fate of our scholar students to come.

Why does the university have money for things like the rec center and a brand new $101 million physical science building, but it doesn't have money to support these other, seemingly fundamental programs? Why does the university charge a mandatory student union fee of about $400, and if the student union is supposed to represent and help students, why don't they lower their fee to offset these other increases? Why does the university seem to have money when it really needs it but feels the need to squeeze more money from its students at every turn? Why does the university use exaggerated language to scare students into giving up more of their money because they think all sports will be cut? As I have said multiple times now, a $190 fee increase right after a big tuition hike comes in very poor taste. A huge amount of students here are food insecure and even homeless, and can scarcely afford to go here even with financial assistance.

Tuition is already expensive as is, and you want to increase our already exorbitant expenses by another $190? How out of touch with students are you, this is bullshit.

School should be about focusing on the students achieving success and graduating. It’s honestly not in the current system. It’s all about money and greed because people that are making the money only want more and don’t care that students are struggling on a daily basis to make money to pay for school. If you keep increasing student fees it’ll only get worse for students gaining more and more debt unable to pay for school and then stressing more because the price keeps increasing. It’s unfair to pay more and more for the shit service we get. We pay a high price for not the best return.

I don’t understand why the fee is so high even for people who don’t use the services at all. Is there any way usage per person could be measured and charged accordingly? It’s just so much money for me personally to be paying and not getting anything back.

If you are going to propose this, I suggest waiting a year so that students are aware in advance, therefore, they have time to know they need to accumulate more money instead of simply less than a semester to do so.

I have a couple of ideas regarding distance learning students: - maintain the current student services fees for students that do not live in the area (they are already expensive for students that cannot access or benefit from the services offered) or offer an opt-out for distance learning students I understand that being a college
student also assumes a degree of school community and pride. However, I feel that distance learning students do not directly benefit from the programs that the student services fees fund. Please consider distance learning students when making the decision to maintain or increase these fees. School is already very expensive, and I am paying for this education with my own money. Thank you.

What is the $400 "student union fee"? We can reallocate some of that? We need a comprehensive, transparent overhaul of all fees before more is added. I commend everyone for acting interested in campus feedback, but time will tell if any action will be taken on the part of the university to put in place the suggestions.

Maybe you should have put the money towards this instead of the multi-billion dollar Wrec.

Overall, I don’t believe that the people against this fee increase really understand the consequences that will occur should it not be approved. You don’t realize how special something is or how much you rely on a certain area until it is taken from you. But the health center, Athletics, and student learning are not areas we can risk losing. Those are what makes us Chico State and a wildcat family.

The staff should find a way to save money for the students. There is already many areas where money is being wasted and campus staff should evaluate the current spending and reduce spending in areas with no to low productivity.

We students already can’t afford the tuition each semester, proposing such fees like this is proposing an incredible burden on students like myself. I already can’t afford tuition, if it gets any higher I will be unable to finish my degree because I simply can’t afford it. I know of many other students in this boat as well. Do not impose such fees if you are going to force the student body to pay for it.

I understand there is a portion of our student population who can already barely afford our current student fee and tuition, but consider the majority of the school population who can and don’t want their education to be undermined. We have financial set aside in every fee for those students plus they can receive Cal Grant increases, scholarships and other loans to help them out. Don’t sacrifice the few for the many. We need to remain a competitive University. This is not money wasted, it has direct effects throughout campus and its ramifications will be monumental. Today decides tomorrow, keep our University strong.

Fee increases will rarely be embraced by the student body. Any increase in fees should be felt by a clear improvement in services. Chico State is one of the most affordable options in California, which is a draw for many non-local students. I fear if we increase ours fees by such a significant amount, we will lose the competitive edge we have over schools with larger communities to draw attendees from.

Administration is bloated and needs to be thinned out greatly. There needs to be more teachers. Administrators should also have to teach classes.

I think some of these fees should be waved for online students.

Tuition has gone up 900+% in the past 28 years. Why haven’t these services been tended to financially during this time? I think that this is a question that needs answering.

I am a strong advocate for these three fees because I can see that they are struggling and they have so much to offer all students who attend Chico. We need to keep them adequately equipped or else the overall quality of this school will decrease. As time goes by, budgets need to be evaluated and adjusted, this is what is happening and all of these departments have been evaluated and deserve more funding to continue providing quality services for the students who attend this school. I hope that you take these points into consideration.

"Chico State Values Diversity" is one of the main slogans that helps bring in students year after year, but by raising tuition you are restricting diversity by making it more difficult for individuals in a specific demographic to attend without condemning themselves to student debt. The well-being of the student body should be first priority; without us there is no CSUC.

I see the need for increased fees and endorse the proposed adjustments. What I cannot comprehend is why I must pay for at least 6 credit hours worth of school when I am only able to participate in 3 credit hours due to disabilities. Shouldn’t we have an ADA exception for students like me that would allow us to pay half the tuition because we are attending one, rather than two, graduate classes?

I oppose all of these price increases.

This whole fee increase is ridiculous. We pay so fucking much in fees and tuition that it’s really insane that we even need an increase to a student body where most people are on financial aid. How about faculty take pay
cuts how about “OUR” president takes a PAY CUT!!!! Where does all our fees and tuition go because I haven’t seen a damn upgrade to this school since the new building for performing arts that is literally useless when there are majors like CJ so impacted that I can’t take classes that I need because there aren’t enough teachers or rooms available. The WREC that we pride ourselves so much on hasn’t had any upgrades made to since it was built yet thousands use it everyday!!! SO WHERE THE FUCK IS OUR MONEY REALLY GOING TO?!?!?!!!!! I wouldn’t mind paying small increments over the semesters but this is getting fucking ridiculous every fucking year you guys want more money from students and where does it fucking go????? THE PRESIDENTS POCKETS!

Tuition has gone up every semester I have been in Chico; I would rather not have these services than to pay more (again).

Please don’t make the burden to create a more promising future for myself more difficult. I am doing everything I can to steward the resources I have wisely. I can barely make payments for the semester of tuition as it is. The fee increase would make it much more difficult. I also have a huge issue with the increased tuition for any units above 6. With a single math class and one other normal class, I have been at 7 units and paying the same as if I were taking 17 units. Since I am working full time, it is unreasonable for me to take any more classes. So I end up HAVING to pay so much more per semester for that single unit. It’s depressing and insane.

Athletics can be funded with ticket sales, and if they can then they have no place in a place of higher learning. There are no immediate returns for investing in students futures, so thats where our money should be going.

If today decides tomorrow, then how can you create financial barriers from people being able to continue their education? Think about admin salaries and benefits (like cars, houses, vacations) and think about how many students will suffer for decades after they get their degree with debt. How much of my student fee / tuition went to building that new wildcat statue when I need a counselor instead? I would also like to say, regarding the suicide on campus that was handled extremely poorly by administration, that this is not an excuse to automatically move forward with the increase. I knew the student, I knew Baggins, and after being triggered by the vigil when no one asked his friends or peers to speak about who he was (and instead was a ploy for Hutchinson to seem like she &quot;cared&quot; about the students), it hit me that this incident would be used in favor for the fee increase. Don’t do this to us. Don’t make us more stressed out about having to pay for our education. Don’t create barriers that keep people from being students in the first place. Don’t keep relying on students to pay for other students athletics, supplies, or health- students are ALREADY doing these things. There is money out there, use it correctly.

This is unfair and undemocratic to make the change without having students vote on this increase.

The proposed fees are expensive.

In regards to all of the above, reference to the historic tuition increases since 2001 that are available to the public show a steep increase in cost to the students. This affects those of us who must continually come up with the additional costs passed to the students each year. The extra fees that we are asked for, while appearing minimal, are still costs that we must account for. I highly encourage the administration to consider other options before asking the student body for more money once again.

As one of the few students on campus who is responsible for their own cost of tuition and living while at college, these price increases scare me. While most, I believe, will vote in favor for what seems like small price increases, I see many monthly meals going out the window. I see my rent disappearing, and I see my ability to continue my education diminish.

None of these fees are to help the students and you know it. You are charging more to excuse the fact that the administration had just received a huge raise and you are pulling more money out of the students in whatever loophole you can find. This is extortion, don’t pretend that it is for the people, this is so the administration can stroke their egos and their bank accounts.

this link sent by email: www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments/voter-information.shtml. meant for &quot;voter pamphlet with details about voting and each proposed fee increase&quot; does not work

No increase!!!!!!!

President Hutchinson, please do not let the nay-sayers control the process, these programs are vitally important not only to the students currently here but to the alumni and the students of the future who will be coming in years to come. Many students currently enrolled will act and vote selfishly claiming that they don’t
I want to have the fee increase simply because they are worried about their pocket book instead of the wellbeing of the school and the status of the school. Please do not let them sway you. These programs are necessary for the school to remain in tact and I firmly believe that. As I stated early, this decision is not about the students who are currently here but its also about those who will be coming in the future. This decision will impact the university for years to come even after the nay-sayers have gone, and we need to consider the future of the university not just the present.

I will be at all of the open meetings:

I would not mind these increases because each one of the things being prosposed to be taken away have tremendous impact on the students here. Athletics bring the students together, the student health center helps get medicine at a reasonable amount of money, and the student learning center provides tutoring, advising and much more. Each one of these three things have been so helpful I couldn’t imagine having them stripped away. If it’s only $190 to keep each of these three, I would not mind at all.

These three areas have not had an increase in fees since 1992 and honestly, I’m not sure how we have stayed afloat since then. These are large present areas that make up the Chico State community and they deserve the increase in money that had not been given to them each year that they have been up and running. With inflation and the cost of living going up, it only makes sense to increase the fees in these areas in order to better the experience of students at Chico State. As part of the athletic community on campus, we are taking this matter very seriously and I hope you are able to hear our voice as well as the Health Service and Student Learning Centers, who we strongly stand with. We want our students to have access to the &quot;best&quot; resources so that as they continue on their journey and get into the big real world, that they are as educated and knowledgable as their competitors. Failure to pass this increase in fees will only hurt and push us back as a community that is striving to provide our students, faculty, and staff with the best resources possible.

As always the University is looking to increase prices and claim &quot;its for our benefit&quot; even though it isn’t. Students are already broke, why not up the price!? We can pretend its for their benefit and then give all teachers a raise!!! Yipee! We pay top dollar already, these things should have all been included a long time ago with no extra charge then what we already pay but like usual the school wants to suck up more of our money for their benefit. When I applied for this school I thought it was going to be great but the math teachers here dont know how to teach and most upper division math classes have only one offered tutor. Now to learn that prices are going to increase just puts icing on an already shitty situation. Thanks Chico State. Real stand up place!

I would like to say to all of the people that are saying this is all the athletic departments fault that if you simply look at the numbers, the athletic fee is less than a third of the three raises. The majority of the fee increase is going to help the campus and its students not solely for athletics so there is no reason to cut athletics as if we are taking everyone’s $190+ dollars each semester.

I dont understand the purpose of increasing the fees when you have thousands of students attending and paying the fees already and its very common for fellow students to be homeless and starving on a daily basis because of the tuition fees and increasing them will only make things harder when all we want to do is gain knowledge to have a better future and have a chance at higher education.

I do not believe the fees should be increased and somehow the monies paid by the distance students which I know are a great number should be allocated in a way that they should cover up for the services of the on campus students and I think the salaries for high positions should be level down to help out keep this costs down for the students that need them and that attend classes on campus and are in need of these services.

I don’t want to pay more money that I already am struggling to get. However all of these things are essential in my overall learning and growing as a student, individual, and future competitive career go getter. The better the school the better I will be when I graduate.

I don’t think the tuition should increase AGAIN! Maybe $190 is not much to some students but for most students I know we can NOT afford tuition going up. When will it stop?

I have zero faith that this is anything than the university giving lip-service to our problems, but to continue to add more fees in an academic environment when TUITION HAS INCREASED EVERY YEAR ALREADY is patently ridiculous. The only way, and I do mean the ONLY way I could find myself in support of yet another increase in fees is if the proceeds were guaranteed to go towards lecturer compensation rather than further bloat the corpse of the administration.
Even though you may only be hearing from negative people, a lot of people really want and need this to happen! I hope they reach out to you as well, but I speak for many when I say this is a good and necessary increase!

This year I had to take out a 10k loan to pay for expenses. My mom makes 35k. I make about 10k a year. That apparently means that next year I should pay more money and receive less aid from FAFSA. So, if the school feels that putting students into far more debt before they even have a full-time job, by all means raise the fees! Raising fees anymore than they are is ridiculous and out of the question. No.

I am all for the fee increase. It is a long time overdue that this increase is needed to happen. All three of these departments are key components for this campus to continue functioning as well as it is.

Just know that by cutting these resources so many students will be effected negatively and maybe not continue here. $380 dollars a year in the grand scheme of things is so little and I want everyone to realize how much this is going to effect our school.

We do not need a statue for people to urinate on when coming home from the Bear.

As a student it is hard to afford the already set charges. Tuition just went up this year and I don’t believe we need to pay anymore fees than we already do.

Please do not charge students more and save money by building a dirty building. Chico State is the best. I love the campus and thoroughly enjoy the time I spend there. I know my classrooms as a natural science major can always use more resources. There are other very important science majors that always need new expensive tech to do research and follow other research accurately. I appreciate whoever takes the time to read this thanks.

Please keep the athletic programs and the funding for them. So many students will be devastated and at a loss, as well as many people out of jobs. I couldn’t see Chico State same without them.

If we are going to be doing a fee increase, it should appeal to every member at the university. What would that be? Sustainability. Committing to climate neutral. This is a project that is going to not only affect us but will directly affect our future generations to come. We need to be working on our energy use, water use, changing our materials and furniture, being aware of our effect on community ecosystems, working on waste management and recycling. We need to be preparing for what is to come when our society realizes our resources are finite. We should be educating every single member of our university on the importance of sustainability. This is where a fee should go, if we decide to do that. Otherwise, the cost of education is ridiculous already and there is no way that it should be getting higher unless it is absolutely essential and provides for everyone. Thank you so much for your time and please consider our effect on our environment and how it impacts each and every one of us. Mahalo :)

Stop raising our fees we can barely afford to eat as is. This generation is saddled with massive debt already dont make it worse

Use some of the money you pay the incompetent staff to pay for those items that are needed. Fire them and use the money elsewhere

Athletics is the only thing I can say should have a fee but only if people opt to attend/participate. That is something optional that someone can chose to do. Having difficulties in class or getting hurt/sick/depressed are not choices.

It is already a financial burden to attend college. Students sacrifice financially to get their education. I am an older student with a family to take care of. Increasing these fees will only place a bigger financial burden on myself and my family.

For the sake of all our students, please do not let the fee increase take place.!

I think not passing this proposal would be detrimental to the character of Chico State as a University and could effect the entire student body more than people expect.

A lot of students don’t have any more money to give

Greedy

The fees for this university is already too expensive. Making it difficult for the middle class who do not qualify for any finical aid. $140 is too much!!!

You shouldve used the money that was used on an unnecessary statue toward all of these fees. Its ridiculous that you would spend so much money on a statue that NO ONE asked for while raising our tuition and then
proposing a fee adjustment. I am outraged that you would consider building something so useless while our students and faculty struggle.

Online only students should receive some type of benefits where they are exempt from these fees, as we don't benefit from these fees.

I attended one of the forums, at which I tried to speak before leaving for class. A professor was called on before me, and talked for a long time, including after he had been responded to and I had been called on. At a student forum, I think it is important that students be called on before professors or admin or anyone else. I also would like to see a "progressive stack" in which attendees are called on in this order: 1) students who a) have not previously spoken at a forum and b) need to leave promptly for class 2) Students who fit one of those criteria but not both. 3) Students who have spoken before and dont have anywhere else to be 4) And lastly, non-students.

They knew this was coming and instead they spent the money elsewhere. I spend over 40 hours a week working two great jobs, but love my University and think student should not pay the price.

I support this increase, not because I want to pay more money, but because the alternative is that we are in jeopardy of losing these programs and that is not acceptable. 30+ dollars a month is worth these three valuable programs.

Overall the fee is nothing. 100-200$ that was needed years ago. Give me a break. If you cant afford rent or food that should be your focus. Get a job then pay for school.

You are making our education harder and harder to achieve. Not everybody belongs to a family who makes HALF as much as some of the employees of this university. RID OF SPORTS and put that money towards what we are actually here for!!

Raising fees and tuition is an absolutely terrible idea. Every year, on college campuses across the world, students kill themselves because of student debt. Students literally FLEE the country because they are so stressed about paying back their student loans. Students who complete ONLY a Bachelors Degree, on average, spend 21 years paying back their loans. Raising loans, and not providing more services, or hiring more staff to be resources for students, is a disgrace and something that no institution should even consider doing. Chico State prides itself on being a campus that caters to its students needs, and it is clear that is not happening whatsoever on this campus. Raising fees and causing students to stress, drop out, consider suicide, harm themselves... what kind of a campus can feel okay in putting students in that position? All because what, AS wants a raise? Where is the money going? Why does NO ONE see this is a problem. It is an absolute disgrace.

A fellow student whom I work with at CLIC provided me with helpful information on this important topic. I would not have known about the fee adjustments otherwise and I feel this topic should not be taken lightly.

This fee increase will benefit students in the long run.

Who puts these people in charge? Does it matter what we say? or is this just a tool for you to say that you care about student opinions when you have already settled on your decision? CSU, Chico does not care for the students it exploits every day, every week, every year.

You guys are going to go through with this fee increase even if a large percentage of students are against it. So why even go through this farce of "feedback"? LOWER THE AMOUNT OF HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING IN EVERY BUILDING ON CAMPUS, THAT WAY WE DONT HAVE TO FORCE STUDENTS TO PAY LARGER FEES. SAVE ENERGY AND SAVE US ALL MONEY WE DONT HAVE.

I FORGOT TO TAKE THE SURVEY SO IM SORRY BUT YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT AND IM TRYING TO SPREAD THE WORD SO WOOOOOO

Why is it mandatory to pay these fee if we are not benefiting from all the services? For example, if the student learning fee is the only thing that is applicable, why then do I have to cash flow money to something that I can not afford?

It saddens and frustrates me that a school I chose because of its charm, education, and somewhat low tuition is choosing to increase costs on students that clearly do not want this. It seems like this is an easy way to find money, like there was no debate or thought of where else this money could come from. Students and parents work hard to pay these prices and there seems to be a lack of sympathy, because anyone who does sympathize would not understand why these fees are being proposed in the first place. Maybe instead of building a new building every couple of years those millions of dollars could go elsewhere, like here for
example. What saddens me the most is the realization that the many, many students who oppose this plan will be listened to, but will not be heard. If the students are truly heard, this proposal will not go through.

Athletics in Chico state is very important because it brings a positive culture in this town. Seeing people from all over the town enjoying college sports is something beautiful. If we are being honest, this isn’t Los Angeles or Las Vegas or New York. There isn’t much to do here in Chico. So I feel like cutting athletics here at Chico state would be detrimental not only to the athletes and the coaches but as well as the whole community in Chico.

Cut management positions, administrative positions. Free up monies that are meant for education rather than the fat paychecks this administration is used too. Why do we need so many Vice Presidents of this or that? Wasteful spending that costs educational dollars be spent for office toads who do nothing but claim a paycheck.

I absolutely feel disgusted that our very new president already took a pay increase and is now trying to put the lack of funds on to the students. She should be ashamed of herself!!!

The campus should send a detailed report on where all our funding is going to. Personally don’t feel comfortable with remodeling of buildings just to make the campus look prettier without the consideration of safety and the environment.

You fail to explain exactly what the presidents decision to opt for alternative consultation means. For student who are in not in a legal studies class, it would be hard to understand because its in legal terms. Please inform the student body better about your decision to take their vote out of the equation.

The provided link detailing fee adjustments is broken and shows a an “404 Error” message.

You should consider using part of students tuition to keep students happy and safe. Lighting on campus is inadequate and that affects the safety of students. Buildings are run down and need major renovations and campus parking is awful. Let’s consider changing some of these things before we build a multi billion dollar building for no reason.

School is already expensive, and I like football.

The Chico State campus is a beautiful campus. It seems like there is too much money being thrown in all different directions and not what the campus is meant for, an education. It is not a hospital, social club, professional sports team, etc. It is an institution for learning. If you need to increase your athletics clubs to attract students, don’t do it at my expense. I don’t partake in any of the athletic services or medical services provided. Although it is nice you offer them, I didn’t go to Chico State to use the free gym (which is nice but at the students expense). I already had to pay $1,000 over my tuition for all the athletic and medical fees. It is ridiculous to think it is going to cost more. What about those students who are doing the distance learning and such. There is not opt out function or ways around it. For those of use paying for college ourselves (not with mom and dad’s help), this is a burden more so than having a free gym to go to.

Make distance students exempt from these fees.

This increase will put tuition out of my financial realm and this may be my last semester if the increase goes through.

Although my feedback for all three proposed adjustments are the same, I cannot help but feel strongly about not having to pay more for something that I can’t use. I live about 330 miles away from the campus, and yet I am still paying extra for services that have no service to me. I don’t believe its fair to pay them period, let alone pay more.
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<td>I hope the three increases can be voted on individually by the students rather than having to vote all yes, or all no. The student referendum should encourage write-in votes for vital services that the students feel are being underfunded/don’t exist. Doing the work and presenting to the students an ‘ultimatum’ of sorts about their loss of services unless they vote to pay more is like asking an indentured servant if he would rather get up earlier or work later to make up for perceived loss of productivity. The ‘choice’ has been made, the only ‘choice’ left is to pick one of the options presented. Is this the kind of problem solving and critical thinking we want to be modeling for the students? Not whether ANY of the candidates are worthy of our vote but which one of the two preselected, prescreened, prepaid shills will be hired to speak for us. They should have been involved in a much deeper way from the beginning.</td>
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Faculty Comments

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<td>I support this 100%. Staffing at the counseling center and the student health center are critical. These are central to the campus mission.</td>
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<td>The student health center is vital to the welfare of all our students. Imagine a campus without immediate source of medical attention. Our community hospitals and clinics could not service 17,000 students and many do not have the means to travel to their facilities. Our health center is a safe place where a student can feel comfortable going there knowing there are only students and they will be cared for by physicians and nurses who have chosen to work on our wonderful campus. The health center also provides care for injured student-athletes who are recovering and need a physician to clear them to return. This is a prompt and efficient means for athletes to return to the playing field.</td>
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<td>Last Fall one of our students was going through a Functional Movement Screen before the start of fall training. One of the coaches noticed a big bump on the the students neck. The student waived it off as it was residual from the cold he just got over thinking he still had some swollen glands. The coach urged him to go to the health center right away, which he did. The health center, despite a long waiting line recognized that this should be looked at. Shortly thereafter the student was on his way to Enloe as it was determined to be rather serious. From Enloe he went to his home in the Sacramento area and by the next morning was told from his home doctor that he had stage 4 lymphoma. Treatments began right away. Yesterday marked the 12th and final round of chemotherapy and he is now cancer free. Much thanks to the coach in our athletics program and the health center staff for getting this process going immediately. A life has been saved! Ensuring that the health center functions at its best must be a priority!</td>
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<td>As a coach on this campus for almost ten years I have noticed an increase in the need for not only physical health care but mental health care as well. There are many needs my student athletes have that I cannot provide for them. On average I have between 5-7 student athletes an academic year that are in need of counseling services and our entire team is need to have a Dr. available for their health care needs. There are many times when our students cannot even get in to see a Dr. and do not have health insurance so there are no other options. Or our students cannot get in to see a Doctor at the Student Health center and have Kaiser. The nearest Kaiser is 90 min. away and without transportation cannot be accessed. I have had a few student athletes who desperately need counseling services and there is a three week wait. Without this funding we are not able to provide the basic needs for our students. Our students deserve to have their basic needs met and without this fee increase this will not happen.</td>
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<td>Student Health Services is in desperate need of funding. I have severe reservations about a fee increase; mainly because I think the University should be supporting the SHS more robustly than they are. A fee increase would certainly help, but it will still be lacking appropriate levels of support and it will increase the financial burden on students. The University should do a better job of supporting its ancillary services and staff by dedicating more funds to this vital service on campus. Access to health care is terrible in this country; for many of our students this is the only place they can access health care. We should be supporting SHS as part of our &quot;Culture of Caring.&quot;</td>
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<td>You might want to request a new building from the Trustees. If any building is out of date, and there are many, that one certainly is.</td>
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<td>This situation is the result of several years of gross mismanagement, beginning with stripping the Counseling and Wellness Center of its entire budget (1 million dollars of General Fund money) and forcing this unit to be subsumed by SHS. There is too much to this story to share in this small space. To make students pay for a</td>
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problem created by mismanagement is obscene. One more counselor is not even going to make a dent in our overstretched service model. Who are we kidding? There will be no real money to support student mental health services- it will all go to SHS. So sad. We have already seen how this plays out at SF State, SD State and other places where this switch and bait model was proposed and counselor positions were not increased or were decreased. We need to hold those accountable who have done this to our students.

I like the idea of letting students vote in an advisory capacity. I would encourage you to ask students about each fee separately. They may support one area but not another. This one seems especially high, but presumably there are great needs here.

Support. Health Services are integral for students, and increases in fees will continue to allow the quality of service.
Other Comments

Fee - Student Health Services

Student Health Services is a vastly under utilized entity, however, has become an increasing necessity for students. Being a recent graduate, I did not use the Student Health Center until my last two years in college. It wasn’t until I saw a doctor that I was able to recognize and come to terms with my mental health problems. I was also compelled to seek professional help because the stigma of mental health was being combatted and being talked about more through programs such as UMatter. Without the Student Health Center and the professional staff that work there, I would not have made it through and graduated from Chico State. I owe a lot to the Health Center and Counseling and I do hope that I am not alone in being a proponent for this fee increase.
### Staff Comments

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<td>Students deserve the best version of Chico State. Healthcare being on the forefront. Health is wealth. Simple.</td>
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<td>I believe that the Student Health Services fee increase needs to happen. When I was a student here at Chico State from 2009-2014 I relied heavily on the Student Health Center as during that time I had little to no health care at all. As a student and being in close proximity to other students in classrooms five days a week made catching some sort of illness inevitable. During my time as a student, the wait times to see a health aid were incredibly long and sometimes were unattainable as they overlapped with class times. Currently, as a coach I have heard from my players about their difficulties in getting seen at the Student Health Center due to long wait times and the lack of available appointments. A lot like when I was in college, several of my players have low quality health care or have to travel out of town to be seen due to their health coverages limitations. Their only option sometimes is to be seen at the Student Health Center but this typically is not even an option due to its availability.</td>
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<td>Increased staffing at the Health Center will benefit the student body with less wait time, increased one on one time, and concentrated mental health outreach and assistance. Increased staffing of the Wellness and Counseling Center is needed and will help in assisting those with mental health issue find resources. Including the summer in the free services will also be a huge positive for the many students who live in Chico year round and work on campus or take summer courses.</td>
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<td>I think that the Student Health Services fee is extremely important. The care of our students is a top priority. If I were a student I would definitely want to pay up front in the form of a fee increase, rather than pay on the back end of it because the health center has limited services.</td>
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<td>The majority of the students I work with are on Kaiser health insurance. If they cant get the medical attention they need at our student health facility then they have to go to Sacramento, which is very prohibitive for many. Clearly, the health center needs to hire more doctors and staff to meet current needs as wait times are unreasonable. The benefits of having in house x-rays and a pharmacy are also huge perks for students and if we lost those services quality of experience would be greatly reduced. It also seems that more and more of my students are struggling with serious life issues and the benefits that I have seen from them receiving counseling are tremendous. We cant afford not to have these services. Overall, I feel strongly that maintaining all of our health services and increasing staff is necessary for us to continue being an environment that provides our students with a rich, diverse, safe and healthy experience. I understand that many students are “food poor” and say that cant afford these fees, but the truth is they cant see the forest for the trees. They lack big picture perspective to see how much more it will cost them if we lose these benefits.</td>
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<td>I dont have much opinion in regards to the Student Health Services fee, as I dont have enough information. Extended health center hours and more counselors (mental health needs) would be beneficial to all our students.</td>
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<td>I worked at the Health Center for 9 years, during that time I watched the “average student” change. When the current model was created in 1998 there was a known average student. Students were needing their routine physicals for sports or travel, their mens and womens health exams and testing, or general health care. Because college is much more accessible than it was 20 years ago, the average student might have a chronic physical issue or mental disorder managed by medication. When I first started at SHC in 2004 there were 5 physicians, 5 nurse practitioners and 1 physicians assistant; there were 3 LVNs and 3 CNAs. With attrition through retirements or separating employees the staff who provide care to students has dwindled and with budget constraints they have not been replaced. While I have left Student Health for Human Resources I am still in touch with my former co-workers and friends. They are exhausted, they cannot provide the type of care that they would like to. If the health center was a private business, it would have been closed years ago.</td>
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<td>Seems pretty necessary, but I wonder if we cant arrange it where students with high financial need pay the fee, and then get access. Students with lower or no financial need, pay the fee, but also have a small co-pay.</td>
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## Student Comments

### Fee - Student Health Services

Honestly we pay this school more than enough money to achieve what it needs to. Maybe look into reallocating the money first instead of asking us for more. I’m already going into debt and I don’t want to even think about another penny on top of it. I understand that the business program and major gets a lot of the money allocated to them (and I totally understand why) but reconsider money allocation more seriously because this is my future and it’s not something to be taken lightly.

I would like to share a couple of things regarding the proposed increase in the Student Health Services fee. I agree that it would be helpful for shortened wait times and trying to get into see a nurse as soon as possible when feeling really sick. Offering extended office hours would also be helpful because if a student needs extra help or in need of a nurse or counselor it would be helpful so that students will not have to wait in lines. More staff and lower pharmacy costs would be helpful for students who are struggling financially. Better equipment could also be a benefit in Student Health Services because some of the equipment being used now could not be broken or not as useable as it use to be.

I believe that this would be beneficial to students all across campus, since we all get sick and utilize the resources there. If there were to be improvements made that would lessen wait time, hire more staff, etc then I believe it would be really helpful to everyone.

I have seen first hand the deficits that the Health Center is experiencing. I have gone in for walk-ins multiple times and had to wait significant lengths of time to see a doctor, and I have seen many people be turned away or asked to come back at later times because of the lack of staffing and appointment times. If the health center were to get this fee increase, I think there are many areas in which they could improve to better aid students with their illnesses and other health issues. The health center is a vital resource for the wellbeing of the student population on this campus, and if they had increased funding, they could benefit so many more people and in a much timely manner. They are currently spread much too thin and if they could increase staff and expand hours, there could be a much bigger positive impact for the students.

The student health center is a great resource for all students. My primary care doctor retired several years ago and since then I have not had another but with the health center I feel like I dont need one. I have noticed though that weight times can be extremely long which is not helpful when in need of care. I think keeping the health center free and efficient will benefit the campus overall. Counseling, mental health help, blood testing, family planning, and sickness help I feel like greatly contribute to the well being of Chico state and are worth the increase in fees to keep this resource free. Everyone benefits from this.

The Student Health Services Center runs fine as it is. As it is it when student go in there to use their services we only see either a nurse or physician assistant. If we request to see a doctor it takes weeks. Additionally when we were asked in class how many of us use their services only one out of 12 students raised their hand, so if the University were to increase the fees everyone would take this hit including online students who dont benefit from this as well as students who dont use their services even though they are on campus. I do not believe the proposed increase will help reduce wait times, the opportunity to see a doctor the same day.

I fully agree that we need more staff in our health center to help more people more efficiently. The waits are long and the appointments with doctors are quick. However, i do not think the fee should be increased by 100 dollars. I agree with a fee increase just a smaller increase than what is proposed.

The increase in tuition is absolutely worth what we need to improve the health center. Right now it seems so busy and overcrowded especially since they are booked out about 2 weeks for appointments.

I think it is absolutely unfair and not needed. I believe there are a number of things that already exist at this school at too high a price and if there needs to be an "adjustment" aka a raise in price, then there needs to be serious consideration to lowering the prices of other things such as on campus living, the meal plan, and tuition in order to accommodate for the money we will now have to direct toward these new "adjustments".

I have had to wait very long for the Health Center and it has gotten to the point I have gone to urgent care instead and paid out of pocket.
It is a must. We need to keep our school up to date with everything not to mention how many people get sick. So pay up and stop being liberals.

See below for all of my thoughts on the fee adjustment

Many students feel frustrated with the long wait times, as well as the fact that we are often told we are unable to make appointments for specific health concerns we have (things as simple as a sore throat). In addition, I believe that hiring more knowledgeable staff could be beneficial... I had a friend who was told she had "the flu" and was in the hospital diagnosed with sepsis and pneumonia under a week later. This is one of the many misdiagnoses I have encountered in my 2 years here so far, the level of trust within the students and the health center is very low, I find myself paying out of pocket to go to other clinics as I simply do not trust the staff at the health center.

I agree that there should be more professionals in the health center but I do not think asking money from students is the answer.

I believe the increase in Student health Center fee would be beneficial. These fees would improve the SHC efficiency and therefore directly help the students who it impacts. Putting out health first should not be valued on a dollar amount but rather as an opportunity to improve our overall success here at Chico State. We need an increase in doctors so we don’t have lines out the doors of people waiting to be treated for sicknesses. These doctors as well deserve the best equipment when treating a whole campus of concentrated students to ensure that they are being given the best treatment.

I know the health center does a lot of the students here and I know they are doing their best to take care of everyone. But it’s already difficult for me, and other students, to afford coming to school here. I can’t afford to pay more money. Especially when I have only used the service once.

I would like to see better prescription medication and better test results from the health center.

I feel that this is a necessary fee increase as the health center has way too long of wait times. I also think it provides a valuable service to campus I know many students who go in and use it when sick.

I believe that the Student Health Services is a vital service for all the students on campus. I think that the proposed fee is fair to all students especially since Chico State students have been fortunate enough to not have increased fees imposed on them prior.

I think people utilize the health center and it is something that a lot of people can relate to! I believe we should keep the health center enter and raise the student fee! People get sick on a regular basis and it would be crucial to take away a place where people can get better. Providing health to these students is very key and we are lucky to have a spot on campus to help us! Raising the prices will provide better and more jobs for employees and more people will be getting better faster and more help!

I don’t use the health services as is, I don’t want to pay more for a service I don’t use.

I am personally all for Fee adjustments and would like for them to be incorporated into our system. I believe that the Student Health services Fee is very important to many students that solely rely on the health center for their needs and then they have a possibility of being turned down and sent away because we do not have enough certified employees to see to it that they get help.

I am fine with the health fee increase.

I have been to the student health center multiple times for the same illness and couldn’t figure out what I had still and it has always been extremely difficult to get any type of apt. there and it makes being healthy that much more difficult. I think the system they have in place right now is extremely inefficient, with unbelievable wait times, and shortage of doctors and available nurses that aren’t getting sick themselves. I think that we absolutely need the medical staff to be expanded for the better health and wellness of our entire community here at Chico. I can say that while being in the dorms and being completely helpless, it does not make me feel taken care of or cared about when I have to go out of my way to ask for blood tests because I know that something is wrong with me, knowing that the first few times I went to the health center for the same illness, they just brushed me off as fast as they could because they had so many people in the waiting room and not enough doctors. It is unfair to the students and unfair to the doctors. We have no choice but to listen to what they say and just wait out our illnesses if they tell us, but they are also just trying to do their jobs.

I think the Student Health Center is slow but it also does its job and really does not need to have increased fees. When I have used the Student Health Center, the equipment was somewhat updated and not totally old and un-useable.
To start things off I would like to state that my issue is with the fact that this Student Health Service fee is required in order to come to Chico state. I dont feel I should be required to pay into the Student Health Services (SHS) when I will not and do not use them. That is not because I dont think they are unnecessary, but because I am fortunate enough to have health insurance and a Primary Care Provider (PCP). There is nothing the SHS can provide for me that I cannot seek my PCP for. So it seems absurd and stupid that I am paying for both health insurance and SHS. Unless SHS is going to provide the tools and resources necessary to remove my appendix or gallbladder if need be, I dont see a reason why I should be required to pay for it. Im already currently paying $138/semester for the SHS, which as I previously stated, I do not use, and you are going to increase the prices by $99, making it a grand total of $237. Thats enough money to partially cover a required Biology text, depending on the book edition required in class, which is normally around $250 or higher, my molecular biology textbook was $350 and unless you are fortunate enough to borrow a friends or find one online for a cheaper price you are stuck purchasing the overprices textbook. You may say, why not apply for financial aid. I did and in my current job situation I make too much money to qualify for financial aid, therefore I am recommended to take out student loans, which are outrageous by themselves. Listen I get it, we are all required to pay these fees to make health services affordable and easily accessible for those unable to get affordable insurance or let alone get in to see a PCP, if they have one, at a reasonable time. But when I am already paying $200 for health insurance for my wife and I and Im required to now pay $138/semester, soon to be $237/semester that means on top of the $2,400 I am paying per year for health insurance I will be paying an additional $474 after the prices are increased and will therefore be paying a grand total of $2,874/year health insurance/health services. So I hope in the near future this can be a service you can choose to opt out of if you already have health insurance.

I would strongly oppose this. The Health Center has never been a valuable resource for me. I came in with mono, and I was told I had a cold in May 2017, this year in January 2018 I had influenza virus, the health center did not test for this, swabbed for a culture, but they didnt send it to the lab in time so it was a waste and I never heard back from them until I called multiple times. You should raise the cost of medication because then those who actually use this service are the ones paying more.

I feel the increase is extreme and that the finances in the health center are not handled properly to begin with.

I am a freshman here at Chico State and I have gone to the Health Center once due to being sick and I was there for 2 hours. I believe that with the increased fees for the student health center this could increase the numbers of staff members, lower pharmacy costs, and better equipment. I know that Chico State students go to the Health Center because they are away from home and need to see a doctor or nurse for a diagnosis. The increased fees can help students feel more comfortable with less time in the waiting room if we can increase staff. The Health Center should be a place where students are given a diagnosis with the proper equipment and also allowed free or close to free prices for pharmaceutical products if you are of need. I wish to have a better experience the next time I go to the Health Center and this will only change if we increase fees. As a student going to Chico State I am away from home and might need basic Student Health every year and I want this program to enhance their ability. I believe that Student Health is very important and we should not take this program for granted. We need this proposed increase to help all students attending Chico State with the accommodations they deserve.

I dont use it so I dont want to pay for it.

Honestly I dont think that the student health service fee should increase. The last time I was sick. The health center didnt do anything. They just told me to drink water. They told me to only came back if I couldnt breath and if I was dying and a really bad emergency. A couple of days later I felt horrible. I called my doctor and told her what my condition was. She was glad that I called because my sickness would have gotten worse had I not called. I had a really bad sinus infection. My doctor was happy because had I not called my sinus infection would have been worse. Overall the health center doesn't do anything.

I would like to share that the student Health center is a very important service that we have here at chico state. This has been my first year here and living in the dorms it seems like everyone is bound to get sick. I have visited the Health Center at least 3 times now and we are very lucky to have it and it really helps make the difference. However, I believe that with raising the fees it will allow the Health center to hire more
workers, get better equipment, and lower the pharmacy prices. When I go I try to come early but I am always waiting for hours. If there was more staff more students would be able to get the care that they need.

I think the proposed increase fee for the Student Health Services is great! I use these resources - Health Center and Wellness Center - and find them beneficial to my overall health. At my community college the prices at the health center were affordable but with counselors we were limited to three per semester and I find that being able to go biweekly helpful. I have a resource to use to help me better me, and I do think it is smart and wonderful to have these resources available to students. The increase should be notified to students in order to understand the change and to encourage students to use the resources that are going to be even more available to us.

I dont think students can afford to pay so much money for these fees. The student health center should be able to fund themselves to help the students in a better way. The students who need the health center are most likely always sick because they already cant afford proper nutrition and are working so much to be able to already pay the tuition we have now. We already have a large number of students like myself that have to pay for college on our own and this fee increase can take a toll on what I am able to afford and could push us towards having to withdraw from Chico State because we cant afford it. Also, there are a high number of students that are starving and have to get help from the wildcat food pantry because they already cant afford food since they have to pay for tuition and their rent, just to basically get by.

The Student Health Center (SHC), Counseling & Wellness Center (CWC), and Campus Alcohol & Drug Education Center (CADEC) will all be negatively affected if this fee is not increased. As a student it is very beneficial and convenient to have access to the Student Health Center. That being said, I have only been there once to get a TB test done for one of my classes. The line took over an hour to get to the front desk because there was only one person working. After that line, I had to wait in another line before I would eventually have my name called to get the TB test done. The whole experience took around 2 hours. The wait times would have been so much shorter if even one other person was working the front desk. As for the CWC and CADEC; these are very important places for students to get good quality advice to keep their bodies and minds healthy. No student is going to learn when their mind is focused on something else. Having high quality physical and psychological care at Chico State will benefit so many students in need. Making these resources more readily available will increase overall student success physically and mentally so they can succeed both socially and academically.

A health service is a basic necessity for students, especially for those who lack insurance. A basic necessity should not be inaccessible due to increasing the price.

This is a 71% fee increase and is excessive. I am a former community college student who attended Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, CA. Our health center fees were only $20 per semester and there were none of the wait time issues this place has. These problems can be addressed other ways. Raising the fees on students is insulting, because we are the ones who have been most affected by the health centers shortcomings yet we are being punished for their mistakes and told that things would get better if only we would fork out more money. Who is going to hold the health center to this promise? To add to this, many of us already have to pay exorbitant prices for our own health insurance.

With federal and state laws requiring citizens to have health insurance coverage, why should we have to pay for health services at the university? I have my own insurance, therefore I should not have to pay for any fee increase. Additionally, I have never used the services on campus, and I have heard from classmates that if you try to get assistance, there are long waits or they usually do not get the assistance.

In support.

I think it would be a good proposed increase in the student health service fee because the health center is a good attribution of campus. Being able to go into the health center at any point to get care is extremely helpful. I do believe though that they need more staff because when I went into the health center it took about an hour before I was seen. I also know recently with the flu going around the health center has been very backed up and has turned people away and have told them to come back the next day. I think with more staff and more supplies which would be gotten through this new proposed increase fee would go a far way in the health center. I think the increase fee would help the health center a lot and it is in desperate need of more equipment and more staff.
I think this is OK even though I've never used the Health Services on campus. I have my own doctor and insurance. Still, it's a good contribution and its sort of like donating to charity.

great idea

I think the increase in fee is a bad idea. Tuition is expensive enough as is and the student health center should be operating more efficiently regardless of the money provided by the students. I chose this school because of the low fees and if they increase by NEARLY DOUBLE I will discontinue my support for the school.

I don't think there should be an increase at all. Many students on campus live off of the financial aid they get and most are already thousands of dollars in debt. I just don't think it's fair to the students for you to raise fees although you claim it's to help enhance students health center and other student related activities. I personally do not agree with this.

I think either way, there will still be long wait times, and not enough medical staff to service students. Current medical staff will just get an increase in wages and still perform subpar and not provide students a better service in my honest opinion. I do not support the proposed increase unless there is a plan to hire more staff and have more services available, and not just an increase in current medical staffs wages.

no thank you, school is expensive enough, rather save money and have to wait, I don't even use these services

The Student Health Center is one of the best resources students have on campus. I visited the Health Center multiple times my freshman year for various services and each experience was very helpful. My roommate was from out of state and she was constantly sick so she spent a lot of time at the Health Center as well. It is completely understandable that they are running low on funds and resources so I am more than willing to increase my fees in order to support a University asset that helps so many people. With this fee increase I would like to see a more efficient system incorporated into the Health Center. The lines and wait times are far too long at the moment and it restricts the impact the Center is able to make. I feel very strongly that the Health Center deserves more funding.

I support the increase because the student health center is a big part of overall campus health. Students feel a sense of security in the health center that would be lacking if we had to find personal doctors in the town of Chico, which would be more expensive for us.

The Health Center is such an amazing thing to have on Campus but it needs to be better. It is great to have this free option to go to when sick but if they are getting the money they need through fees how are they going to help people. The only place sick or injured people would be able to go would be an actual hospital, where I know in my case that my insurance isn’t covered here. Therefore if I was sick I’d have to go all the way to Sacramento and as a freshman I have no form of transportation to get there. That is so inconvenient. Also the equipment at the health center is not good enough. I went in just last Friday with an awful sore throat and they weren’t able to help me. I struggled through the whole weekend with just vitamins because they couldn’t help me with. I was completely bed ridden all weekend so I went back and I wasn’t leaving without help. Come to find out I had strep throat the entire time. I could have gotten antibiotics days before but instead I was punished because the health center didn’t have the resources. Resources are expensive and I understand that it isn’t their fault. Its that they need more money to be able to help students all around campus. And this could be done with more staff or better equipment. Also if the staff increased maybe individuals wouldn’t be sent away, and the lines could be shorter.

we need this fee raise because it will provide more staff in the health center which results in shorter wait times. The doctors need to be supplied with better equipment to diagnose us students better. We need better medical attention. I don’t just want to go in there and be told I have allergies in Chico because I come from Southern California when in reality I have a sinus infection. More/better doctors need to be hired.

Use the god damn tuition spike money for this

While I have a personal connection to Chico State athletics, I also have a deep appreciation for the educational community the campus encourages. As a fourth year student, I care for the students’ overall health and wellbeing. While the health center attempts to treat every student on a personal level, it simply has exhausted its resources. During my sophomore volleyball season, I came down with a serious cold. I went to the health center and it was not able to treat me for days on end. I gave up and went home, hoping I would get better with over-the-counter medication. A few nights later, I got out of bed to grab some water for my sore throat and fainted. I had hit my head on the way down, so I had no choice but to skip my classes the next day and wait in the health center’s long line of students. After hours of waiting, I was diagnosed with a serious
case of strep throat and a concussion. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the travel trip to San Diego that following weekend because it had taken so long to be seen. This is the only travel trip in my four years as a Chico State Wildcat that I had to miss. I encourage you to see how much the athletic department and health center need support with a raise in funds. I cannot imagine a Chico State campus without either of these essential resources. College is about thriving in a healthy and happy environment, and I believe both Chico State athletics and the Chico State Health Center need some financial attention.

I understand why there should be a fee charge for this but is it really necessary? I personally believe we shouldn't have a fee raise because as of now college is expensive, and many struggle just trying to pay the tuition now, to add more payment fees is a greater risk to discourage kids from even going to college. Please don’t do this, I really can’t afford to lose any more money than I already have lost. Please don’t.

If raising the fees helps with getting faster treatment and shorter lines I think it’s ok to bump fees. This is a must. We need to improve our school resources in order to continue to compete and sustain our successes.

I am currently a graduate student in the History Department and am also an alumna, having graduated with a BA in Humanities in 2009 and having earned a teaching credential here in 2010. In the intervening years, I’ve worked as a teacher and have also worked on two world-class university campuses, and I can say with confidence that Chico State is still the campus I most believe in. There is something special about Chico State, and it is important to me that we maintain the campus and what it offers to students. That being said, I am deeply concerned about the proposed fee increases. Overall, I am the most receptive to proposals to improve health care on campus, since student health is a prerequisite for learning. However, even there, a 71% increase to healthcare seems unacceptably steep.

The counseling center needs more counselors available for the needs of walk-in students. Many times students come in at a very high level of stress and are discouraged to hear that they can’t be seen unless they are suicidal. That message can discourage students from reaching out for help a second time. Preventing troubled and discouraged students from falling through the (large) cracks in the student care system is an appropriate focus and a good reason for an increase in fees.

The line at the health center is very long. If we get this fee we get more doctors available for students. This, in turn, would not only shorten the line/the wait to see a doctor, but it would also offer more available times/slots for appointments.

The proposed increase in the Student Health Services fee would help immensely. Personally, I have gone to the health center before 8am when it opens to try to be first in line. Even then, I end up being the 10th person in line. After finally getting checked in, I then wait for a long period of time to be taken back to see a nurse, then sent out to the waiting room once again because a doctor is not available for me yet after being there for a half hour. Personally for me, the health center is very important. Because of my insurance, the health center is the only medical office I can go to for cheap. If it wasn’t there I would’ve spend a lot of money trying to be seen else where. The money from this increase could go towards more employees of the health center, this would help with less wait time and less sick people having to sit around for an hour around other people who are sick.

Better regulation of fees, so employees or higher up can’t pocket too much. This will help lower wait lines. Regarding the proposed fee increase, giving more support and budget money to the Health center will benefit thousands of students across campus. Especially at a time like this, with a very severe flu going around we need more doctors and more resources available immediately and daily. Every time I go to the Health Center, even if it is right at the opening at 8 A.M., I am waiting in line to get help. Having the Health Center on campus has been one of the best resources for its convenience and easiness of access. The Health Center is such a vital part of this campus and truly is such a necessity of the well-being of our campus. Also, I had a recent medical emergency regarding breast cancer and the doctors at the Health Center were not only efficient, but extremely supportive in an unnerving process and diagnosis. On top of us students deserving the highest health care, these physicians truly deserve the highest equipment and more resources available for themselves. This campus needs the Health Center, without allocating more resources and larger budget to the Health Center we will have a huge decline in incoming students who choose Chico State. Having an on-campus Health Center is one of the largest and most important benefits of this campus.
The proposed increase in the Student Health Services fee is a smart and practical idea. I know many people that take advantage of using the health center, but I know even more people that are deterred and shy away from going there because of appointment unavailability and long wait times. We as students get sick fairly easily, especially those of us who are Freshman like myself and live in the dorms where germs spread frequently and in high volumes. I have been sick multiple times this semester, but went to the health center few times just because of how impacted they are for appointments. If this fee could help cut down on the wait times that would be absolutely incredible and benefit us as students.

As a student who has never had to use this service, but gets charged for this service every semester, I feel like this fee increase is unnecessary and I do not wish to pay more for a service I dont use.

I dont support the health service fee due to the fact that I rarely go there unless its for a class write off. When I do go in, its not the greatest service. I understand that this fee is meant to improve the health center but having the fee of $99 is a lot for something I dont use very often.

The health center is a place for kids to come when they are feeling sick and no matter what we need to keep that afloat, I’m an athlete but I still care deeply about the health center and knowing I have it whenever I need and this increase will help the speed and accuracy of getting appointments when you need and not waiting in line for 15 minutes but this will help everyone who thinks the health center is needed.

I think they are needed. The health center is very important to all students and increased funding for them is great for everyone. I had the flu this year and it was miserable the health center helped a lot but I still had a very long wait while I was there.

The Student Health Center has given me great care and has been super helpful when getting doctors notes for when I miss class. As a student, affordable health care that is easy to access is super important, and I think the Student Health Services fee would really help improve the Health Center.

I am a student athlete here at chico state and I have gotten sick a few times over the course of the year and I think with the fee increase it will help provide more staff to make things go quicker and better for the students.

The Student Health Services is something that is vital to our student body at Chico State. Ive used the Health Center multiple times throughout my college career here at Chico State and it has been a huge help and convenience when I need health services.

I am against it. Students already pay a lot for this service that many of them will never use. I understand that it is meant to subsidize all students, but when tuition has already been hiked, another increase in fees comes in poor taste and I dont think this is a priority for an academic institution.

Ridiculous, we pay far too much as it is. Stop catering to athletes the majority of the student body doesnt need to support the select and privileged few.

I believe the all of these fees should only be for those that use the service.

Tuition is already expensive as is, and you want to increase our already exorbitant expenses by another $99? How out of touch with students are you, this is bullshit.

We do not need a fee increase without an actual substantial change with an increase in staff for mental health services. You want to increase fees but am unable to get any of the services on campus without having a long wait or setting an appointment out too late.

I believe that the Student Health Services fee increase is the one that makes the most since, as the health of students directly effects students wellbeing and success here at Chico State!

I would prefer that the fee is actually decreased considering the fact that I don’t use the services.

As a distance learning student, I do not agree with the fee adjustment proposal and feel that distance learning students should have the ability to waive these mandatory fees. Of course, I have paid the mandatory fees for the semesters that I have been a CSU Chico student, but I strongly oppose the idea of increasing the fees specifically for students that cannot access or benefit from the services offered. I also have to pay for medical care, etc. out of pocket and the proposed $190 fee increase could be better spent on services in the area where I live.

The health center is very efficient. I have never had a more then a 15 minute wait in 4 years. Councling is the same way. Appointments are easy to book 2 weeks out for everyother week. Why are we doubling the budget of an effective service? Maybe an extra 2% per year over the next 10 years?
It is ridiculous that I have to give more money to get reasonable wait times. I pay for the health center already, I shouldn't need to pay more.

I think it would be beneficial for all to help fund and improve our health center. It helps out so many students providing necessary vaccines and medication that without it most students would be at risk for certain illnesses.

I strongly disagree in raising the amount for everyone.

We students already can’t afford the tuition each semester, proposing such fees like this is proposing and incredible burden on students like myself. I already can’t afford tuition, if it gets any higher I will be unable to finish my degree because I simply can’t afford it. I know of many other students in this boat as well. Do not impose such fees if you are going to force the student body to pay for it.

I think that the this is an absolutely necessary and vital fee raise. Our institution has not increased its fee in about 20 years while health care costs and costs of living has skyrocketed. The health center provides all students the opportunity to seek cheap medical health care regardless if they are insured or not. Student health should be a top priority. I have used this service several times whether to get stitches, for antibiotics, or family protection. I would feel that not having a known place to go to when I have smaller medical needs would place an extremely higher burden on our students.

I strongly support the increase. The Student Health Center and the Counseling and Wellness Center struggle in their abilities to complete the necessary functions of supporting student well-being due to being understaffed and limited in hours. It is therefore necessary to provide more funding for these essential school functions.

I think what we pay current is fine. I don't know why we need to pay more.

I disagree with increasing the fee. The tuition itself is already expensive, let alone already increased from last year. Fees continue to grow with no improvement.

I think it is ridiculous for me to have to pay that since I am a 100% online student and I cannot possibly benefit from any of it.

Fees have jumped from when I started @ Chico State from $457 per semester to upwards of $4200 per semester. I do not think that the onus should be on the students anymore. I believe that you need to look at administrators and and any other staff that may not be pulling their weight and take from that. Or - perhaps you should fund raise. We are at a time when everything is too expensive - and we need higher education more than ever. Find another way to pay for these services. We are TAPPED.

As stated on this information page, I strongly believe this fee adjustment is crucial to maintaining smooth functioning across the three categories of academics, health, and athletics. The health center is a facility that every student uses. With the high volume of people that pass through needing healthcare, I believe that the funds are needed to help improve efficiency and provide adequate care for those who need it. The staff that work there are hardworking and want to help as much as they can, but in reality appointments are backed up.
and that is an issue of funding because with the appropriate resources, more faculty could possibly be hired allowing more students to be seen and advised with less wait time and less hassle. I am for a pay increase because I cannot imagine what the health center would be like if they did not get the funds to at least maintain what they are doing now.

Why are you increasing the student health services fee when there are so may food insecure students at Chico State?

It is not the students problem to take health services out of debt. We pay enough, maybe y’all (faculty, board members, higher ups) should join students in lobbying for more funding from the State of California.

Three days ago, I called and requested to speak with someone in counseling. I am still waiting for a return phone call.

You already take a bunch of money from me and I don’t even use this service. I am against it.

Have people that actually use the health center pay a co-pay even $5 for every student that goes would be beneficial.

Tuition has gone up every semester I have been in Chico; I would rather not have these services than to pay more (again).

I think any sort of fee increase is absurd. I am currently working full time, taking 7 units, and paying for each semester without taking out student loans or recieving ANY financial assistance (via school, feds, parents, or otherwise). Also pay for health insurance for myself and family. The current fees and tuition push my budget every month. School should become more affordable rather than less. Especially for those attempting to make a living, taking care of their families while trying to further their education. The students utilizing these services should be the ones making up the difference in budget. Students who intend to utilize these services can be signed up during their application process or on site. I understand that some of these students really need the assistance at a severely reduced rate. But this burden SHOULDN’T NEVER be placed on other struggling students. Grants, alumni, or other methods would be much more reasonable. Lastly, students who have health insurance should be utilizing said insurance. Accepting health insurance should be implemented before any other funding option be exhausted.

I support this completely. These services are incredibly valuable to people who may not come from backgrounds that afford them other kinds of convenient health care.

Just made an appointment at the counseling center, earliest I could get is April 24th. Yikes. There’s a proposed student fee increase of $280 more each year to help with this, but we already pay so damn much for this service. Although I absolutely agree that there should be more accessible counseling services at Chico State, I don’t think the money shouldn’t come out of students pockets any more than it already does. The institution thrives off of the debt of students that hikes every year, but can’t admin just take a pay cut off of their six figure salaries so that students aren’t suffering psychologically, emotionally, and financially?

This is extremely unfair to do to students. Yall are proposing us to pay more for very few services. I cant imagine much will change with this raise and I will still be turned away from the health center.

I’m not in support for it because I never use these services.

I agree with the fee.

I think they are unnecessary.

No increase.

We need the proposed increase to the Student Health Services fee. It is a major inconvenience trying to go into the health center to get any kind of help. It takes hours at a time, and so we need more funding to make them more efficient so they can see more patients. On top of that with the recent suicide at Butte Hall it is apparent to me that we need this funding to make counseling more accessible to the students. I’ve heard at many of the forums that their counselors are usually fully booked as much as 3 weeks in advance and the drop in times are packed and hardly accessible. This is absolutely unacceptable. Because of this I completely support the fee adjustment to get better processes.

I think that we should increase the fees that go to the Health Center, it is a very accessible for everyone and they provide great services. I broke my foot and had to get multiple X-rays for it, they set my appointments up and I was in there within a few days. They were all very helpful on my way to recovery. Needless to say it would be an enormous loss for the university if we can no longer fund the health center. It is not only a loss for the students but also for the status of the university, we want to compete with schools all across the
country. We will not be able to compete without a health center. It is overdue for the fees to be raised, it is a tough decision but things get more expensive each year we need the funding whether it is from an outside source or from ourselves we need the money.

I use the Health Center greatly to my advantage being a student here on campus. I have been in the Health Center numerous times when being sick and away from home and have had great experiences, however the wait time is probably the most stressful thing about this process. If there is an increase in fees for this area, more staff will be on hand at the Health Center and this will only benefit the entire student population. Students should be provided with the medication and help they need as soon as possible to help their health needs. I know multiple friends that also use the Wellness Center and this needs to be an area on campus that is properly funded to keep the wellbeing of students here at Chico and support their mental, physical, emotional, etc. needs.

I feel we are very lucky to have a Student Health Center that is always there for us and should do anything to keep it around.

The fees regarding the proposed increase should not take affect because they are health services for a better life and to benefit everyone from them.

The health center needs the most improvement of all of the three categories. The wait time and lines to be seen are unbelievable and I have found that many students do not even end up going because of this. The well being of our students is sub par because we have a bad health center.

I disagree with the adjustments when their are students that can barely afford to pay the fees already and the fees have already increased from last school year.

I believe the increase would be a hardship for many students that have to work and study at the same time, many of them might also have families and they will either have to pay the fee and take away from their household those monies that are required for essential necessities I understand these fees need to be adjusted at some point and time but salaries have not increased however the prices of food and gas continue to rise.

I think its a great idea. We need to be investing in the well-being of our fellow students.

I am willing to pay an increased fee in order for their to be more counselors to be available for walk in and weekly appointments at the health and wellness center. I am unable to attend counseling due to my schedule and lack of availability for scheduling appointments and the lines when walking in. But, if the fee increase could fix these issues then I am in support of them. The health center is used by most students and is a great resource to all on this campus. And if more funding can improve on this already great service, I will very much be in support of the increase.

For many of us its hard to balance school and our mental health at the same time. School can be very overwhelming and detrimental to students who dont have the resources to help their mental state, such as the counseling center. I have just started seeing a therapist in the counseling center this past semester and it is a tremendous help. I dont have the funds to pay for a therapist appointment every week because it can be highly expensive, and being able to help my needs right here at school is a huge help. The student health center is also an amazing resource for students because of how easy it is to have a doctor right on campus if your really sick. I've used the health center many of times to get my blood drawn and find help if im feeling sick. I think students take it for granite, but it is a much needed resource to have on campus.
Everyone needs the health support that the school offers. It’s a quick recovery process for anyone who’s sick. This may not seem like a lot for people who get financial aid, but for those of us who don’t, it is. I can honestly barely afford to pay for tuition as it is right now. The increase is really high. Not fair. Even for the people getting financial aid, they will be getting less money for rent and food. A bigger emphasis should be put on donations or fundraisings but not on students pockets.

I agree with this increase.

I fully support this increase so that getting an appointment with the health center is easier. I have had to wait a couple of weeks when I am sick to get an appointment. More staff will hopefully help so this doesn’t happen anymore.

As a student it is hard to afford the already set charges. Tuition just went up this year and I don’t believe we need to pay anymore fees than we already do.

The student Health Services fee is simply unfair. I accepted the fee knowing I would never use the services. Many students are on their parents healthcare for their entire college career. This means that it is a resource that is very expensive that few get, but many pay for. I am all for contributing to the success of others however, the raise in the fee is unfair and excessive. Not all of us want to pay that much for something we don’t use. I would propose to increase the fee to match the basic needs of the health center. They not expand further than the amazing services they already offer. Just charge enough to sustain these same services and replace things only when necessary. The School has a duty to contribute to the well being of students who fear financial problems regularly. I know what that is like being a college student and working part time is hard. you are becoming In debt and are light in the pocket. I dont want to have to pay more when I rely on some scholarship money to live my life. I broke my arm and was out of work for months. If I didnt get a 1000 dollars from loans after the fees and tuition I would have been in serious trouble. so taxing another 100 dollars for fees can affect people like me dramatically.

I think it’s ridiculous that there’s going to be an increase in fees when there are still problems, as in poor faculty. Along with this I pay several thousand dollars a semester and I’m still not allowed to register for more than 18 units at a time, and I have to risk being waitlisted. Another issue is the online website that is constantly having problems. I think it’s unacceptable to charge more when there hasn’t been any improvements to require more funds.

This is needed because students use this everyday and it helps add to the Chico experience.

I'm very concerned with this increase in general and how it will be used as well as the current state of Student Health Services. After reading about the current problems (wait times, etc.), I believe it would be far better to re-arrange & fix the current health services situation rather than throwing money at the problem. As a former healthcare administrative worker, the proposed fee increase & hirings will not accomplish much. An even far larger fee would be required to provide adequate services within the current system. I would rather the university coordinate & work-out an arrangement with local health services (Butte County Behavioral Health, Public Health Clinic, etc.) and/or private practice providers to better meet the needs of students using current funds. Current funds could also be used to provide transportation to these locations for students who need it. I believe that the way in which the fee increase will be used as proposed will only put a small dent in the current problematic situation, and that a rethinking of the entire campus health system is needed.

I think the student health service fee is very important to increase for obvious reasons. It gives students a place to go when they are feeling ill. It allows for there to be more doctors so there can be less wait times for students.

Raising the student fees to help student health services would be helpful to everyone that is apart of this campus. There have many times I have gone in there and waited in long lines and sometimes they only had one doctor. I don’t think other students understand what the crisis is with what we have on the line and they’re just hearing a increased pay and thinking right away no. They’re not hearing what’s at stake. I agree 100% with the increase for our Student Health Center.

I don't agree with it at all. Theres plenty of urgent care centers in Chico that students could visit. Education and athletic services are far more important.

The two times I've been sick, the student health center has been very helpful once I got through the long line. I know there are other students that have had worse symptoms besides the common cold and viruses and have
had trouble getting seen. Funding the Student health center will help keep our campus healthy which out of all three of these fees is arguable the most important thing.

I do not support this fee increase. I believe in preventative healing and feel that this should be our main focus. We should be educating each other on how to reduce stress, eat nourishing foods, exercise our bodies, and taking time to rest. In the event that we do need treatment, this should be last resort if nothing else works. In the event that this treatment is last resort, then we won't be having that much foot traffic in and out of the doctor. Most people will be healing themselves outside already. We should be lowering this fee, if anything.

The health center is fine as is don't charge us any more

No I have health insurance so this is a waste of my money that I'm being charge to use these services when I am already paying for them. Double dip

The only way I could reason fees into student health center would be if the school also accepted insurance.- but even then, many insurances don't cover mental health. By making increased fees, you are limiting who can go get help. Many students would not get STI tested or go in for check ups. The counseling appointments are full because the students actually need the help. Most students here are depressed and/or suicidal since we have to pay thousands to probably not have a job in the future. Hire more counseling staff- I'm sure there are a lot of psychology grads from CSU Chico who don’t have a job. Hire more staff and don’t put the fees back on the students who are already thousands in debt. Also, many teachers require doctors notes for absences. If you make that forbidden, you would probably have a lot less people going in.

I feel I already pay too much for services I'm not eligible to even receive! I have tried utilizing the health clinic on campus to get vaccinations I was required by the university to get. I was told at the clinic that even though I pay student fees that includes health services, I would have to pay for vaccinations, which cost substantially more than if I had just gone to a local pharmacy for. I think raising this fee will hurt me financially even more than it does already.

I would like to share that I believe this increase is a positive thing for our students. There are so many positives to increasing this fee. I personally have gone to the health center and have needed to wait a very long time in order to even get looked at. Some negatives with the health center being the way it has been has been higher prices on medication that not everyone can pay, and not getting the help we need right away.

This will help shorten extremely long lines in the health center. Patients will be able to be seen quicker.

I am strongly against this increase. Our students pay enough as it is. The majority of our students are not affected by these problems listed. Increasing these fees will only add more financial debt and resolve little.

We already pay so much money. This will affect the applicants for Chico State next semester, and will make us more financially stressed and unstable than we already are. Please do not increase these fees!!

We need to push through this proposed fee for the student health center for a few very important reasons. First, the people on this campus should be able to get to the health center and not have to sit for hours waiting to see a doctor sometimes being forced to miss classes while waiting to be seen. We need a larger staff of doctors or nurses to help our students and ensure their well being is being put first. Also, we are in college. We don’t always have a ton of spare money, some are just barely scraping by. By implementing this fee proposal we could potentially lower the pharmaceutical costs for students who need certain medication or antibiotics which takes some stress off their plate because it’s just one less thing to pay for. Finally, by passing this proposal it would allow our health center to spend money on more efficient equipment to better diagnose and help those in need. Our health center is struggling right now and it is pretty easy to see that without this fee proposal being passed, it is going to tank which is completely unfair to the students here who need it.

I understand why they want to raise the pricing. However, I, just like numerous other students, can barely afford apartments, food, and tuition as it is. With all the money the school makes, shouldn’t they reinvest their own money in paying their employees.

Awful idea find money elsewhere

I have personal insurance through my job so I don’t see a reason to add additional fees to the already present fees at Chico State. There is a log wait at normal doctors appointments so I don’t see a need to increase this.

Online distance learners should not have to pay for these fees.

I am a distant learner, completing 100% of my education online, 8 hours away from Chico. I do not have access to these services and therefore find them unreasonable for distant learner.
I think that it is 100% necessary. I've spent way too many days sick because the staff is sick or understaffed. It is unfair to students and faculty when they don't have the funds to keep up.

I think that this is going to be a good adjustment and one that will be beneficial. I think too many students don't want to pay extra money to the health center because they think that it is not a fast good resource but this will be essential in hiring more people and cutting down wait times to accommodate the needs of students.

As an online student, I don't receive any benefits from the Student Health Services fee.

Hi, I am an online student only due to long distance. I will never be able to use most of the services that are being raised and costing me more money in my fees. Being charged $190 more is not kind to students like me.

I would like to see some sort of actual breakdown of the financial expenditures of whom exactly this increase in fees will benefit. What percentage of the community is actually going to benefit? What portion of the community utilize the medical services proportionally? Nearly 18,000 students that will be paying for this versus the small percentage of persons whom will benefit should be acknowledged. This is going to be an increase of millions that is ultimately borrowed through financial aid and loans by students whom will pay interest on this money for years and decades to come. It seems misleading by calling it an "adjustment," as if the fee should have always been higher or it was mistakenly low. Its an increase, it should be presented as such. If it were being decreased I doubt the language used would call it an "adjustment."

This fee is unfair to students who don't or rarely utilize SHS, instead of targeting those who only use the service for emergencies, charge those who abuse the service.

I see right through what you are doing, which is undermining student democratic power by going through this "alternative consultation" process instead of putting it to a student vote. You know that if you put it to a vote it would get voted down, so you are trying to get away with pretending like you care about student opinion by having these forums, and then you plan to do whatever you want anyway. Its a disgusting abuse of power. Administration makes far more money than is necessary. You think you're entitled to this upper middle class lifestyle - well guess what, most people never see that. Learn to live without that second car or that unnecessarily large house. Someone who actually cares about students wouldn't be lining their own pockets and contributing to a system that excludes poor people from learning.

I understand there is a lack of counselors, however certain things like this there are resources out there offered. The athletic fee is not an absolutely necessary, especially because I do not even do any sports. I find it tough the fact that I know my resources and the school wants to put everything higher when I know I can find things cheaper than this. One thing is the health center I can go to my local place and get checked there for a lower cost.

Cost is minimal in comparison to the services provided. I fully support this increase.

Went to the health center yesterday. The lines for the two windows to make appointments and check in were out the back. The center was full. We all know this fee needs to happen. The decision is simple.

Unless the extra money will greatly improve the health facility and lower medicine costs and allow students to not have to make appointments in such great advance, NO!

The Student Health Center desperately needs a fee increase! They will be able to recruit and retain staff members by providing better pay. Doctors and nurses in the community make almost 3x more. Us students will benefit from the SHC attracting good physicians and staff members. The health services campus provides are essential to students, and should continue to operate.

It's stupid as fuck. It was the staff who messed and exploited the system and now the students have to pay for it. Don't hide the truth.

I don't think their should be an increase, with an increase lets students might refrain from getting help and treating their needs.

I find it funny that these proposed fee increases happen almost soon after the changes in the President's tax plan so that states like California can't leech off federal funding. And why call it an "adjustment" and more accurately call it what it is? An INCREASE. Is it because you are banking on student apathy to care about this sort of stuff? You think that most depressed people go to some center to get help? I have had depression affecting my grades for YEARS, but haven't gotten help because of negative experiences with past
"experts" in the field. And opening up to yet another "expert" that doesn't give a shit would only worsen my situation.

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I am for it even though it'll raise my tuition like it's necessary if we wanna keep the student health services which are vital.

The sad thing is, that most of us who is sharing our view has no weight on the matter. To what point would giving a feedback help advocate for students like me that is paying out of pocket and barely able to get by to obtain an education. To pay fees that is not beneficial or applicable to anyone would just evoke frustration. So please, dont let me loose my education because of inability to pay for something that doesn't apply to me.

An increase in fees, yet again, is unacceptable. While I understand costs go up and more staffing is needed, its very frustrating that those costs are passed along to students. Isn't it a bit strange that when the most money is needed its suggested that the money is collected from the group that has the least? I haven't looked over the universities budget, but I would suggest finding an alternative rather than just passing the fees along to the students. Again, this is unacceptable and an added hardship to your students, which is who the university is supposed to serve.

I think the system that the Student Health Center has in place is extremely poor. The fact that I have had to wait for 4 hours to get medical attention is unbelievable (having to wait through doctors lunches instead of just being told to come back). I don't see how a system that was flawed originally should have to be fixed by students' money. Changing the misleading “make an appointment” phone number on the chico website would be a start. Since I called hoping to make one while the woman on the phone tells me that they don't accept appointments. There are many ways that this system can be fixed without taking students' money, and the lack of thought that has gone into changing how it is with what resources are currently at place is disappointing.

I think that for distance education students, there should be a “minimum charge” since we will not even be utilizing any of these services. That's a very very large price increase, especially when I am hundreds of miles away and will never receive the services.

I believe that it is vital to increase the student health fee. Students need to be able to have access to health services whenever they need them and not be forced to wait for hours or days to review the help they need. The health center is understaffed and this increase will greatly help with this problem as it offers a larger wage for open positions.

I think it’s a great idea. I came to Chico from southern Cali, every time I have been sick and needed medical attention the student health center is all I had. They take excellent care of me, they were extremely nice and I was able to get the help I needed. Just the fact that I don't have to worry about going to the hospital or paying expensive co pays gives me so much relief. I hope the student health center gets the funding they needed to stay a float, because without the student health center I wouldn't have any type of medical insurance.

I would be happy to pay more for our health services if the proposal included the incorporation of a dentist to the Health Center Staff. Dental care is very expensive and should be considered of high relevance.

I am fully against this fee increase. College is already VERY expensive for the mass majority of students whom attend. Ill start with the student health fee, the amount of the increase is too much. I would be supportive of it if it were lower. I have insurance and receive my medical care else where so I feel that it is an unfair increase to myself and others that don't use the service.

This has been long overdue, every time I visit the health center they do nothing for me so maybe now I may get some actual medical care that isn’t invented by my own desperation.

I use the student health center quite frequently and I never have a long wait. I have never complained about the center nor have I ever heard a fellow student complain. Unless there is an immediate demand, I do not want my fees to increase. Especially because I use the pharmacy the most and with an increased fee, I would pretty much be paying regular price for my medications which would not help my financial situation.

I feel that the proposed fee is reasonable. Chico State has one of the lowest tuition fees, and of course we are greatful for it. Then again we also understand that times have changed and so has our economy. If you try to attend any other college (except a JC) the tuition is a significant amount higher than it is here at Chico.
Just from the standpoint of health and well being i feel that it is essential to students across campus to have
more providers shorter wait times and not have to worry about paying during the summer. When a individual
is sick that last thing they need to stress about is waiting or not being able to schedule appointments etc.

I agree with the proposed increase on the student health fee. I personally have waited at the student health
center for 5+ hours to be seen and get a prescription. You should consider hiring more medical staff to
adequately help those students in need of medical assistance.

For someone who doesn’t use this service at all, an additional $100 each semester seems like a lot. Especially
when paying for school is already hard enough.

As a student of Chico state for the last 4 years Ive noticed student fees on a constant rise. I think it is getting
out of hand. We are already paying excessive fees and I think the money should be spread out better. Im very
concerned with the priorities of the people who are in charge of money allocation. Instead of filling the
pockets of the top few people in charge of this they should be taking the students best interest into
consideration. Its not right to me that the people at the top of the school system are getting large paychecks
but somehow cant afford to give us enough medical support to keep our campus as healthy and well taken
care of as they can. The health center is a very important resource for us students because it is cheap and
affordable. If the fees are raised again its no longer affordable. When making this decision keep in mind how
much a lot of Chico State students, like myself, are struggling financially. Keeping students safe and healthy
should be a priority not an option and not only if we pay more money.

I feel that it is really important that we get an increase in student service fees for the Health Center. It will
allow students to be seen by a doctor when they need to be and not have to wait a whole day to get seen.

I do not find it necessary, wait times are expected in clinic environments. I don’t want my fees increased.

When I enrolled, I was accepted the fact that tuition has increased several times over the past decade and it
was a natural part of getting an education. What I was surprised at was the extra association costs and such
which I had not budgeted for. It was $1,000 in miscellaneous fees which I will never use. First, I have my own
insurance so the medical/outpatient clinic does me no good. Second, I dont use the gym or go to the athletic
events. I read your justifications for wanting to increase the costs. It was the lowest of all the proposed fees
but still doesnt seem like the answer to your problems. I am against this fee increase and it shouldnt be a one
size fits all approach. That is the lazy way out of an issue.

I am a distance student and cannot claim any of the student health services, yet I am obligated to pay them.
This is wrong.

Why should a student who already pays for private health insurance, has medical or medicare and doesnt use
ANY student health services have to pay even one cent for this.

As an online only student, I do not fully understand why I even have to pay the Health Service Fee. I am paying
for health care I cant even use. I do not believe that I or any full time online students should have to pay
anymore for something that doesnt even benefit us.

I do not support the increase of Student Health Service. Firstly, what may be cut down is the amount of birth
control options there are in the Student Health Center.

Increase is not desirable in the slightest

I think it is unfair that I have to pay for this fee when I am a distance student living in Sacramento and do not
realistically have access to these facilities. I only take 6 units yet my tuition is so high because I have to pay
the same fees as a full time student.

Students should be able to opt out of unused services that dont even apply to them, especially if there is
going to be an increase in fees of facilities unused by many students

Necessary and prudent. The fee increase should be partnered with a regular (predictable) ongoing increase to
keep up with “rising” costs.

Hell no

There are students that barely use or don’t use the Student Health Services. There is no need to proposing a
fee for something that doesn’t need to be upgraded.
California State University, Chico
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Faculty Comments

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<td>When I tell people that I work at Chico State, 9 out of 10 times the first thing I hear is, “party school.” I firmly believe that our athletic teams do more than any other organization on campus to change that perception. I believe that when our teams are in airports, hotels, restaurants, and dealing with the public up and down the state of California, the way our student-athletes represent Chico State makes people think differently about Chico State other than it being a party school. There has been a major push to make Chico State a more diverse campus. Over 40% of our student-athletes are from diverse populations. And many of those are first generation college students. I also believe that the community of Chico supports our university largely because of our athletic teams. Over 30,000 people come to campus every year to attend Chico State Sporting events. 10,000 of those are students. Athletics are serving more people than just the athletes on the teams. This campus and community has been identifying this university with athletics for over 100 years.</td>
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<td>College athletics are an international anomaly. It is unclear why we subsidize minor league athletics with taxpayer dollars and student fees. The framing of this increase for the campus was inaccurate. Of course athletics produces benefits for the campus, that was never in question. The question should be: Is this the best use of student dollars? I would bet the answer is no. If our primary mission is education I would bet it would be a better use of this funding to cancel the programs and return value to students or capture the savings and use it to support teaching and learning for all students.</td>
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<td>Being a coach on campus I am obviously passionate about sports and coaching. But why I coach has very little to do with my actual sport. Soccer is merely the venue to bring students together to learn. I coach because of the relationships and ability to help these young individual to grow and develop as leaders, better people and develop skills to help them be as successful as possible in life. The tools and leadership they learn through their sports experience is like no other. The bond for the common goal of striving to win match and championships, but along the way they more importantly learn to communicate, work with others and be selfless. I have heard so many of my athletes express how their time here at Chico State as part of our program prepared them for job interviews and how to be ready for the work place. They thrive in graduate school, feel confident and prepared for their next steps in life. Athletics brings students together in friendships that last a lifetime. It teaches them to work hard for something they want. Being a part of a collegiate team teaches them discipline, responsibility and most important quality of character and how to work with others. For those students who do not participate, there is also a common bond shared among fans. Sporting events are a place to find friends and engage in something healthy and inspiring. Athletics provides jobs for students, a place for the cheer team and bands to continue their experience and growth with their craft.</td>
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<td>I have been coaching at Chico State since 1998. There are far too many letters of gratitude that I have received from past students for me to count, but I can say this...they never say “thank you coach for teaching me how to be fast”, or “thanks for showing me how to throw the javelin or how to clear a pole vault cross bar”...Instead, the letters and phone calls are about the following topics:Chico State athletics positively affect our family...our OHANA (Hawaiian for family). Our team subscribes to the acronym C.H.I.C.O which stands for Contagious Positive Energy, Hard Work, Integrity, Consistency and Ohana. Our athletes feel like they are adopted as a little brother or little sister from their older teammates. They bond with their fellow incoming newbies. Then together they grow in their trials and tribulations as they work towards a common goal on a...</td>
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united mission. Compassion is vital. An open mind is expected. Diversity is embraced! A mindset of not making excuses but making it happen is developed. We do not view failure as final. We always try to focus on what we can control and let go of what we cannot. We recognize that being strong physically is not enough. We emphasize not feeling sorry for ourselves. Our Ohana is not just a &quot;catchphrase&quot; its a lifestyle where we emphasize trust, honesty and gratitude. Its about love and friendship which also includes holding one another accountable and to a higher standard. Confrontation is necessary in our quest to be stronger and more excellent each day. Our students connect with local elementary schools each year, mentoring and modeling grade school students. They organize Canned Food Drives – collecting canned goods and donating them to the Hungry Wildcat Fund on campus. They also lead a University Needy Family Program – Adopting three older children for the holidays and providing them with gifts for the holidays. They organize a Chico State Creek Clean Up – A fall clean up of Big Chico Creek between the amphitheater and the Warner Street bridge that often produces over 8 full bags of trash. A spring clean up totaled another six bags of trash. Participated in the Parkview School “Laps for Learning” fundraiser, running laps with the kids and cheering them on. Penny Wars – Raised over $250 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. SAAC members created the &quot;You Don't Say&quot; campaign to encourage the use of inclusive language. Participated in KINE Adapted Physical Education Day. SAAC members ran activity stations and encouraged the children to do their best. Make-A-Wish – donated $5K to the Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant the wish to a 4-year-old Chico girl who wanted to meet as many princesses as she could! Feel so inspired when I hear: My involvement in SAAC has changed the way I view my community and what I can do to contribute. From leading warmups at a Parkview Elementary Walk-a-Thon, participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s, collecting cans to help hungry students, to granting a little boy’s wish to go to Legoland, my experiences at SAAC have been invaluable. I have learned that my ideas and actions can bring a positive light to the lives of those that live in my community and enjoy every minute I spend working for my community and plan to continue doing so as long as I live.

Without athletics I would not be who I am or where I am today. I was also a first generation college graduate and athletics not only gave me that opportunity but gave me the skills I needed to make that happen. Our athletes represent our institution and community in a positive way. Athletics provide a positive identity for our institution. As a coach we have to fundraise for basic needs of our program such as recruiting travel, team travel, bats, balls, helmets, and catchers gear. Our students athletes pay for travel apparel, shoes and cleats out of their own pocket. We have had to sleep three to four student athletes to a room to afford some trips. With rising costs this fee increase is a must to keep athletics as part of our institution.

I oppose this fee increase. Not all students participate in Athletics on the campus. The students already pay a WREC fee. Athletics is not vital to student health and well-being and there are other outlets to participate in joyful movement. Students should not be asked to carry a heavier burden of the cost of Athletics when they are already strapped for financial stability.

How many students are served by an Athletics fee? Do you count spectators? Do you count students participating on a team? Do you count intramurals or just varsity teams? My understanding is that few student athletes would be served by an overall fee paid for by all students. Why not charge your varsity teams a fee to cover their own expenses? I offer my own explanation for why you want this fee. It would become all too obvious that very few students participate in athletics.

Smooth move to push this in between two areas students care about. Students see through this move. I have heard from students if put to a vote they would never approve of the athletics fee. Too many students are working two jobs in order to graduate. There are too many students that cannot afford the luxury of being on a sports team. So instead, this will be imposed on students - just like the WREC fee was.

Ditto above.

Do not support. Money better spent on academic or health areas.
Staff Comments

Fee - Athletics

Chico State Athletics has been a vital part of the city of Chico for decades. As an alum of Chico, as well as Chico track & field alum, I feel very strongly about the Chico State Experience. A Chico without athletics, is like taking the San Francisco Giants out of SF. Chico state athletics has been an essential part of CSU Chico, and upon the fee increase it will continue to enable Chico to be one of the best Universities in the country. People buy good quality organic fruits and vegetables because they want to be healthy, sharp, strong, and get the best nutrients to their bodies. These good quality foods happen to cost a little more than others. Yet people buy them because they are investing in themselves and their future. People know that they can buy cheaper food, but they pick to spend the extra dollar on better quality food. The analogy I am making is this. Chico is not meant to be average, fast food, or cheap food. We are organic, healthy, nutritious food. Let us provide this brain fuel for the students. Let us invest in ourselves and pay the extra dollar on healthy foods. After all, we only go around this thing one time. Quality =)

Full disclosure, this is from Anita Barker, Director of Athletics. I would like to share some information that has not been presented as part of the forums. This information is specific to Athletics. The use of the Athletic fee has remained true to its original intent; cover the cost of enhancing the intramural program and to continue the current 12-sports configuration of the intercollegiate athletic program at California State University, Chico.&quot; This commitment has survived multiple budget cuts, enrollment and organizational changes. The last base fee adjustment to the Athletics fee occurred in 2002 (by student vote) when the fee was increased by a one-time bump of $14 ($9 to Athletics, $5 to Club Sports). Since that time, the only adjustment has been a result of enrollment and CPI. Chico State Athletics became a member of the California Collegiate Athletic Association in 1998. At the time of this decision, the campus leadership consulted with the student leadership about this decision because it included the elimination of the football program. The student leadership agreed that the fee should remain intact, because the decision made fiscal sense and Athletics committed to keeping our student participation numbers at the same level. For the last 20 years, despite our budget and facility limitations, we have maintained the promise to the students. In 1996-97, the last year Chico State sponsored football, the number of NCAA student-athlete participants was 369 (including football). This year, 2017-2018, Chico State Athletics will report 365 participants in the 13 sports we currently offer. Through the years, Wildcat Athletics has built a dynasty; our student-athletes and coaches have positioned our program as one of the top NCAA DII athletic programs in the conference and nation. Consider these facts: since 1998, Chico State teams have won 70 CCAA Championships, achieved 150 NCAA post-season berths; won 39 regional titles; 16 individual NCAA Championships and 1 team Championship (baseball also won the first national championship in 1997 prior to entering the CCAA). Chico State has won the CCAA Commissioners Cup 4 times and finished in the top 10% of the over 300 DII institutions 14 times in the last 16 years. All this has been accomplished with a budget that compares with the 3rd quartile of all NCAA Division II Schools. In 2016-2017, the average NCAA DII budget for schools without football was $5.9 million. Chico States funding was ~3.6 million. Additionally, Chico State is one of eight NCAA Division II institutions with enrollment of 15,000 or more. Chico State athletes regularly achieve academically at or above the comparative NCAA norms and at or above the campus population. Athletics is committed to the campus diversity goals; including a five-year trend of several percentage points above campus in the Black/African-American group. In 2016-2017 52% of our student-athletes identified with an ethnic group. Finally, Athletics is committed to and works diligently to support the campus values of tolerance, inclusion, collaboration, service and civic engagement. We certainly respect the burden this fee adjustment places on our student population. If this fee adjustment is made, I commit that the Athletics program will remain committed to being good stewards of this resource; use our platform to support our students and the campus community; engage and collaborate with campus partners to find alternative funding streams; and continue to represent the University with pride and competitive spirit.

I believe that the Athletics Fee increase also needs to happen. As a former-student athlete I realize how big of a role that Intercollegiate Sports played in my life. I credit much of my success to being an active member of the Chico State Womens Golf team and truly believe that Chico State Athletics shaped me into who I am today. I often ask myself what I would have done if I hadn't decided to play collegiate golf. Initially, going to a four-year university wasn't on my mind because I felt that I wasn't smart enough to make it through. The
program helped me reach what I believe was beyond my potential. Being a student-athlete guided me through my academic success to the point where I managed to make the Deans List on multiple accounts; a feat that I never even thought of having for myself. Student-athletes on campus are great role models to our community and most importantly our student body. They lead the example in volunteer hours, giving back and support great causes/organizations such as the Wildcat Food Pantry. Without the presence of intercollegiate sports then I’m afraid that several students, not just student-athletes, would be left looking for things to do and would resort more to the old &quot;party&quot; reputation, reputation that Chico State once had.

This fee is long overdue and will literally save the Athletics program. Athletics and Recreational Sports are two vital components of our campus and a huge bridge between the campus and community. Sports is an integral part of the health and wellness of students. The increase will allow coaches to travel safely and the student athletes will not be required to pay or fund raise for their own uniforms, equipment, etc. The fee will allow for coaches to carry on with their essential role as coach and mentor without the worry of making the $ stretch.

I am for the increase in athletics fee as well. The athletics program at Chico State represents the values of Chico State in the fullest capacity. Not only are the teams extremely successful on the court and on the field, but the student athletes are succeeding in the classroom and they give so much back to our community. Chico State Athletics has incredible tradition behind it. It is such a special place to be and athlete, to coach, and to be a student. It would break my heart to see some sports or all sports have to be cut.

I see first hand, on a daily basis, how athletics enriches the lives of student-athletes and how they then share this enrichment with the community. Our athletics programs are very character driven and teach students many life lessons and skills that make them better citizens, teammates, scholars, and friends. The added enrichment of school spirit that comes from having NCAA athletics is hard to measure, but has a very tangible feel on campus. Our programs are very successful in the CCAA adding additional school pride and making the environment very exciting. Athletics brings an energy to campus that cant be brought any other way. Whats more, athletics is successful on an insufficient, frugally managed budget. Everyone thinks we succeed because we are rolling in money, but in reality we are some of the lowest funded programs in the CCAA, and yet still manage to compete nationally! There are many ways in which current budgets do not meet the needs of our student athletes. Budgets dont even cover basic expenses.

I believe this is by far the least important component of the fee increase. I would be fine with a small fee that just helps pay for club and intramural sports. However, I know this would differentially hurt students of color. Tough one. Participating is sports is certainly a learning, value-added experience, but the numbers just dont add up to me. A relatively small number of students are directly benefiting. I see the arguments for # of students impacted, but I dont really buy these compared to the more direct impact of increased fees for the student learning fee and the health services. Also, cant athletics get more money from fundraising. Clearly the health services isnt going to be able to fund raise. Clearly, some very hard tradeoffs are needed, and if push comes to shove, I would value student learning fees and health services fees far beyond athletics. Although I would hate to get to a point where we didn’t have athletics, but taking this to the extreme, a diminished athletics program is not the end of the world. Insufficient support for the student learning fee and health services are mission critical.
### Student Comments

#### Fee - Athletics

Please hear me out when I say this. Life is NOT set in the classroom. While education is perhaps the most important thing a university can offer, there are lessons learned and wisdom gained in settings that do not directly involve education in the classroom. Chico State has consistently brought home an impressive number of conference titles. We have even sent teams to the NCAA championships where they have won trophies. The point is, we have created a very family-like and welcoming CULTURE. If there is anything I learned from history it is that culture is what shapes the identity of a society, person, or place. Without it, that society, person, or place is lost in the sea of other societies, persons, or places. On the track team, we have a simple little motto: Ohana, which means family. That is what we are: a family. We support each other and we care for each other. This sense of identity is extremely important even for those who do not participate in the sport. We pride ourselves in our success both in the classroom and on the field, court, track, course, etc! The student body supports athletics by going to games and being a part of the culture. There is also a reason why student-athletes consistently have higher graduation rates than a normal student, despite spending an enormous amount of time training. Stripping Chico State of its athletics is essentially stripping it of a part of its culture. It brings students together and it is part of what creates a sense of identity within the Chico State community. Speaking of community, Chico state athletics has done an enormous amount for its community! Athletics has fulfilled multiple make-a-wish wishes for children and they have even cleaned the creek, to name a few things. I am asking you to please support athletics by going through with this fee adjustment.

Honestly we pay this school more than enough money to achieve what it needs to. Maybe look into reallocating the money first instead of asking us for more. I’m already going into debt and I don’t want to even think about another penny on top of it. I understand that the business program and major gets a lot of the money allocated to them (and I totally understand why) but reconsider money allocation more seriously because this is my future and it’s not something to be taken lightly.

I would like to share some reasons regarding the increase in the athletics fee: my experience of being part of the womens soccer team is amazing because I was first scared to come into college but having 30 other girls welcome you and building relationships and bonds made me become a part of a family. Being a part of an athletic team is not always about the sport, we give back to the community and give to people who are in need. Another thing is traveling in charter buses is important because we cannot all be bunched up in two vans to save money it is not safe. Chico State sports also helps with the community because when we are competing against other teams, the other teams eat and use hotels in Chico and this helps out the Chico community. In regards to fundraising we put on a wine tasting to raise money for our practice gear and that money should not be used towards our practice gear it should be used for important things for our sport.

While I understand that it would be a good idea, I personally do not want to have to pay money out of my pocket that will not benefit me in any way. I dont mean to sound selfish but as a struggling college student I will not pay this fee. Instead, I think players should have to pay since they will be the only ones utilizing those resources.

As a student athlete here at Chico State on the Womens Soccer team, I have experienced first hand the benefits and deficits in our athletic program. I can easily say that being a member of Chico State Athletics has impacted my life and my college experience more than I could have ever imagined when I came in as a freshman this past fall. Without athletics and the experiences I have had over the past 6 months here at Chico State, I would be a much different person than I am now. Being a member of something bigger than yourself and learning to work with a large group of peers as well as authority figures such as coaches has taught me so much more than anything else. I have learned life lessons that will reach much further than soccer in my future. Despite how wonderful of an experience this has been so far, there are also serious deficits that the Athletic program possesses based on lack of funding. For example, when we travel, we pack 25 people, with their luggage and gear, into two 15-passenger vans for hours just to get to the airport. There is nothing more uncomfortable that being a freshman, sitting in the back row of the van with bags packed around your feet, backpacks on your lap, and bags overflowing from the trunk into the back of your head. If we were to get more funding, we could take 3 vans, which is what we should be doing, giving us more room and making a more comfortable experience. Our coaches put a lot of energy toward trying to save money any way they can. When we travel, we sleep 3-4 people
in a room, which means around 2/3 of the traveling players have to share a bed, which is something most other schools and teams don't have to do. Also, in order to stay in compliance with the NCAA regulations, we need a full time strength and conditioning coach on staff in order to ensure the safety of our athletes. Again, most other programs have this benefit, and this is something that could possibly become a safety concern. As a women's soccer program, the vast majority of our funding actually comes from our annual Wine Night fundraiser. If we were to get this fee increase, we could be able to not rely so heavily on this fundraiser. The athletics program in general brings a large amount of commerce to the Chico community. Between visiting teams and our families coming into town for games, the hotels and restaurants benefit greatly from the influx of people. The Athletics program is a vital part of the Chico State community. It brings school pride, unity, and income to Chico. Without the athletics program, I would not have had the wonderful experience that I have had so far at Chico State.

Although students do not want fees to increase, I believe they may feel differently if they knew possible consequences of athletics being cut. Not only do athletics and wrc sports contribute to the culture of the school, they get students involved and can help bring motivated students and classmates to chico state. Athletes overall have a higher GPA and I believe that is because they often care about the school and are motivated to get things done. The fund will also benefit thousands of students in wrc sports which I think is beneficial to make getting involved less costly for individuals. Student athletes and school pride contribute to the atmosphere and tradition of Chico state.

As mentioned in the pros vs cons of the proposed fee increase, two thirds of the students do not participate in athletics, intramurals, and sport clubs, so why should everyone get charged for this?

As a student who has been attending Chico state for some time now I can honestly say that while having athletics is nice to have, I firmly believe that they do not need more funding. In my opinion we spend a lot of money on sports that the majority of people do not care about or even know that this school has. I read that the funding will go to more trainers at more sporting events, even club events. There is absolutely no need for us to be paying more for sports that the majority of people don't care for. I believe that sports is perfectly fine the way it is.

I feel very strongly about this because I am an athlete here and one of the biggest reasons I am here is because of track and field. If that was taken away from me I would be heartbroken. I've been an athlete all my life and this means so much to me and everyone else who is playing on a team here. If we could improve our programs and keep it alive then I'm 100% down to pay any tuition increase.

As an athlete I am grateful to be apart of the progress. I believe informing students and sharing that this fee benefits he whole community is the intent.

We need this as well. Our sports at Chico already lack one of the biggest sports, football. So yes we need it

See below for all of my thoughts on the fee adjustment

I don't care about athletics, I know there are student athletes and I am proud of them but I do not want to pay more for my education if I do not benefit from this. At all!

An increase in Athletic fees is a small payment for an overwhelming positive return. Our athletics power not just the teams themselves, but the entire Chico community. Being apart of the the athletic community myself has allowed me to better my experience both on and of the field. With my team I have been able to develop relationships and memories that will stick with me for a lifetime. Because of my team I have better relationships with my professors because of our high standards in our athletic community. Along with the benefits for us, I feel as a strong group of individuals we make it a must to give back to the community in any way we can. We serve as role models for kids throughout Chico, we make a huge impact in the food drive, we take part in Make A Wish Foundation along with bringing in a great deal of supporters who provide economic benefit for the town as well and the jobs that athletics provides can not be overlooked as well. There are also many things that the athletics department could improve on with the fee increase. Unlike many other schools, Chico State Athletics lacks a strength and conditioning coach, proper bunking arrangements on travel trips, and poor transit resources.

This doesn't apply to me since I am not an athlete but since I am not an athlete I don't want to have to pay for a service I don't utilize. And I know other students feel the same.

I would like to share that increasing the athletics fee would allow for athletes to have reliable transportation, team gear, more money for athletic scholarships, and have better facilities regarding training for athletics.
I feel that this is also a necessary fee. It would allow athletics to do a lot more, and I don’t want to lose athletics. They represent the school on other campuses and do a lot for the Chico community.

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<th>Personally basketball is my life! That is a main reason why I am here! I love the game and since I have gotten here my love for it has grown! This team is my family and I do anything for them! They push to get better, help me through hard times and I know I can always count on them. If I ever need anything! Basketball and sports in general is a huge part of this campus! Chico State is known for having great athletics and a lot of students come here for that! The people that go here always get fired up when talking about sports and going to games! Everyone here playing a sport is a part of the family here and we all love what we are going and would hate to see it leave!</th>
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I believe athletics is very important. Some people come to college to play and compete with others along with getting an education. As a student athlete, I believe athletics is important. It is a way to stay healthy, to compete doing something you love, and to make friends. The increase for the athletic fee will further this for many athletes you have here on campus and to all future athletes to come.

I am on the Chico State Womens Soccer Team and I wouldn't be at Chico State if I wasn't recruited by my coaches. Athletics is a huge part of my success at Chico State. My teammates are my family away from home and my comfort that I need. I have had the best experience as a college freshman and I believe that is because of the Athletic program here at Chico State. We are the Wildcat Family and we need this fee increase, so we can stay and grow as Wildcats together. I have become a better human being due to this Athletic program and without my teammates I cant even imagine where I would be now. My team has to use vans when traveling a few hours for season games, when we should be chartering buses. With this fee increase we could be able to hire a full time strength and conditioning coach. As of now, our coaches are our strength and conditioning coaches and that should not be the case. I know that our school can be greater with this increase of fees and show its true potential. I know that Chico State Athletics has intermurals as well as club sports and without those how can a student pursue their dreams? I know many people on the club sports and intermurals and I don't believe they would be at Chico State without these outdoor activities. A team no matter what level is a family and no team should be separated. I hope you take this all into consideration.

please no

I don't have time to participate in any athletics so I don't want to pay for it.

I am apart of the Womens Soccer team and being apart of this team has changed my life so much for the better. If I did not play soccer here I would probably have not gone to college and I am so thankful for this experience that I was given the opportunity to have. It is a honor to be apart of the Chico State Soccer Team and the athletic family as well, and I have worked hard my whole life to be able to play soccer at the college level. With that being said, if the fees were to be raised, we would be able to have better equipment and the things we need. I feel as though the athletic program needs a strength and conditioning coach to make us all bigger, stronger, and faster athletes. Also when we travel each person should have their own bed by policy, but many of us have to share to save money. The Athletic program is a great part of student life and helps get everyone involved with having some school spirit and be loud and proud at the games. It would be a shame if future students would not be able to experience Chico State without a sports and inter-mural program.

I believe our athletics program is fine, if athletes would like more support then they should be able to pay for it. Its not fair for all the students on campus to pay for athletics when we are directly not involved. Again, students are actually starving as it is, athletics should not be a priority when there are serious health issues involved. If anything I see reason for the health center but not at all for athletics. Our school administrators should be looking out for the students and their well being first, not athletics.

As a Chico State Womens Soccer athlete, this proposed fee increase will allow not only our soccer team, but every other sport on campus (including club sports) to continue. I am a Chico local and I grew up loving sports. I remember going to multiple Chico State sport camps as a child, eventually going to a Chico State womens soccer camp when I was 9. Not only did I look up to the coaches and athletes on the team, but I aspired and dreamed about playing for Chico State one day. I would go to games and cheer on the team that I so hoped to play for. I started off at Butte Community College for the first two years of my college and soccer career, but still wanted more in both education and athletics. I transferred to Chico State this school year and fulfilled my dream of wearing a wildcat jersey. This being said, if our athletic programs get discontinued, not only will Chico State athletes be affected, but young athletes throughout the community will too. The future generation needs role models, they need to aspire to be and do great things, and they need the opportunity to see that they can do anything they want in any activity they want whether it is in sports, school, or work. As I look back, I now realize that my journey taught me to work hard and never give up on my dream because anything is possible. If there were no Chico State athletics when I was growing up, I can most certainly say that I would not be where I am today and I would not be the person I am today. On another note, this Athletic fee increase will help benefit many students who play intramural and club sports. Club sports give students many opportunities to be involved in the sport in which they really enjoy. It gives more students a chance to stay active and healthy, which has countless benefits for overall wellness. Finally, Chico State Athletics gives the sport loving students, staff, and Chico community members something to support and cheer about. It gives people the opportunity to
watch and cheer on their local teams and socialize with others in the community. Chico State athletic events also bring in a lot of revenue for not only for the school, but for the businesses in Chico as well. Stores and restaurants benefit from all of the athletes and parents from other schools who are playing on the road vs Chico. They stay in our local hotels, they buy from our local stores, and they eat at our local restaurants. Chico State athletics help benefit the community in more ways than one and this proposed increase will only bring more good things to my favorite little town of Chico.

Not everybody utilizes this fee.

I dont put much priority on Athletics. Its great that Chico State has an undefeated softball team, but by and large having a good sports team is not a critical discipline for a university. The proposed fee increase is 52%. If the athletics department wants to make more money they can charge more for concessions like movies theaters have done with popcorn for years. Well pay for that stuff no matter how much it costs.

I would like to emphasize that this fee does not apply to every Chico State STUDENT. Not everyone is an athlete, or in athletics. Why should non-athletes have to pay fees that we will never use? It is unfair that these fees are being implemented to us students due to lack of administrative individuals.

I am in complete support of the proposed increase to the Athletics fee. The athletic department is an integral piece of Chico State. It provides a platform for student athletes to grow not only as competitive athletes but also as individuals. It pulls together the entire student body and community in support of athletes competing in their sports. To resist funding increase for the Athletic Department would be taking a large chunk out of the CSU Chico culture.

Being an Chico State athlete is one of the best things that has happened to me. Coming in as a freshman and being one of 3 kids from my high school it was very nerve-racking, but coming in with 30+ girls that I know are my friends and are my biggest supporters is the easiest thing in the world. That is a snapshot of what is like being a freshman on the Womens soccer team here at Chico. This program has helped me be a better person, it makes me want to be a better person for my teammates and my coaches. Athletics has also helped me with my school work, since I have certain practice times it makes me focus during class and do my homework when I can so I dont worry about my homework when I am practicing. We are the role models for this community with the younger kids. During our games I saw lots of little kids watching and admiring us wishing and dreaming to one day become a Chico state wildcat soccer player or any sport. Our team recently did an outreach project where we went and played soccer at an after school day care program. It was so great being able to hang out with the kids. When I think about the future of this program it is amazing, but we do need things in order to thrive more. We need a strength and condition coach that will help us in the weight room. We need more money because when we travel we sleep 2 people usually per bed when in reality it should only be 1 person in 1 bed but due to finances that is not possible. We also should be traveling on charter bus and all athletic teams should. The coaches work so hard planning before the game and coaching during the game that they do not need to be driving right after coaching, it is not fair to them. Also it is not just the actual team being involved with this cut, it is also the club teams and intermureals that will be harmed too. So, that is adding a lot more students that would be suffering. Now instead of affect 100 students athletes, this affect 300 student athletes.

I dont get into athletics and there are probably plenty more that dont as well. I think anyone joining a sports team should contribute to paying those fees instead of all students (especially those that dont participate) and/or add the fees to the sports related majors.

I dont support this

Chico State athletics does nothing for me. The increase in fee will only take more money out of my pocket for students who are involved in sports. If they want improvements, they should pay for them themselves.

I came to school to get an education, not watch athletics. I dont support the increase in the proposed athletics fee. If students want to throw a baseball around and shoot hoops go to a school that is more focused on sports then giving students a quality education.

no thank you

Chico State Athletics is one of the best things about this school. I am a player on the Chico State Womens Soccer Team and I would not be the same without this school/program. I have played soccer since I was a little girl and it has always been my dream to play college soccer. My parents supported me through my whole life to get to this point and I am not going to let it slip away from me now. This sport is my life and this school is my brand. If the Athletic program did not receive the necessary funding, I would be devastated. I love Chico State but I would
have to consider transferring because of the lack of athletics. Please allow me to stay at Chico and continue playing the sport that has defined my whole life to this day - I honestly have no idea what I would do without it. I am more than willing to increase my fees and support this incredible Athletic Program. Please support us too.

I fully support the increase in athletic funding because Chico State Athletics has already done so much for me and I am only in the middle of my freshman year. A scholarship to play basketball was my route to college and that opportunity was granted to me by Chico State Athletics. My experience here has already created a second home for me in seven short months. Due my first year being a redshirt year, nothing makes me more excited than looking forward to my next four years of performing in front of my fellow classmates and the Chico community in Acker gym. Athletics does so much for this university and community, I cannot imagine what the school would look like without the face of its school spirit.

The Athletic Fee is something that is very important for many reasons. I have the privilege to be on the Chico State Womens Soccer Team as a freshman and it has been the greatest experience of my life. Ever since I committed to come here, all I wanted to do was be here and now that I am here I never want to leave. When people walk around in the #wildcatfamily shirts, that word family at the end is actual true. Almost as true as the family I have lived and grown up with since I was born. Not only is the women soccer team a family but the whole apathetic program. In just a semester of being at Chico State I have made many good friends with athletes and I would say have met my best friends for life. I was able to do this through being on the soccer team but also having other athletes know that gives me so many more opportunities to meet so many people. Other than the social life, we do need this fee. Not only do we pay for everything we wear and use, but we are saving up to earn all these things. Since being here, every piece of Chico State Womens Soccer clothing I wear was payed for with my own money. My sister at Sonoma State is in the same league and same everything as me but she gets more luxuries than us. She came home her first week with a really nice Sonoma State Soccer backpack that she gets to keep forever. If we here at Chico are given something it is either something we give back or we had paid for it. Also we have to travel in vans which is not necessarily very safe. As a freshman, when traveling, we cram every teammate into two vans when in reality we do not all fit. We have three to four freshman in the back row with everyone gear an equipment packed on top of us. There is no space anywhere else, because we are trying to save money by taking vans. Also according to what I hear, the rule is one head to a bed when traveling. And that is definitely something we do not do. On every single travel trip I was in a bed sharing with someone else. All of our rooms were three or even four to a room with two beds. Again we are trying to save money. And clearly people dont know this. They dont realize that we are saving all the money we can. And we do our own personal fundraisers to get money for fe perks like one travel trip in a safe chapter bus. Not only will the collegiate sports programs be gone without this fee, but inter murals and clubs will be gone too. That means we would have no athletics anywhere. No way for us to just go play soccer with a group or a team. And I personally do not want to be apart of a school that doesnt have that. I would highly consider leaving because athletics is a big deal to me and a lot of people at this school. 13 teams including clubs and inter murals, and that would be gone. I know a lot of people would start considering leaving so go to another school where they can play a sport they love. This is about so much more than raising a fee, because in the long run yes it is more money, but it brings in money too. We make money from games and hosting teams and having them stay in hotels. It doesnt just bring money to the school but it brings money to the whole town of Chico and that would just go away. $200 isn't going to change the cost of tuition a huge drastic amount to affect anyones life crazily. But it will effect Chico State and Chico life drastically if the fee is not past and athletics are gone.

Without the athletics program I would not be at Chico State and I am sure there is others who would not either. Being part of the athletics program has made my time at Chico more enjoyable and I have created life time bonds with people because of this program. However, we do need a strength and conditioning coach and actual buses not vans because it is not safe for our coaches to drive a couple hours then work then manage then drive back, by that time they are tired and should not be driving because even a regular bus driver cant work for more than 10 hours a day. Not only is this fee affecting collegiate sports but also intermurals and club sports here on campus. We bring in recognition and money to the community of Chico. Peoples families come watch, they eat out, they stay in hotels, etc.

I would like to express my appreciation for this opportunity to give feedback on the proposal. Thank you for taking into consideration every opinion of student, faculty and staff on campus. I have been actively encouraging individuals in my classes, internship and friend circle to educate themselves about what is
happening in your department. My name is Anna Baytosh and I am a student-athlete graduating in May of 2018 with a major in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and a minor in communication design. I am a representative from the volleyball team and I hold the position of Co-president on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). I also hold a job with the athletic department to pay my monthly rent while simultaneously managing projects as an account executive and editor for Tehama Group Communications, the on-campus public relations firm. Chico State athletics has made me the woman I am today. I am a more confident and capable human being because of the skills I learned being a Wildcat. I am most appreciative of my time-management, leadership, communication and organization skills. This directly stems from the humbling, yet prideful, experience that is being a Chico State athlete. I utilized these skills in countless job interviews and eventually landed a job as a summer intern for an investor relations firm in New York City. I have the athletic department to thank for setting me up for continued success as an adult. Even though I can go on forever about the countless benefits of being a student athlete, I am the most proud of what the athletic department does for the surrounding community. Being a SAAC member has opened my eyes to how much athletics does for Chico as a community, not just a department. Below, I have listed some noteworthy community outreach projects SAAC has executed:

- Launched the “You Don’t Say” campaign, encouraging the student body to use inclusive language.
- Raised thousands of dollars to grant three Make-A-Wish wishes in the past five years for kids with life-threatening medical conditions.
- Hosted three canned food drives last year and donated over 1,000 food items to the Wildcat Food Pantry.
- Annual participation in Laps for Learning fundraiser, where we run alongside elementary schools and cheer them on as they raise money.
- Participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s.
- Hosted a used shoe drive.
- Purchased a bullet-proof vest for “Ray,” a shepherd in the Butte County K-9 unit.
- Annual cleanup of the Chico Creek.

I understand why there should be a fee charge for this but is it really necessary? I personally believe we shouldn’t have a fee raise because as of now college is expensive, and many struggle just trying to pay the tuition now, to add more payment fees is a greater risk to discourage kids from even going to college. Please don’t do this, I really can’t afford to lose any more money than I already have lost. Please don’t.

This is a must. I play many intramural sports and am involved with sports clubs. This would be very beneficial to both and would help out a lot.

Although I see the appeal of improved funding for athletics, I am not sure that I can support this measure after watching the manner in which the university essentially gutted the Ballroom Dance Club by eliminating its access to unused university space. The organizations that would receive the benefits of the increased funding are not necessarily representative of the interests of the total student body.

I am on the Chico State womens soccer team. With our current budget, we are barely staying afloat. The current budget is supposed to feed the team and our coaches, but it doesn’t. Our coaches make each and everyone of us brown paper bagged lunches for every travel trip—that’s about 22 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches—and our coaches don’t even eat because there’s not enough money for them. To be able to afford lunch from a restaurant would make the travel trips enjoyable for both the team and our coaches. Also, traveling in charter buses should be mandatory because it’s safer. Our coaches coach all day and are expected to drive all day, as well, but they are exhausted. As a result, it’s dangerous for them to be driving the team. In addition, in vans, the freshmen get stuck in the back of the bus with the ball bags across their laps for hours on end every travel trip—that’s not fun for anyone. We also have to share a bed with teammates every travel trip. Not having to share a bed would make traveling more enjoyable and help performance while on the road. What hurt us the most last season was our performance on the road. I feel that with the fee increase, we would be able to eliminate discomfort which would in turn help us win games! Also, we are in dire need of a strength and conditioning coach. Most of our team has never lifted before and lifting is not our coaches expertise. With a strength and conditioning coach, we would be able to use proper technique and limit the amount of back injuries we accumulate throughout spring. This fee also helps more than just the 300 athletes at Chico State; athletics also encompasses club sports and intramural sports. Lastly, sports, in general, bring in money for our community when visiting teams have to stay in hotels and eat in local restaurants. Having sports is a must! We need to be around for the younger girls who look up to not only the Chico State womens soccer team, but also every other collegiate athlete.
I run for Chico State cross country and track and I love Chico State Athletics. If we lose the Athletics program I will be very sad and have to go to a junior college.

It is very important to me and all of my friends that the proposed increase in the athletic fee goes through. Being apart of athletics at Chico State goes beyond the sports. Coming into my freshman year at Chico state, I was nervous coming to a school 10 hours away from home with no one here that I knew prior. But after coming into the year with my team, Ive come to realize that this team, and the girls beside me are more than just my teammates, they are family to me. I think that most people assume that the athletes at Chico State are all on full rides, get everything paid for them and get free t-shirts and clothing. But that isn't the case, through my 1 semester on the team, weve had to share beds in hotel rooms, weve had to cram into tiny vans where the people in the back are uncomfortably crammed with bags of balls above our heads and bags underneath our feet for hours. On another note, The athletics at Chico state bring in income for the city. When teams from other schools travel here, they pay for hotels and are always going out to eat. Also, the children of Chico look up to the athletes. They grow up coming to all the sports games, and say &quot;I want to be like them when Im older.&quot; This pushes us to be the best role models we can be. This makes us have pride in our school and our program. You tend to always have eyes on you when people know youre on a team at Chico State. Not that we need to show them that we are good people but it always reminds me to smile at people when they walk by and always lend a hand when needed. Being apart of the Wildcat Family has made me a better person, this team and my teammates have impacted my life in ways no one can imagine. Just when I feel like not going to class or not doing a workout, I always have it In the back of my head that everyone else is doing it so I can do it too.

WE NEED BETTER ATHLETICS. The fee increase is incredibly important in supporting overall student health and activity.

I am on the Chico State Womens Soccer team currently. Without this athletic program, I would not be the woman I am today. I have learned time management, courage, and passion. Yes, I would like this fee increase to support our program as for giving as a larger budget to work with. Our coaches pack us paper brown lunch sacks while traveling on the road, however it is not in our budget to feed them on travel trips so they dont join us with our meals. Also, we travel against regulations because being on a larger team with 32 girls and coaches, we cram into 2 North Valley Shuttle buses to get us to and from Sacramento Airport. My coach has not gotten a salary raise since 2001. I wish I could prove to you how hard this woman has worked to only maintain one of the best womens soccer programs in the nation, but to keep our program floating with the minimal budget we have. We have a huge fundraiser every year called the Wine Tasting Event. Without this fundraiser, we cannot get ourselves gear (which we student-athletes pay for ourselves), we cannot afford as many hotels room as we need, we cannot feed our coaching staff properly, we cannot afford new equipment, and most importantly my coaches are not getting paid what they deserve. On the contrary, I am encouraging this fee increase not only to stop the bleeding of the athletic program financial being, but to allow Chico State Athletics a future. I can do without upgrades, new gear, and more scholarship opportunities. But, I will not stand for letting Chico State Athletics fall and be defeated. Our reserve has run out of money. We have no funds to fall back on anymore. We need this fee increase in order to keep the Athletic Program alive. Chico State Athletics has not only given me the opportunity to get an extraordinary education, but has provided me with resources and lessons that cannot be reciprocated else where. I am a student in the Communication Studies program and learning how to speak with confidence through this athletic program has benefited me in ways that are unfathomable. Chico State Athletics brings a lot of revenue into the city of Chico. We have many colleges that come to play us that must stay in hotels and eat at small local business restaurants. Chico State Athletics puts Chico, CA on the map and brings many new faces to our amazing community. However, without Chico State Athletics the children of the Chico community lose so many of their beloved role models. Every semester Chico State Athletics gives back to the community, both as a program and by all individual teams. I have had numerous young girls come up to me asking to sign their t-shirt because I am their biggest role model and they want to be a Chico State Womens Soccer player one day. If this program is diminished, who do the children of Chico look to now? That is what is most important to me as a current Chico State Athlete. Providing the hopes and dreams and realities of young aspiring athletes. Leading the community in unity and resilience is what Chico State Athletics is about. This program has done nothing but benefit the people of Chico. I thank this Athletic Program everyday for bringing me to this small little town I had never heard of before college, and for making me into the strong, advocate of
The Chico State Athletic program was one of the main reasons I chose to attend Chico State. As a member of the Chico State womens golf team, I think having an athletic program is a defining part of our school and its legacy, and it simply would not be Chico State without it. Chico State has an incredibly strong sense of family and community, and I have definitely found that within the athletics program. The athletes are my family, and it would be devastating to see the athletics program vanish. I fully support the increase in the Athletics fee. I take great pride in saying that I attend Chico State and get to play at one of the most highly ranked schools in all of D2 sports. The athletic program pushes me to be a better student, person, and of course teammate, and Chico State would not have the same character without this incredible program.

I play on the baseball team here at chico state and my whole college involves baseball and I think that being a student athletes is a huge opportunity for me and others . I think that the fee increase will provide better things for the sports team and impact many others on being recruited here for many years to come.

Athletics here at Chico State are more than just sports games that students and people in the community can attend. I am currently on the mens basketball team and being part of the team has made my experience here at Chico State a lot more enjoyable. Our team isn't just a bunch of guys I play basketball with, they are a family to me and have become life long friends of mine. The athletics program is the reason why I chose to attend Chico State. I could tell when I came to visit that every program in the Chico State Athletics was close and it felt like a family atmosphere. I owe a lot of the memories I made here at Chico State to the Athletics program. I have no problem with the Athletics fee being increased because it is worth every dollar to continue Chico State Athletics. College Athletics makes student athletes grow as individuals not only in their sport that they compete in but in every aspect of life.

I am against it. I think you are exaggerating when you say that you would have to cut the athletics program in its entirety if you dont raise the fees. When you say &quot;eliminate the current athleticsprogram&quot; the operative word is &quot;current,&quot; so basically what you mean is you will REDUCE the athletics program and are using scare tactics to convince people to willingly give up even more of their hard-earned money. Anyway, while I think athletics are important and understand that they bring a lot of money to the school, I think that ultimately athletics should not be a priority for an athletic institution and if the program was really in such dire straits, the university could either redirect other money to save this program, or increase fees for student athletes so they can support their own program.

Ridiculous, we pay far too much as it is. Stop catering to athletes the majority of the student body doesn't need to support the select and privileged few.
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<td>I completely disagree with raising the Athletics fee - as I am not involved in Athletics here, do not want to be paying for giving Athletes scholarships to come to school here as I struggle to pay to go to school here, on food stamps, taking out loans and believe that this raise would make it much harder to continue here. This should not be a top issue here at Chico State for the well-being of a majority of students.</td>
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<td>The athletics department is not just about the games, matches, and meets. It provides jobs for many people and scholarships for students that otherwise couldn’t afford college if it wasn’t for their athletic ability. The athletics bring the university and the overall Chico area together. It’s what makes Chico State so special, the constant support received from fellow fans cheering on our wildcats. So I am very much in favor of supporting our athletic department and increasing the tuition fee to save it.</td>
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<td>We students already can’t afford the tuition each semester, proposing such fees like this is proposing and incredible burden on students like myself. I already can’t afford tuition, if it gets any higher I will be unable to finish my degree because I simply can’t afford it. I know of many other students in this boat as well. Do not impose such fees if you are going to force the student body to pay for it.</td>
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<td>What is a school without an athletic program? Our students, our faculty, and the community all greatly pride themselves in our competitive varsity sports program. This isn’t just about other students paying for a few to be able to compete and travel. This is about providing our school with a sense of pride. We are a small humble sports program that makes big waves on a national level. We are one of the top programs in all of the CCAA and some of our sports are competitive on the national level. The athletes at Chico are proud and they represent this school with honor and vigor. Its not a free ride being an athlete. I myself have ran here for four years and the financial burden of raising fees greatly affects us too. We are not a Division 1 school with big full ride scholarships. You would be lucky to find a single athlete that is given a full ride to chico to compete. Our athletes train for 20+ hours a week to represent this school and those that pay the fee for us. This 20 hours are hours that most people would spend working to pay for themselves to go to school. They are students just as anyone else and many will work as well. Its not a free ride like many have made it seem to be. Lastly, I would like to discuss the importance of our athletic departments contribution to the students on campus and the community. The Student-Athlete-Advising-Committee every year donates over a thousand cans to the Hungry Wildcat pantry. We additionally have granted 3 make-a-wishes int he past 5 years, provided a christmas to one or more families, supported Alzheimers walks, outfitted local police dogs with bullet proof vests, and performed cleanup of the campus creek. There is an academic impact of not having an athletic program as well. We have an entire department of Kinesiology that is based on the study of athletic movement and performance. Without any athletic opportunities for students, collegiately, recreationally or at the club level we would have a severally limited academic purpose. Ask anyone in the kinesiology department and you will learn that they have some tie to a some sport related team. I only ask that you consider these ramifications when considering whether or not to fund this fee. The effect on the school, community and student population would be catastrophic if this department is lost.</td>
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<td>I am against this fee. It does little to support athletics that benefit the majority of students and mostly supports intercollegiate and club sports. I am in favor of eliminating intercollegiate athletics and putting money toward supporting sports and healthy living for all CSU Chico students, not just a fortunate few. I support on going funding for intramural sports, since the most students benefit from this program.</td>
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and realized that it was not about how much money our program at all, it was about the experiences and relationships I was forming with my teammates and coaches. Playing basketball for Chico state has been the best 6 months of my life and it devastates me to know that if this increased fee does not pass many future students are going to miss out on this happiness provided to me. Chico also has the most dedicated boosters I have seen in division two athletics. I am so proud on home games when we are able to fill up the bleachers and hug all of our boosters at the end of the game. This is a special moment for all of my teammates and all the boosters that we get every game. I know that the boosters would also hate to see the athletics program deteriorate due to lack of funding. It is understandable that some students, not affected by athletics, do not want to pay more but I don’t believe that they fully understand what the athletic program does for me and the other 350 athletes at Chico State every year. Chico State athletics has changed my life for the better and I hope that it can continue to change student’s lives for many years to come.

Chico State Athletics has really made me who I am today. All teams are just one big family. The athletic department makes everybody, including myself, very happy and excited for every event.

This will let our sport programs to still be active and on campus. Sports here at chico provide a great atmosphere for the students as well as the faculty. A small increase wont be to damaging to students and their financial situations

Yes that needs to be raised because our school needs athletics in order to be a highly ranked cal state.

The sudden increase in this fee is an unreasonable accommodation. The increase should be implemented more gradually to be fair to students enrolled during the years of the increase. Athletics generate revenue from ticket sales and concessions. Gradual increases in these prices should be factored in to minimize the shock to students budgets.

I have no interest in any of the athletic programs. forcing me to pay more for something that I never use is wrong.

Yes, I’m all in for this. Our athletics program is a championship quality program and In order to compete at the highest level and give our university the recognition it deserves we need to increase these fees.

I do not support the proposed fee increase. With less than 400 students participating in NCAA athletics, it is not fair for the entire campus to pay extra to support this program. The primary focus of the university ought to be education, with athletics as a side note if there are resources left over.

I dont think a lot of people want to do athletics so it isnt a good idea.

I am a student-athlete at Chico, and I love it and cannot picture my college experience without Chico State Athletics. Not only is this department nationally recognized in division two across all sports, but we collectively bring pride to the school and its attendees. Sports bring unity and spirit to a campus and I believe that is important to not just athletes, but all students. Student-athletes are also hardworking influencers on and off of the court or field. We represent the school and strive to do our best which we do wearing a Chico jersey. Not everything is easy throughout athletics either, a lot of equipment is old and outdated, travel accommodations are sometimes difficult due to lack of funds, and some really hardworking assistant coaches are only getting paid for part-time work when they really put in full-time hours. We do it because we are passionate and regardless of funds we would like to press on, but the time has come where we literally cannot continue athletic excellence without more funds. The well is almost dry and this huge component to Chico States campus culture is in danger of being cut completely. The department has not received a fee adjustment in 20 years and because of inflation and general rising costs, we cannot continue to run on a budget that is as old as I am. As an athlete, I have had interactions with Chico alumni who still have ties to the school and are still proud of Chico Athletics, even if they did not partake in a sports team. These alumni also go off into the working world, and look to give back to these programs which is important to recognize because that means it truly had an impact on them. Another point is that some of these funds will be for club and intramural sport funding which a large portion of students here at Chico have and will be involved in. A competitive and active environment is crucial for students. We all need a home team to rally around and root for though wins and losses. I cannot say enough positive things about all of the hard working staff and athletes who make up Chicos athletic department. I believe we are a family and get the opportunity to influence the entire campus and bring the school a competitive champion culture. I am for the fee increase for many reasons, and as a student-athlete I am for this because day in and day out, this department has been there for me and has allowed me and others to be better.
Why are you increasing the athletics fee when we have dimly lit streets all around campus that pose a threat to the well-being of our campus community?

They can fundraise.

I am not familiar with our athletics program, but I know the music department budget has seen dramatic cuts in funding. My roommate speaks highly of the music program and would like to see expanded offerings such as a Masters degree.

This is ridiculous to charge me for when I’m not even participating in any athletic events.

We barely even have an athletics department to begin with. If you want to make revenue off it it needs to be pushed more on the student body to attend games etc.

Tuition has gone up every semester I have been in Chico; I would rather not have these services than to pay more (again).

I think any sort of fee increase is absurd. I am currently working full time, taking 7 units, and paying for each semester without taking out student loans or receiving ANY financial assistance (via school, feds, parents, or otherwise). Also pay for health insurance for myself and family. The current fees and tuition push my budget every month. School should become more affordable rather than less. Especially for those attempting to make a living, taking care of their families while trying to further their education. The students utilizing these services should be the ones making up the difference in budget. Students who intend to utilize these services can be signed up during their application process or on site. I understand that some of these students really need the assistance at a severely reduced rate. But this burden SHOULD NEVER be placed on other struggling students. Grants, alumni, or other methods would be much more reasonable.

Take the money and put it into Student Health and Learning. Most students dont benefit at all from this fee, and yet they are required to pay it. Dont make it political, do the right thing.

Athletic students are ones that are going to forums and aggressively supporting this fee increase because it is required of them by their coaches and mentors. What about every other student that is not an athletic? What about students who will never go to an athletics game because they are busy trying to finish their academics in four years? What about the students who are too afraid to speak up because students who are forced to need this increase money will immediately tear down other students who cant afford it? Yall are putting students at each others throats. The money should not have to come out of our pockets. This is admin's fault.

I am not an athlete!!! Why do I have to pay for athletic fees???? Why dont the coaches take pay cuts instead or punishing students who arent even athletes.

Im not in support for it because I never use these services.

I agree with this fee the most because our sports teams are very important when it comes to the reputation of our school and our programs should have the funding to back up our high performance and goals.

Also unnecessary

No increase

Without an athletics program, myself as well as 300+ other student athletes would not be attending this school. On top of this the large number of students who would leave or not attend the school because of the lack of athletics. Ive talked to many people on campus and they all say that if there were no sports here at Chico the school would just feel weird. And I know myself personally would never attend a school that didnt have sports programs (even if I was just a normal student). Without athletics, our alumni would lose out on their history that they were a part of, current students would lose out on the culture of Chico State, and the school would be left with a huge void. Students pursuing sports journalism would have nothing to write about. Students studying to be athletic trainers or anything of that sort would have no way of getting hands on experience here in Chico. These students and departments would begin to greatly lack because of the lack of hands on experience. Not to mention the fact that students would have no entertainment to go to, and the many students who are sports fans would either leave the school or would lack the sense of pride that usually comes with attending Chico State. I personally know that i wouldnt want any of my kids attending a school without sports simply because there would be a void in their college experience and they would not know what it was like to attend a college that has sports culture and pride. For that reason amongst all the others I completely support this fee adjustment and believe it is absolutely necessary.

The student athlete fee is the most important out of all three proposals, athletics is a huge part of campus. I am apart of the mens soccer team so this will sound a little biased. But there are so many things that athletes bring
to this campus. Here is a list of things we do and bring to the school. 1. We volunteer to help the community all the time. I am never not busy if I am not on the field or in class I am doing something to help the community. I attend the canned food drives, creek cleanups, the walk to end alzheimers, and we go to elementary schools and teach the kids about leadership, communication and teamwork. 2. Our Alumni is massive, we support us and the community, we have so many events that invite them into town and bring everyone together, it is a WILDCAT FAMILY. 3. Our athletics spread the brand of the school, we travel all over the country and even out of the country to spread the word of Chico State University. 4. There are many people that say they cannot afford to go to this school, I understand how big of a dilemma this is, but there are a lot of athletes that would no longer attend the University I would transfer in a heart beat if I knew they were going to cut athletics. Conclusion: It is time for our equipment for all three proposals get better, school costs money at the end of the day we cannot keep the same budget from 1992.

Being a student athlete on campus, this fee adjustment directly influences me and my close-knit Wildcat family. I could not imagine Chico State without athletics. The mood on campus would change drastically but also this would impact the local Chico community as well. What most people don’t know about our athletic group here at Chico, is that we do a lot of community service and make sure to make personal connections with the town that has welcomed us into their backyard. For example, many of the sports go out into the local elementary school and mentor young kids. This has been a great experience for me as a student athlete because seeing the faces of young kids and how much they look up to us is indescribable. I am part of the Women’s Soccer program here and it has greatly impacted me on who I am today. Not only do sports keep people active and bring large group of people together, but specifically it is a life learning course that helps young adults be more prepared for the real world. Through being a collegiate student athlete I have learned how to better prioritize my school and sports schedule, have learned how to better network myself, and have been able to expand my leadership qualities. Our athletics program has worked hard to provide our athletes, coaches, and trainers with the best resources given our circumstances, but it is time for change to happen to fund this area with the proper tools needed to be up to par with our competitors. With this fee, I am mostly concerned about future generations and students to come into Chico that will not have the same benefits and experiences as I have had here. Athletics, both intercollegiate, intramural, or club give our campus school spirit and something to show pride and rally about. The Chico State Athletics program has benefited me in ways that I could not have learned anywhere else and I want this family to be around for future student athletes. Our alumni and booster are a huge support system to us and although ending my time here is saddening, I want to be able to give back to this sports community that has provided me with so much knowledge and resources to be prepared for growing up as an adult in this society.

I am a student athlete and I don’t want to see those who chose to come here because Chico State is the best have to leave to to cuts to the programs.

This should not be increased because most students are not in athletics and cannot afford to pay extra fees.

Athletics are the base of a lot of majors and having an increased price it would get a lot of people to drop out of change their mind on the subject of athleticism.

The athletes on campus are a huge role model to everyone and work just as hard and most of the time harder in order to pass classes. I am a student athlete and know first hand the struggle of juggling everything in college along with a sport. Athletes are a lot of the times very successful people after college because they have the drive and concept of team work. Taking away athletics would not only hurt the athletes themselves but the programs are looked up to and a way to bring the campus together.

I don’t support this increase

I am honestly disappointed because I have to pay this fee even though I am a distance student which I am not totally in agreement with and I do not want to go into further details as to why I have to but I think given my previous position is just wrong to increase fees when the salaries do not go up.

With growing demands and presence in the community, I think its about time the athletics Department gets more money.

Athletics is a huge impact on the social aspect of students lives. It also is a big factor in the community around campus.
Athletics are a huge part of our lives and gives us a chance to meet family and be a part of something. I believe that increasing the tuition would be beneficial to so many people. Although there will be negative feedback I think it will have a positive influence on many students.

I believe that the Athletics programs at Chico State is very important to the students body. Many Chico State students participate in intercollegiate sports as well as club and intramural sports. I believe only the athletics fee should be increased.

Athletics are important to every campus and community for many reasons. They bring pride and comradery to campus, they bring dollars to the community with visiting fans and families, and it gives the student population something to cheer about. Additionally the student athletes get to continue to perform at there sport. I am on the women’s soccer team and I can’t even imagine not having sports on campus. I also know that we are in desperate need of this fee increase. When we travel many of my teammates and I are squished in cars, sleeping on floors and sharing beds, our parents are providing us snack bags and meals. Whereas I hear from friends at other schools that constantly have meals and travel nicely. While competing at this level we deserve to have the resources that all other schools have in our conference.

No increase

College campuses have athletics! I believe athletics do a good job of bringing the campus together especially when all students can get into all games for free. I know our athletic program is underfunded and many of the teams are very successful. I am proud to be a wildcat and love seeing when our athletic teams have successful seasons. Athletics also give many students the chance to attend college that may have never been possible, I live for stories like that. Where kids are given a once in a lifetime opportunity and make the most out of it.

I am on the Chico state cross country and track team here at school. Athletics are a very important part of my life and keep me motivated to continue schooling and keep me mentally stable. I have been through some hardships and being able to have worked past those and compete at a collegiate level is something I am thankful for everyday. Being a part of two teams and just apart of athletics all together has really helped shape the person I am today. Its such an amazing opportunity to compete in something you love with your friends right beside you. If athletics got cut I would lose a huge part of who I am and not be able to achieve so many dreams I have for my upcoming years here. Athletics have always been a part of my life and I’m sure that goes for everyone else who is in a sport right now, it defines us and helps us learn who we are. Whether it’s out there on the track or in the classroom, athletics keep me constantly learning about what I am capable of doing past so many limits I didn’t think were achievable for myself. Losing athletics would tear our school apart just because it is such a huge part of what Chico State is and what a wildcat family actually means.

I don’t want my money to go to the athletics department that receives new equipment every single year. I think they should fundraise just like the organizations on campus have to do, organizations that are doing something good for other students. I think if I’m going to pay extra money, I want it to go to the DREAM center, PATH scholars, and other similar organizations.

Athletics provides jobs and keeps our alumni extremely close. Also as with any college it is a huge recruitment statement having athletics as a whole at the university.

I don’t agree with this increase.

I think that Athletics is an important part of our campus community. I know that it can be a really important part for some students and it is important that we keep these programs. I fully support this fee increase.

As a student it is hard to afford the already set charges. Tuition just went up this year and I don’t believe we need to pay anymore fees than we already do.

The athletics fee is something that is very important and fair at its current price. Chico has a very nice facility especially compared to other colleges. If the amount they received the last few years supports them I don’t see why it can’t this year. I don’t want to pay more for the gym. I broke my arm and haven’t been able to use it recently (4 months). Before that I worked out at my apartment complex gym. My busy schedule made going all the way back to school tiring. I also have many friends who attend Chico State who do not use the gym. I am fine paying to maintain the facilitys and a little bump every year is fair. However I don’t wish to pay so much more than before for a service I don’t necessarily need. As a college student I know money helps relieve stress as well as exercise. Therefore, we need balance. To achieve balance we should raise the fee twice the yearly raise rate but no more.
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<td>As a student-Athlete i would be upset to say the least to see our athletics get cut because of this proposal not going through. Athletics (baseball) has done so much for me in my life as well as my fellow teammates and other athletes from other sports. This community treasures going to baseball games, and basketball games and such, and I know it would be a disappointment to our fans as well. I know that Chico state is not a big sports school, and a lot of students that don’t partake in athletics are saying “oh sure who cares I’m not paying so they can throw a ball” but it’s more than that. I’m sure if it was a threat of fraternities or sororities then it’d be different. But I would really like to see this increase of fees for athletics go through, i’m a senior, so it doesn’t affect me at all, but just based on what athletics here have done for me I owe it to them and this school and all the future players to use my voice. Thank you.</td>
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<td>I agree with it. Sports programs are really important for students and the school.</td>
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<td>I am a member of the womens golf team and I am so proud to represent Chico state at all of our tournaments. If there was not an athletic program here, then I would not have the motivation to live a healthy life style like so many of my fellow student athletes. I am only a freshmen, but I am so thankful for so many of the learning opportunities I’ve already had outside of the class room. Being able to discuss all the experiences I’ve had as a student athlete in a job interview gives me an advantage and ultimately teaches me lessons I will carry for the rest of my life. Athletics is more than just the individual athlete; its a group of people equally motivated to achieve one goal and the ripple effect their collective competitiveness has on their community. It would break my heart to see athletics go. Please dont let it happen.</td>
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<td>I do not support this fee increase. Athletics are a huge part of some peoples lives, and I think that is awesome. Good for them. I strongly support community and physical activity. But I think it is totally wrong to have a mandatory fee requiring us to pay for athletics when I am not involved in that at all. I will support my athletic teams here and there through donations but the athletic department is not helping me further my education and I should not be required to pay for it. I strongly urge you to lower the Athletic fee and put that money elsewhere, such as a sustainability mission fee.</td>
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<td>As for athletics our school is really struggling when it comes to funding different things such as the women’s soccer team having to travel in small vans which are not as safe as charter buses. And also things like having a nutritionist for teams here at Chico State which would definitely be a huge positive that many schools do have. We also would all benefit greatly from a strength and conditioning coach full time, someone who knows how to train athletes to be at their tip top shape. Our fields and score boards on the soccer field definitely need some retouching after all of these years they have gone through and it would make our school that much more beautiful and encourage kids to come here because we care. Many school as well provide their student athletes with gear that they do not have to pay out of pocket for, it would be such an amazing thing if we were able to provide our student athletes with things like that. As a Chico State athlete and it being my first year here it has changed me greatly as a person and has taught me how much you can give back to a community and come together as an entire school to support eachother. Our wildcat family has brought me friends who are my family away from home. Without athletics a lot of the comradely at this school would definitely decrease because sports brings people together. It would be such a positive thing if we could all join together and use this fee increase and help our school get over this hill of problems.</td>
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<td>This is help tremendously as the athletic program is struggling at the moment. We are in need new locker rooms.</td>
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<td>I am strongly against this increase. Our students pay enough as it is. The majority of our students are not affected by these problems listed. Increasing these fees will only add more financial debt and resolve little.</td>
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We already pay so much money. This will affect the applicants for Chico State next semester, and will make us more financially stressed and unstable than we already are. Please do not increase these fees!!

Here at Chico State athletics is an essential part of the school, the town of Chico, and the community. Being a collegiate athlete has provided me with skills, lessons, and bonds, that would be non-existent without athletics being a part of my life. Without a strong athletic program I feel as thought the school as a whole will suffer. For one, athletics provided me with a family away from home. Coming to school knowing I would have 25 new “sisters” off the bat was comforting and made the move away much easier. Also, athletics keeps me honest. It requires me to take accountability for my actions, my grades, and my choices. Along with that, being an athlete has molded me into a much stronger person mentally and embedded many of your qualities within me. With that being said, we need better funding for athletics here at Chico State. Other schools in our CCAA conference have the funding for nutritionists, strength and conditioning coaches, charter busses, and fully funded gear. At Chico State we do not have any of those things. We have to pay for our gear, we do not have either a nutritionist or strength and conditioning coach, and we have to fundraise by ourselves through a wine tasting in order to get charter busses to even a few games. By passing this proposal it could greatly improve the campus character. Also, when other teams are coming to Chico to compete, they are putting profit into local businesses when they go out to eat or shop while in town. By eliminating athletics the community will not get that revenue. My final thought is the kids of Chico. I know so many young kids who look up to collegiate athletes as their role models. Without athletics here at Chico State who would these kids turn to to emulate?

Same thing as above for a different topic.

Make money somewhere else

Athletics don’t pertain to me or my education and I don’t think it’s fair for everyone to have increased fees for something completely irrelevant to my education. If you want to charge for this, it should be charged to people who actually are in athletics at Chico State.

Online distance learners should not have to pay for these fees.

I am a distant learner, completing 100% of my education online, 8 hours away from Chico. I do not have access to these services and therefore find them unreasonable for distant learner.

It is not as necessary as the Student Health Services and Student Learning Fees. A small increase is fine.

I am a member of the intercollegiate track and field team here and so this is something I feel stronger about. Intercollegiate athletics as well as intramural leagues and others are amazing opportunities. Chico State would not be the college it is without the success of sports programs through the history here. Having athletics brings more of a sense of community to our school and brings everyone closer together within the school as well as people in the community all while providing healthy opportunities to athletes looking to further their athletics or people who just want to stay active through intramural and recreational leagues.

As an online student, this fee would never benefit me

I am on online only student and always will be due to long distance. These proposed additional fees are not fair to students like me.

Again, unfair to students who don’t use this service and don’t rely on it for their academics. The required costs should solely be applied to the students who USE such services.

I see right through what you are doing, which is undermining student democratic power by going through this “alternative consultation” process instead of putting it to a student vote. You *know* that if you put it to a vote it would get voted down, so you’re trying to get away with pretending like you care about student opinion by having these forums, and then you plan to do whatever you want anyway. Its a disgusting abuse of power. Administration makes far more money than is necessary. You think you’re entitled to this upper middle class lifestyle - well guess what, most people never see that. Learn to live without that second car or that unnecessarily large house. Someone who actually cares about students wouldn’t be lining their own pockets and contributing to a system that excludes poor people from learning.

It does not relate to me so why would they higher it for all the students. Why not have the students who are in this sports pay there own way.

Take away athletics and intramurals, you’re taking away a significant part of a college experience. Again, minimal charge in comparison to the benefits these programs provide the campus. I fully support this increase.

Athletics changes peoples lives. It gives a lot of students a purpose on this campus. Don’t let some students victimize themselves and take that opportunity of athletics and physical activity away from others. Again, the
decision is simple. You wouldn't let athletics staff and coaches lose their jobs over some uneducated students who think they can change the world by yelling and making signs.

If I do not attend, or participate in, sporting events, I should NOT have to pay extra money per semester to fun those events and programs. I am here for academic purposes, not to watch or play sports. You can charge students who take part in those programs more money to keep them up. The people involved in those programs can fork up the extra money to keep them running.

I don't think it's fair to students focusing attention not on Athletics. The Athletics department donates money for this Wildcat statue under the guise students don't pay for it but then they turn around and increase athletics fees like they have money to spend.

Athletics are essential for a college campus as well. Students would probably pay even more if the budget allowed athletics to have a football team again.

It's also a ridiculous fee. Who wants this fee? The athletic department? Charge them. Not every single student who in no way shape or form will benefit from it.

Charge for athletic events, why make it free? Why do I need to subsidize free admission if I myself don't want to go to these events? Hell why not charge a dollar?

Lower the amount of heat and air conditioning in every building on campus, that way we don't have to force students to pay larger fees.

I personally don't play any sports but I have friends that do and I know some scholarships are tied to sports and its very important to a lot of people to keep it running so I am also for this.

The sad thing is, that most of us who is sharing our view has no weight on the matter. To what point would giving a feedback help advocate for students like me that is paying out of pocket and barely able to get by to obtain an education. To pay fees that is not beneficial or applicable to anyone would just evoke frustration. So please, don't let me loose my education because of inability to pay for something that doesn't apply to me.

Athletics are more than just a bunch of jocks playing sports. As a student athlete myself i would like to say that the role athletics plays in the Chico State community is larger than most people can see. Stimulating the local economy and preparing student athletes for the future are just a few ways athletics impact the community. The qualities of leadership, problem-solving, presentation, and work ethic are just a few qualities student athletes learn to use in post college life. Increasing the athletic fee is extremely important for the community and student athletes sake.

I am a student athlete for Chico State and since I was a little girl I have wanted to run track for Chico state. The Chico state track team is my family. We don't have all the supply's we need but we always come out to preform. Being on the track team has changed my life, my life without track I don't know where I would be. The woman's track team has won 9 consecutive NCAA conference titles. This fee increase would help the team get the heat and fix the equipment they need. Being under budget everything the student athlete has and wears they must pay for. I work a full time job and struggle to pay bills every month. The small scholarship I get from the track team helps out only in school and nothing else.

Athletics are important in Chico state.

This increase is ridiculous, charge the clubs and intramural sports a fee to participate. Increasing the fees across the board is crazy. I have never in my time here at Chico St played or used any of these programs. To charge students more when the administration is already not being fiscally responsible is a joke. Why don't you cut the administration positions down. There are too many positions that do nothing but leech off of the university as it is.
As for the athletics increase I am 100% against it!! The percentage of students that are athletes is such a small percent and increasing fees on all the non athletes is dispicable. If you want to increase fees for athletics it should be to those who are attending as athletes.

I feel like this is something that our program needs given that we are constantly the top competitors in the conference, but our athletic funding does not reflect that. Acker gym and its installations look old and worn out. It’s time for a change.

Why should student who don’t participate in any type of athletics be forced to pay fees to keep them going. Ask yourselves, how does this co tribute to the education of the ENTIRE student body

I see an increase in athletic fees as hurting the many and benefiting the few. As a student who has mostly stuck to academic extra curriculars, this would not benefit me or others like me.

The student athletes at this school work hard day in and day out to represent the name across their chest. Chico is who they represent and have been doing a very great job. We understand that some student feel that paying for the athletic programs isn’t fair. It seems that we forget what our institute is all about. A diverse campus, a fun and loving campus, a campus that you can walk onto and feel welcomed. My first step on this campus made me feel like I was home. With that being said, a lot of these student athletes have used their skill and talent to get them to college. Without the athletic program I can honestly say I wouldnt have made it here. I’m a first generation student athlete and I thank the athletic program for giving me this opportunity. Thank you to the athletic director and coaches, I’m able to fulfill my dreams. Unfortunately I wasn’t as lucky as most kids that had the capability of being an honor student or even a straight A student. I have had to work hard in the class room and working hard on the field made up for the rest. If only people could understand that it’s not easy to be a student athletes. Just like I know it’s now easy to be in ap honor classes, but I salute you for it. We’re all in the same race to make it out of here with a degree. Some of us just have to get it done anyway we can.

Being a Freshman student athlete at Chico State, it has given me a place to call home. Leading up to the final months of my senior year, I was unsure of where I would end up but Chico Baseball believed in me and gave me a place I could excel at. Once I arrived at Chico, I quickly realized the impact that sports had on the school and community. It gives people to collectively come together and be supportive of the student athletes and school itself. The first thing that I had ever heard of Chico was how good their athletic program was. Virtually every sport was nationally ranked and dominated the CCAA and it has definitely lived up to the hype. Our powerhouse university has proven to be one of the most intimidating and bea schools for sports and students around the league. If the athletics program would be terminated due to the lack of fee increase, that would be a shame and let down all student athletes already investing their future in Chico, as well as all the prospective athletes striving to be playing at a top university.

This is key to the community as a whole and I feel that athletics reaches a wide variety of people. From students to faculty to local kids and elders, it is a way for the community to be unified and brings in a incredible amount of money as well. I know also that kids look up to the many athletes that participate in intercollegiate sports and really value the individuals that play sports. Also the wrec and club sports programs are essential as well and reach an incredible amount of people too. Both are vital to our campus and need the extra money.

The athletics fee should NOT be increased because the majority of students on campus are not involved in collegiate athletics. The athletics teams should be paying for their own sports and not the rest of the students on campus who do not participate. Why do we have to pay for something that we are not involved in?

If we are paying more for sports, we should have a football team.

I feel that it is important that we have an increase in fees for athletics because this school takes pride in their athletics and to get rid of any sport would hurt the reputation of the school. I choose Chico State because I wanted to represent the school and take pride in being a student athlete. Being a freshman student athlete has helped me become more diligent with my school work.

I am not interested in this, I don’t want my fees increased.

When I enrolled, I was accepted the fact that tuition has increased several times over the past decade and it was a natural part of getting an education. What I was surprised at was the extra association costs and such which I had not budgeted for. It was $1,000 in miscellaneous fees which I will never use. First, I have my own insurance so the medical/outpatient clinic does me no good. Second, I dont use the gym or go to the athletic events. I read your justifications for wanting to increase the costs. It was the highest of all the proposed fees and does not
benefit me or half of your students. I am against this fee increase and it shouldn't be a one size fits all approach. That is the lazy way out of an issue.

Why does a student that has nothing to with athletics have to pay even one cent for this?

As an online only student, I do not fully understand why I even have to pay the Athletic Fee. I am paying for something that I can't even use. I do not believe that I or any full time online students should have to pay anymore for something that doesn't even benefit us.
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<td>I think it is unfair that I have to pay for this fee when I am a distance student living in Sacramento and do not realistically have access to these facilities. I only take 6 units yet my tuition is so high because I have to pay the same fees as a full time student.</td>
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<td>Students should be able to opt out of unused services that don't even apply to them, especially if there is going to be an increase in fees of facilities unused by many students</td>
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<td>If the university believes that NCAA sports are vital to the culture and reputation of the university then it should provide funding to maintain them. Don't foist this responsibility on them by including all the sob stories about rec sports as if rec sports and NCAA sports are inextricably linked.</td>
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<td>Make the athletes pay more</td>
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<td>This fee is unnecessary for the athletics teams because they already have enough money for their programs. If there is a need for more money for the athletics programs then they should have the students pay for tickets to watch the games. San Francisco State University does this as well.</td>
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**Faculty Comments**

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<td>From what I know our classrooms are in serious need of upgrades. I am in full support for the Student Learning Fee.</td>
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<td>The SLF process is broken and this is an open secret on campus. We are awash in one-time funding, but starved for base funding. This is basically base funding we treat as one-time funding. I would support cancelling the SLF program entirely before I would support expanding it without fixing the process to encourage collaboration between units, and support ongoing projects. In addition, we have no idea if this is effective. If we want a culture of assessment we have to practice what we preach. There is no assessment mechanism for the effectiveness of SLF proposals and no incentive for faculty/staff/students to assess because the funding is all one-time. It is the antithesis of the process we aspire to.</td>
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<td>The Student Learning Fee process right now is debilitating to programs that need the fees for things like field experiences for students. In order to provide real world experiences for students, they need to go off campus to visit field sites that give them an immersion experience that cannot be reproduced by lab-sized samples or photographs. Even if just for a couple hours &quot;lab session&quot;; field experiences, students learn far more and are able to experience the discipline. Unfortunately, the cost of vehicles is extremely high and without being able to charge a fee to simply cover the cost (and nothing more than that), the department has to incur the cost or more likely, the field experiences are cancelled and student learning suffers. Student learning fees should be for learning, not for boondoggles that the fees sometimes go towards because someone writes a fancy proposal. Let students learn in the real world for the real costs ($10/student who is enrolled in the course) instead of forcing departments to make really tough budget decisions that weigh student learning vs. other real departmental costs.</td>
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<td>Our students don't have access to the quality lab, studio, library, software, and other resources that they need in order to be competitive in their careers. Funding for tutoring and supplemental instruction, field trips, and student competitions have been diminished. How can we expect to continue to attract top quality students if this continues.</td>
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<td>Like Athletics, the co-curricular experience is what makes Chico State who we are. Classroom experiences, field trips and hands on learning give our students a well-rounded education. Interactive experiences like internships, conferences and group activities make our students competitive in the job market. Our classrooms need to have state-of-the-art equipment to keep us competitive with other institutions.</td>
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<td>I oppose this fee increase. The Student Learning Fee is a sham of process. The students already pay for &quot;learning services&quot;; by being students and many of the projects the Student Learning Fee funds are not vital to student health and well-being and there are other ways to support those projects. Students should not be asked to carry a heavier burden of the cost when they are already strapped for financial stability.</td>
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<td>No doubt that everything has increased in price. Relative to athletics, and why the priority for athletics? I suggest assessing a fee to implement your priority that every student become a global citizen and make CSU Chico more like other CSUs that allow students to apply directly for fee funding to help them study abroad. And if you don't like this idea, why not use and increase in student fees to subsidize food on campus?</td>
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<td>Why is there nothing in the plan for student learning that mentions hiring more tutors? I hear students complaining all the time about the lack of tutors and the numbers of students clamoring for some support from the learning center. There is a unit that could really use some more financial support, and that would be jobs for students. What students really want is not what they will get.</td>
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Here is my suggestion to get more student buy-in: connect the SLF increase more directly to them as an individual student. What I mean by that is leave the base (existing) SLF money to be collected and allocated the way it currently is (my naive summary is it all goes in a big pot, different programs apply for funds and they are allocated). However, with the increase/adjustment, it could be positioned as a SLF that is tied to their major, and thus they will feel it is more directly tied to them, and they may like the fee increase a bit more. They will know the $40 increase will stay in their college and be much more closely linked to their educational needs. The "base" $39 SLF can still be allocated across campus for general needs.

There are inconsistencies across various pages and within the same page on what will be charged for Student Learning Fees. I see $40, $80, and $8. Not sure which is correct.

If fees go to student support (tutoring, SI, increased access to counselors, software/hardware upgrades, etc). Then I support.
Other Comments

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Honestly we pay this school more than enough money to achieve what it needs to. Maybe look into reallocating the money first instead of asking us for more. I’m already going into debt and I don’t want to even think about another penny on top of it. I understand that the business program and major gets a lot of the money allocated to them (and I totally understand why) but reconsider money allocation more seriously because this is my future and it’s not something to be taken lightly.

Regarding the student learning fee I feel like SI tutoring or tutoring in general is very helpful to me because I struggle with some of my classes and without tutoring I could not do as good in my classes. I am not the best writer either so keeping the writing center is very important to me and other students. New technology and learning tools could help us Chico State students become better at the career we are wanting to achieve in. Field trips are important to students who need to go to a lab or clinical off campus and could be safer in a way.

If it benefits each college on campus then I wouldn’t mind paying.

Being an Exercise Physiology major who is currently taking Anatomy, I’m experiencing first hand the benefits of the Student Learning Center. The Supplemental Instruction program is something which I believe benefits a large variety of students consistently. Anatomy is the most content-heavy course I’ve ever taken, and having access to Supplemental Instruction has been such a benefit to have access to. Not only the SI, but also the access to free tutoring. This resource is one that benefits a large spread of students and leads to continued success of the students, especially those in highly challenging courses. Also, the equipment we use in labs is becoming outdated and worn down, and if we were able to increase the funding to the SLC, we could get newer and better quality models and equipment. There are many models in the anatomy lab that are starting to seriously deteriorate, and I have heard from other students that other classes have similar issues. If we were able to increase funds to the SLC, there are so many ways that the mass population of Chico State students and staff would benefit from.

I love resources such as free tutoring. I love that Chico state offers programs such as this because they really do benefit my learning and make me feel like the school is here for me. I also heard that a portion of this is allocated for students with financial need to help cover the additional fees and I think students need to realize that.

I believe that the increased amount is a fair and reasonable amount, and that it will go to good use.

I have used three student learning services and they need more funding

See below for all of my thoughts on the fee adjustment

I do not think we need more equipment, I think we need to take care of the stuff we have now! The students using microscopes do not know how to use them properly, and that is why they brake! I know the fee would help in other area but my point is I do not need it! I already do not get the proper education here at Chico State and the proposed fee increase is not going to change that.

I use SI twice a week every week for my Chemistry class, a pre req for my major. It has been proven that those who attend SI more Ethan 10 times throughout a semester have a significantly higher success rate in the class. The Student learning Center provides this and much more so the associated student of Chico, something that can’t be substituted. I believe the increase in SLC fees is detrimental for the success of students. They provide out of the classroom opportunities for those who are eager to start up their future. It allows for school to be much more than just a lecture, but instead an experience, therefore enhancing the learning abilities of those who take advantage.

This is an important aspect of learning but like I said, I can barely afford school as it is. I don’t know where I’d find the extra money for the raked fees.

I would like to share regarding the increase in student learning to having better computer labs, more tutors, better learning programs, and cheaper books.

Certain classrooms need the new materials that will be provided given this fee increase halpens, and I believe they should get the equipment they need so that Chico can compete against other schools academically.
The amount of money that can be raised by adjusting the Student Learning Fee is amazing. This Fee will be a direct investment into expanding our education.

I already pay an absurd fee as is, I don’t want to pay more for my education.

Student learning services isn’t a service that I have used, but as a student on campus that has personally seen peers and friends go through hardships and other mental dilemmas, it gives me peace of mind knowing that there is a place that I could refer Him/Her to and know that they are given the proper help that they need and not given half attention and their problems aren’t as important to the 20 minutes or however much time they are given with a counselor. I am not positive how far this Student Learning fee extends but there are building on this campus that also need attention by our administration.

I’m split on this, no comment.

The student learning center is an extremely important resource to our campus and I don’t think enough students take advantage of it. I think this is due to knowing that they may not get the help they deserve still due to overpopulation and not enough people to help. We need more counselors, we need more tutoring resources, we need more way that students can adapt to their different ways of learning without them feeling like they have been outcasted in any way. There should be no shame in going to get help, but as students go in for writing or math help, there isn’t a sense of one on one time so a students may feel like its not the right place for them because the whole point of them going to the learning center was to get one on one help.

I approve this fee.

The Learning Fee would affect me tremendously because I am an ARC student and I am given resources that would be compromised. The center also has SI tutoring and I get tutoring at least twice a week and this helps me with many of my class work and studying. Writing Center is also a program that I have used and is very helpful with almost every class. The Student Learning Fee should be increased because it gives many accommodations to students with disabilities and/or extra help. The fees would also help purchase new technology and tools to succeed in and out of the classroom. I had a great transition into Chico State because of the Student Learning Center and I believe that the Center helps others as well. The fees are very important because every student has a different way of learning and needs extended help outside the classroom.

I’m poor and cant afford any more fees.

The student learning fee is also very important as well. I know that for many of my friends and I we all get tutoring every now and then and I am so thankful to be able to have free tutors because I would be lost without them. By rising this fee would not only have more tutors to reach more students and we would be able to get more and newer technology that we need in the class room.

I can see the point of view but it is clearly biased, there is nothing that would help the Media Arts department and our need for help with equipment and more teachers for specific classes that haven been offered. Again, we would be paying for services we cant even enjoy and will be suffering from it as well.

As a Chico State student, I believe all of the resources in the Student Services Center and all of the resources in the classroom are pivotal to academic success. Having tutoring and SI available is crucial to the success of students who take very difficult classes. I have taken and am currently enrolled in classes that have SI available. Not only does SI give you extra practice in the subject, but it allows you to be in a smaller group of people so you get more one on one help while also making friends who you can study with. As a former math tutor at Butte College, I have helped many students become more competent in their subject and more confident and comfortable with going to get extra help. Tutors as an available source is crucial to help students get the grade that they want. Increasing this fee will help make more resources available for students and professors in the classroom. Outdated equipment/hardware in classrooms/labs can be dangerous and not as helpful to sustain the most productive learning environment. Finally, being able to have enough resources to give students the hands-on experience they need for their major is very important. The opportunity to learn and see what your future job entails first hand will really help students confirm their career paths.

This according to the description, "activities and laboratory experiences" shouldn’t be funded by us. Instructional aids should be provided.
Although this fee increase isn’t the most, its the highest percentage increase at over 100%, more than doubling the fee. I definitely agree that some hardware in the classroom is outdated (such as in the electrical engineering labs).

We are already paying enough tuition to have more fees tacked into our fees. Not many of us use these services.

In support.

I think the student learning fee is very important. In the student learning center there is the SI (tutoring) which I know that a lot of students use. I have personally not been to the SI tutoring yet, due to taking the easier GE classes instead of biology, chemistry, or anatomy. I know people in those classes and they are very thankful for the SI tutoring, these tutoring classes have helped them pass these difficult course. I know that I will be attending the SI tutoring and the writing center in my next 4 years here at Chico State. Technology is always improving and even though most of our classes here at Chico State are trying to keep up with these new technological advances there are multiple classrooms struggling, or in need of more technology advances. Technology and tools are very important in a colleges and they are the learning outlet.

This is helpful and I agree. Everyone uses this service.

Great idea

I think the learning fee is unnecessary.

Now heres something I can support, as a student acess to more educational resources is important for overall student success, I think the proposed fee should support student learning more than it does college athletics, afterall were here for an education not sports.

no thank you

With academics being a strong focus at Chico State it is necessary that we have some supporting programs. College is another level of education and many students (including myself) have difficulties with this academic transition. The tutors and SI resources of the Student Learning Center help immensely in this feat. Every visit to the Student Learning Center is always so helpful and an overall good experience. These resources deserve more funding in order to meet the needs of Chico States growing population and academic competitiveness. I need this resource in order to stay afloat in my classes.

I support this funding increase as well. My own personal experience with the student learning center has been very positive and I have come in contact with many classmates who are benefitting from the tutoring and extra help the Learning Center provides. I know I personally struggle with managing my time well in order to get the proper amount of practice and studying done for my classes and the student learning center offers aid that just doesn’t come in any other form on campus. They are willing to work with you and your schedule in order to make sure you get in enough time on a subject you may be struggling with at the time. This resource is invaluable to the university. Tu

The fee directly affects the tutoring given here on campus. Without the S.I. tutoring I would not pass many of my classes. In classrooms we need newer technology and along with that comes a greater education. One of the best things offered here for free is the tutoring, which so many students take advantage of because the truth is a lot of us need that extra help. Same applies for the writing center.

I understand why there should be a fee charge for this but is it really necessary? I personally believe we shouldn’t have a fee raise because as of now college is expensive, and many struggle just trying to pay the tuition now, to add more payment fees is a greater risk to discourage kids from even going to college. Please don’t do this, i really cant afford to lose any more money than i already have lost. Please don’t.

This is a must.

With five years of professional experience in university affairs, I am convinced that costs for “student learning” should be supported by university measures and grants, not taken out of the pockets of students.

I took both Anatomy and Physiology and am currently taking Chemistry 107. For each and every one of these courses, I went to SI and tutoring. Without these resources, I can 100% tell you that I would not have received the As that I did with the use of SI and tutoring. These resources must stay.

SI instructors that will be paid for all of the work they do. WORTH IT.

Regarding the proposed fee increase for the Student Learning Fee, I know how many students this resource has not only affected but influenced greatly in their education. I have teammates and fellow peers that need
this resource, tutoring, SI, and the writing center in order to graduate from college and strive in their academics. I know students that every time an assignment or paper is due they go to the writing center in order to get professional help that is available to them at all times. Without the resource of the Student Learning Fee, Chico State loses one of its greatest amenities and appeals to students choosing the college of their dreams. When I heard that through my tuition and student fees, I will have daily resources to help me succeed in any class of any subject, that was a huge deciding point in my pursuit of college. Chico State is here to help all of its students. That is one of our greatest values and morals as a campus and as a community. Please allow that value to continue on for generations to come at Chico State. Chico State preaches the necessity of having a diverse student and staff population. That being said, many of these students are First Generation Students who are in dire need of assistance at this level of academics. Chico State produces some of the best workers of our generation, however without the continuous help and support of the Student Learning Center these ideals will diminish and be more than difficult to regain as a campus.

The Student Learning Fee would also help so many people. There are an abundance of people who need help with their classes but cannot afford to pay for tutoring on their own. The possibility of there being more tutors available would cause more people to reach out and have access to these services. At the end of the day we as students are all here to gain an education and further our learning. If that means increased fees, then so be it. In order to compete with other top colleges it change and enhancements can never be a bad thing.

As a student who has never had to use this service, but gets charged for this service every semester, I feel like this fee increase is unnecessary and I do not wish to pay more for a service I dont use.

I think the student learning fee could be helpful for the student population. Im just wondering why there needs to be an increase when the money isnt being used effectively now.

Please dont

This is the one that I think effects me the least but I have absolutely no problem paying a little more to help improve the quality of education.

I think increase the fee for the student learning is a positive because it can give better equipment for teachers to teach and the students to learn

This is something I support in theory because unlike the other fee increases, this is something that would benefit every student at this school, and it is also the smallest increase. While again, I think fee increases are in poor taste right now, I do think this is not a bad idea.

Ridiculous, we pay far too much as it is. Stop catering to athletes the majority of the student body doesnt need to support the select and privileged few.

What even is the &quot;Student Learning Fee&quot;? Youre charging me to learn?

Tuition is already expensive as is, and you want to increase our already exorbitant expenses by another $40?

How out of touch with students are you, this is bullshit.

IT CANT HAPPEN UNTIL WE ACTUALLY HAVE SUBSTANTIAL RATIOS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS. Yall keep letting in more students, but not enough staff to stay on top of it. There are so many students in a class that a teacher can’t handle it all and then there aren’t enough class sections for students, pushing back their graduation date because they can’t take classes that aren’t available to them.

$80 more a year per student is a huge increase that would greatly effect students financial stability. Although this area is very important. But financial aid should be increased as well.

Can we extend the library hours? I need the weekend at the library and the hours are preventing me from doing my best.

Again, I am paying thousands of dollars a year, you shouldnt need any more money from me

We should always be looking to invest in education because it is continually advancing. If we want our students to receive the best and highest education that Chico is already known for, then we must invest in our education to get the most out of it.

We students already can’t afford the tuition each semester, proposing such fees like this is proposing and incredible burden on students like myself. I already can’t afford tuition, if it gets any higher I will be unable to finish my degree because I simply can’t afford it. I know of many other students in this boat as well. Do not impose such fees if you are going to force the student body to pay for it.
You get what you pay for, and currently I think we need an upgrade to our student learning facilities. I have attended labs and other class events that are using technology or equipment that is extremely outdated and old. High school facilities have nicer equipment frankly and to remain a competitive institution we need to advance these services. We are getting by of course but who wants to attend a University that provides a "get by" education? By the time you graduate college you need to be prepared to work in the CURRENT workforce. Times are changing and with new technological advances we need to move forward with them. I want to be able to graduate from here knowing that the degree I got will give me a competitive edge amongst my competitors. This Student learning fee is essential for this. Additionally I have a huge advocate for the SLC tutoring and supplemental instruction. I used this service for Anatomy, Physiology, physics and chemistry. These classes are extremely difficult and through these additional learning supplements I was able to comprehend the material better and pass the class with As. These services were already limited by a first come first serve basis so I know people who suffered because the option filled up before they could sign up. There are alot of people who fail these classes every semester and if they had the opportunity to take these supplemental classes I believe they would pass.

I support this.

In my semester and a half at Chico State I have yet to use these resources. However, I understand that they are crucial to a population of students in order to succeed at Chico state and would gladly pay a fee increase in order to maintain them.

This is a great increase that will benefit the students

The sudden increase in this fee is an unreasonable accommodation. The increase should be implemented more gradually to be fair to students enrolled during the years of the increase. This is the most justified fee increase since it affects students more equally than the others. However, its hard to swallow when the university is constantly expanding and remodeling whole buildings.

you want to raise fees yet a majority of the time when going in to get services I am told to go online. If I am to go online for all of these things you can start letting a lot of those people go since they are not actually helping anyone.

I support the proposed fee increase. The primary function of the university is education, and we need funds sufficient for that purpose.

I think what we pay current is fine. I dont know why we need to pay more.

As I said about the Student Health Services fee, students have to pay an additional fee for school compared to last year; we are receiving more charges with no improvements.

I wouldnt mind paying for that even if its not something I can use because I want to support others who are trying to improve their lives.

Student Learning Fee? Arent we paying to attend college to learn? Shouldnt all the applicable strategies and assists be included in the epic biannual fees we pay in order to attend Chico State? Again. Perhaps the school needs to conduct a fund raiser. The student body pays too much as it is. We are supposed to be looking into free college. This feels like a backwards step that you are considering.

Giving students the best tools for learning is important to a quality education and I support the student learning fee because of this reason. The learn by doing motto that Chico has is something that everyone who attends has experienced and we need to continue to fund this concept. We are paying for an education that will teach us with tools and experiences we will see in the work force and that needs to continue to happen in the classroom. Tutoring is also a large resource for students and I am for continuing to fund this important tool that is offered. All I can hope for is that we progress with the times and continue to be learning things with tools that are up to date.

Why are you increasing the student learning fee when you refuse to give my professors tenure after years of commitment to Chico State. If my money isnt going towards the people who are educating me and investing their time and expertise into MY future, why would I pay more? So that upper administration can get raises? No.

We have a new multi million dollar building being built, maybe we should have used some of that money to replace outdated equipment.

I have struggled to use computer hardware that functions as if it is twenty years old. These setups are awkward to the point of being nearly inaccessible, especially to an individual with mobility issues. Professors
encourage me to share my understanding of online curriculum design in class, but it is extremely difficult, if not virtually impossible, without the technology.

I don’t see a problem with the current Student Learning and wouldn’t like to waste anymore money on it.

Tuition has gone up every semester I have been in Chico; I would rather not have these services than to pay more (again).

I think any sort of fee increase is obsurd. I am currently working full time, taking 7 units, and paying for each semester without taking out student loans or recieving ANY financial assistance (via school, feds, parents, or otherwise). Also pay for health insurance for myself and family. The current fees and tuition push my budget every month. School should become more affordable rather than less. Especially for those attempting to make a living, taking care of their families while trying to further their education. The students utilizing these services should be the ones making up the difference in budget. Students who intend to utilize these services can be signed up during their application process or on site. I understand that some of these students really need the assistance at a severely reduced rate. But this burden SHOULD NEVER be placed on other struggling students. Grants, alumni, or other methods would be much more reasonable.

I support it. The academic needs of students- especially those who are in need of a gentle push- should always come first at any university.

All of these increases are benefiting STEM majors, what about all the other majors? What about MCGS? The art department? The Religious department? Youre just having the rich get richer!!

Everything I have stated in this form relates to all fee increases.

I am not in support for it because my program doesn’t utilize extensive hands-on and technology-enabled experiences.

Different learning opportunities in the classroom are a great benefit we can have if we get more money for our classrooms.

I do not think these will improve my or others education

No increase

I personally have not been impacted by poor facilities here at Chico State because I am an accounting major. However, I want to see others here be successful and for that reason I do believe that having better technology and facilities in the classrooms such as science department will be greatly beneficial. On top of that, having current facilities will help while trying to recruit the next generation of college students coming to Chico State, and that is important if we want to get the best candidates possible.

The Student Learning Fee is a no brainer! We need new stuff in order to compete with other schools, education comes first!

As stated in the other comments, I am a strong believer in providing our students, staff and faculty with what would be considered the "best" resources for them. Classroom equipment is definitely a clear example of the underfunding that has had affect on the Student Learning Center. In class equipment is expensive, but students are not learning how to be effective in their field with outdated equipment. We must be able to provide our students with hands on activities and get them participating in out of the classroom experiences to expand their knowledge and explore the field of study.

If it’s gonna benefit us as students I believe that it should be done.

Everyone is here to learn so I’m sure we would all love new equipment that we shouldn’t have to be charged for since we are already paying for classes as it is. The equipment needed to learn should already be included in the charge for the classes (not be an extra fee).

The student learning center is a resource in which we all benefit from it from students to graduates to everyone. It would be a disappointment to have to see the source get cut off for no more funds.

This question should be able to answer itself. We are at a college to learn and become educated so they can all go out into the world and make an impact. Without the fees to get that info there is no way we as young adults will be successful.

I definitely don’t support this increase

I am not quite sure what this fee is? and in all honesty I am in the middle of all of these because being a distance student somehow I do not receive any of these services and I still get charged for them I understand that the request is being made to avoid waiting times and to hire additional staff so the money from distance
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<td>I fully support this fee increase as well. I have been on the student learning fee committee for the college of Natural Sciences. These fees help students in so many ways and they do a lot of good.</td>
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<td>As a student it is hard to afford the already set charges. Tuition just went up this year and I don’t believe we need to pay anymore fees than we already do.</td>
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<td>The proposed student service fee isnt large enough. If Chico state wants to propose increases to fees for education so be it. I think we should focus almost entirely on purely educational materials. This will include every Chico State major even the small ones. This fee is the most fair because it can buy things we are all able to use. Not only can we use them but people for years to come. this would ensure campus maintains and improves its upscale appearance. every classroom should have accurate and useful technology. The latest technology and software are also vital to the success of many. Keeping the library a living growing resource is a huge responsibility the campus has. I think the school should charge more in fees for things that directly contribute to learning.</td>
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<td>Chico State is a gem. People come here to receive an affordable, quality education. The students here deserve success in their lives after college because all of us are here to grow and discover a wiser, stronger version of ourselves. Without the help of the student learning services it will be difficult to achieve just that.</td>
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investment. There would be zero waste. If this is going to be a mandatory fee, we need to know exactly where our money is going and if we do not agree with it, then we will need to reevaluate the fee.

No comment here other than dont charge us more.

We already pay to learn. NO

By making the learning center have a fee, the school is only limiting heals learning to those that have the extra money. College is already putting us in debt, learning centers should be included.

The student learning fee would be a great positive because many hands on learning trips such as field trips and things like that are funded by the school. Without that students would not have the amazing hands on learning experience and get the same feel. This is important to student development and student learning to be able to go out and do all these things. New technology is also needed in these classrooms, our country is developing fast and I think all college campuses should have the opportunity to fund these new resources so that students go out into the real world actually well prepared to use these new tools.

I think the student learning fee doesn’t need to increase. We have great tutors that are always there to help. I can barely afford college as it is and the higher prices will not benefit me whatsoever. I understand it might benefit other but reality is that most of us are already struggling to pay the high prices and an increase would almost make it impossible for me to continue going to this school.

I am strongly against this increase. Our students pay enough as it is. The majority of our students are not affected by these problems listed. Increasing these fees will only add more financial debt and resolve little.

We already pay so much money. This will affect the applicants for Chico State next semester, and will make us more financially stressed and unstable than we already are. Please do not increase these fees!!

The student learning center is extremely important and I believe that it deserves any money necessary. The student learning center not only provides SI and tutoring in a wide variety of topics which is very helpful to struggling students or those who need a little extra review; they also provide things like access to the writing center and the opportunity for us to experience hands on field trips. Without these accommodations a lot of students, myself included, would really struggle to be successful in college.

Same thing as above but for a different topic.

You just increased tuition stop asking for more

I would want to know exactly what this regards... I care from butte college so the increased learning I’m already receiving is huge!

Online distance learners should not have to pay for these fees.

I am a distant learner, completing 100% of my education online, 8 hours away from Chico. I do not have access to these services and therefore find them unreasonable for distant learner.

We need the increase for the tutors. There also needs to be more tutors available.

As an online student, how does this help me? Im not currently receiving any aid from the student learning fee

I see right through what you are doing, which is undermining student democratic power by going through this "alternative consultation" process instead of putting it to a student vote. You *know* that if you put it to a vote it would get voted down, so youre trying to get away with pretending like you care about student opinion by having these forums, and then you plan to do whatever you want anyway. Its a disgusting abuse of power. Administration makes far more money than is necessary. You think youre entitled to this upper middle class lifestyle - well guess what, most people never see that. Learn to live without that second car or that unnecessarily large house. Someone who actually cares about students wouldnt be lining their own pockets and contributing to a system that excludes poor people from learning.

99 dollars seems a little extreme because the computers are not used in there.

Again, minimal charge in comparison to the services provided. I fully support this increase.

Again, the decision is obvious.

STOP taking money from the students! Use scholarship money for this! Take money from those who make over 200k a year by working for the university! STOP MAKING TUITION SO MUCH

Many classrooms and buildings are outdated, and could use modern repairs and technology conducive to a good learning environment.

Dude, seriously? School is already expensive as it is. There are student who can barely afford housing or starve because they have little to no money to provide for themselves.
I don't think their should be an increase, with an increase lets students might refrain from getting help and treating their needs.

Lower the amount of heat and air conditioning in every building on campus, that way we don't have to force students to pay larger fees.

Sure!

Do I have to lose it all if I can't afford the only thing I want, education?

I use these resources constantly and believe it be an excellent resource for students that has earned backing from the school and its students in order to thrive and continue.

Proposed fee increases seem to only be benefiting a few select groups of students rather than the students as a whole. With this large fee increase I would rather see it go mostly to all of the students, which is not being done. And again, the lack of creativity going into where else this money can come from is upsetting and shows me that the easy way was taken out.

Maybe but no

You come to school to learn and without this program many students will have trouble with their schoolwork and not be given the full opportunity to learn which is unfair.

Student learning, no reason for me to be against it. I’m a student who came to college to learn.

It's not that much for a year. You will hardly notice it, if we are being completely honest.

This fee increase is reasonable.

We have to pay more fees for learning on top of the ones we already fund.

Free tutoring!!!! Need I say more.. I’m all for it!

Student learning as a whole needs more resources and this is a way to help that cause. Equipment and classrooms need to be improved and the student body will benefit from this fee adjustment for years to come. It will help create a better learning experience and will better prepare students for when they leave this institution and come in contact with others in the workforce.

The learning fee should either be increased or used more wisely. The majority of buildings on campus are run down and need serious updating. For example, the HVAC does not even work in Butte Hall and that should be a priority to maintain happy students. It’s not fair to students to have to study in old rickety buildings when a new multi billion dollar building is going to be built on campus in the near future.

I don’t understand why you’re charging us another fee to learn, when we already pay $15,000 a year to learn.

I don’t want my fees increased.

If the DNA lab and other labs need money, why don’t those with the major in Biology and other sciences pay the increased costs instead of those in other majors? Why is it something everyone should pay for when it only effects a relatively small percentage. Its amazing how other universities can operate under their budget. I attended Long Beach University and the fees were not this expensive despite a higher cost of living.

I would support this. Every student is involved in the learning process.

As an online only student, I do not fully understand why I even have to pay the Student Learning Fee. I am paying for something I can’t even use. I do not believe that I or any full time online students should have to pay anymore for something that doesn’t even benefit us.
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<td>This has not been well framed. The student learning fees fund an account from which campus groups apply to. The fee was NEVER intended to cover the grand total of EVERY application but for the process to be competitive and for the fees to be allocated through a student directed process. This is the way for students to direct the use of the fees collected from them to cover opportunities/equipment/staff left unfunded by the university. This process should be the centerpiece of shared governance because the students are actually deciding where university money will get spent to benefit their experience. Increasing by over 100% to fully fund every request will remove the student agency and will undoubtedly result in superfluous applications. The fee should not be increased without a hard look at the process and the opportunity to include and empower students</td>
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Appendix B: Open Forum Comment Card and Comments Received

## CSU, Chico Feedback on Proposed Fee Adjustments

**Comment Card**

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What would you like to share regarding the proposed increase in Athletics fee?

We value your feedback.

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Do you have any other questions or comments you would like to share?

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<td>We deserve health care and good service. Less wait time and more opportunities for health care.</td>
<td>I wouldn’t have gotten some of my grades I had w/o tutoring &amp; SI. Some classes didn’t offer tutoring, and could definitely benefit from one learning fee.</td>
<td>I have no clue what college would be like w/o sports. We deserve everything that is proposed.</td>
<td>I am in support of this fee. I believe that when life gives you a decision that either profits you or does the opposite, why wouldn’t you choose enhancement? When your car breaks, you need to fix it. I think the same is going for this University. The only way to go is up. As a student-athlete this is very personal. I would hate to see this not pass. I want to be an alumnus of this school.</td>
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<td>Students need to be provided with shorter wait times in the health center and wellness center. These are basic needs. Increases in staffing will accomplish this.</td>
<td>I know a handful of students that would not succeed without the learning center. Tutoring and one on one conversation are important. We need the up-most, up to date equipment in order to be competitive on our areas of study.</td>
<td>This is a wildcat family. Do not break this strong cored group apart. We are creating strong men &amp; women.</td>
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<td>With this proposal fee increase, there will be less wait time to see doctors and more time slots for appointments w/ doctors.</td>
<td>I fully stand by SI and tutoring. I received an A in physiology and a B in anatomy bio of SI and tutoring. They helped so much! Especially when your lecturer isn’t a good one.</td>
<td>Without the Chico State athletics, I would not be the women I am today. Athletic has shaped who I am. This is the big picture here. It’s for the future!!</td>
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As a senior at Chico State, I’m appaled by the method employed to receive student feedback regarding the proposal fee increase. I’ve long touts Chico State’s institutional integrity and leadership among public universities—both of which are being upended in order to advance an agenda behind closed doors. Not only are our democratic process within student government paradigms threatened, but the manner in which President Hutchinsin has sought to bypass student input is insulting to students as young people who understand the importance of an informed student body. President Hutchinson, I’m deeply disappointed by your choice to pursue alternative consultation and forego the voices of the students whom you represent only at your convenience. This hurts students. This hurts businesses in chico. This directly harms the ability for low income students to afford college setting this precedent of "enformed council" the new president will have an outright bad relationship with her students. Following an unpopular like Zing, Hutchinson should know better than to...
I do not like how students have had no involvement in the development of these fee proposals. These fee's are too much for students who are already paying historically high college expenses. The entire process reeks of an attempt to undermine the will of our student body.

Please do not do this. The health center is important to all students. It should also be affordable to students. As I said above, do not do this!! Stop raising fees. Focus on our school Athletic department.

I believe they should release a breakdown of where the money for SLFs is going exactly. I don't trust an increase is totally needed.

I find it frustrating & unfair that when you collapsed a variety of health services into one, you promised to find funding for them after grant funds ran out, but now you are making the student pay for it. Materials for students are necessary, however administrators & politicians created this problem.

I feel like that is important but it is not going to give the increase in aid and help that you would think. It is not fair for all of the students because there are a lot of students who are homeless and are already struggling with everything as it is and this increase would make everything worse.

Administrators make huge salaries. Why can't they take a pay cut or deny a raise? Students here face homelessness & food insecurity yet administrators are making more & more money. This is a public university.

I feel that should not be our priority when we have elevators in some buildings barely working and how funded organizations.
3.1.18 Student

New building?
It's not going to change waiting time by adding 1 doctor and 2 nurses. Where are statistics on wait times, and # of students who use it.

What specific majors are getting affected by this. Crowd 30% students 10,000 students home games attend?

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<td>I have witnesses the issues discussed tonight, first-hand, but I do not agree with an increase on such a basic necessity that should not be coming out of our pockets. Provide what is necessary!! Why did the admin. wait so long until we were in such a deficit?! We come to this university for this very reason! I do not support an increase, but this should not be taking a hit!! Blank</td>
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I can first hand tell you, especially right now, that the lines at the Health Center are too long. I always take full advantage of the discounted O TC medicine/drugs and would like these prices to stay down. The wellness and safety of all students must be put first hand/prioritized!

I, like many others, are hands on learners. This fee must be passed in order to keep all Chico State students competitive in their study and be front runners. SI tutoring is a great outlet for students who need the extra help in order to succeed. As a student athlete, I can say we are very underfunded. There are many corners that have been cut in order to keep us afloat, but this cannot go on. Keep this sense of pride, spirit, and family in order to add to students, faculty, staff and the local community's experience.

This is a very great presentation explain exactly what is at stake. Thank you and the speaking cabinet for informing us about this proposed fee. This is the best thing that will continue to enhance my time here at Chico State, but I am also very concerned about enhancing the experience of future wildcats. ues, we pay the price now of what should have been talked about 20 years ago, but I will better this University for future generations.

DO NOT Increase Student Health Service fee. We are all broke college students, we are already paying a lot.

School it expensive already. Don’t make it more.

I am an athlete and I don’t think it’s fair to charge everyone for just some.

DO NOT RAISE TUITION PLEASE. THANK YOU!

It won’t support the Student Health Center enough.

What will it do to help the Student learning for students?

Who benefits exactly?

I’m not pleased about the proposed fee adjustments. I think with the food scarcities that most students have along with a lack of housing security, the proposed fee adjustment would only cause more issues for the student population, that it would solve.
There are already many Chico State students who struggle to pay tuition, are digging themselves further & further into an endless hole of debt, are suffering from anxiety induced by food insecurity, and are either worried about their housing or already are technically without a home. How dare you continue to try to increase the fees your students have to pay knowing all of this? College is where you are supposed to learn, grow, & thrive; and instead you are literally slowly killing us & intentionally excluding people from becoming and continuing to be students to better the future.

3.1.18 Student

3.1.18 Student health services is crucial for students health as the surrounding town’s health services is greatly over-encumbered. I approve of the fee raise.

3.1.18 Student

I believe our issues of health care stems from our political climate - however, our system was set to fail. We cannot suck all the money from students and expect an increased enrollment of undergraduates.

Where is this money going? I want clarity before paying for it.

Please do not increase the athletics fee; our athletics department already recieves the bulk of funding & only benefits select students without career prep.

We cannot supply students with expensive equipments if we cannot supply them with nicer chairs and tables. What is a "maberspace" that our csuchico website claims we need?

We don’t need an increase fee in sports!

With the raised tuition, how will you solve the issues of hunger that is prevalent with college students? How will our economy be affected if students do not possess the funds to spend on small businesses?
3.1.18 Student I am for this fee increase because without good health we can't preform well in class/academics/school.

Blank Blank Why is there being a fee increase when a 101 million proposal was made to come next fall when that money can be used for students learning experience, health, and fitness lifestyles?

3.1.18 Student Blank Blank I feel as though Athletics should be funded more

3.1.18 Student Blank Blank I would like to see the SLF raised up to $187/month, if and only if, some of that funding goes towards the music department. Currently, there are no field trips that get funded for any of the music ensembles. I believe that field trips for ensembles such as jazz Xpress and Wind Ensemble are essential to the growth of the music department because they allow for more recruitment opportunities, and playing opportunities. By playing at more music festivals and competitions, more prospective students would be convinced to join chico’s music program. Lack of enrollment is the music department’s biggest challenge at the moment, and more funding for recruitment opportunities would be a solution.

Blank Blank Athletics should pay for something they want to do. Maybe charge students a few dollars for the games.

3.1.18 Student Blank Blank I think the student learning fee helps with classes and tutoring. I've had classes that have old equipment. Learning is the main reason we're here.

3.1.18 Student Blank Blank The two years I've lived in Housing, I've only been sick once. To pay a lot of money for something I don’t use because I don’t need it is unfair. I see where the line and wait isn’t good for others though

I wish there was an easy way to have a $5 copay every time someone is seen at the Health Center to lower fees. Have teachers bring this topic up so people are aware. Students don’t pay attention to emails.
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NOT DEMOCRATIC. Why don’t I get an individual voice? I am very displeased with the way this has played out. Why did you wait so long to announce this when you could’ve held more forums and talked to more organizations. Keep 1st gens in mind. Through my organizations I knew about these forums last semester. I’m wondering why the forums feel short given. One of the aspects of Chico that is appealing is the economic (most bang for your buck), will this fee increase keep that value of Chico State? How will this compare to other CSUs? I understand the need for these increase fees (or potential) but most students these days do not have the means to even feed themselves properly. How can we help those numbers lower? We must have some reserves somewhere? Open the WREC & Health Center to the community?
I’m all for it. More staff will definitely decrease the wait time and more students will be seen much faster.

I, myself, am an athlete and can say with 100% confidence that sports have definitely affected my lifestyle. Not only that but I have inspired my friends to pursue an active and healthy lifestyle.

I hope this gets passed so that Chico State will stay great and become a better school in the near future.

The Student Health Center fee is needed to keep the students mentally and physically healthy.

Athletics gives the school a sense of pride & gives students something to do.

I <3 Chico State Athletics maybe use pocket points and have a like a note or like an ad

Very important to keep chico updated and make students competitive in the work force.

The student learning fee is needed I think because students need tutors and can get the bet posible education.

As a student athlete, I have seen first hand the consequences of not having enough funds. We have fallen short every year on travel expenses. I believe being a student athlete greatly enhances my ability to be successful and competitive in the job market after I graduate.

I am only a freshman here, but I know that everyone involved on this campus deserves to be successful. I have friends who are studying to be nurses, teachers, and engineers and need the experiences these fees would support. This is also a great opportunity to hear so much more from students than just a simple vote.

Regardless of how we’re going about discussing this, consider my vote to raise these fees. This community deserves greatness. If no decision is made now is there an
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<td>Being an athlete at this school is hands down the best thing I've ever stepped into. I dreamed of following in my parents foot steps of playing soccer here at chico state. I cannot imagine being apart of any other program except chico athletics. This increase will be so beneficial for all 3.</td>
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<td>Most of my teammates, including myself, have used S.I, field trips, tutoring &amp; so much more all thanks to student learning center. w/ out this increase, that will all be taken away &amp; therefore decreasing competitiveness.</td>
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<td>All 3 of these are very important to me. I believe it will be so beneficial. If there is any way to find an easier way to provide for these then that is awesome, but if this is the only way I think this will be beneficial in the long run for athletics, health center, &amp; student learning center.</td>
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Your data on your website includes raw values but no real statistical analysis on the impacts each of the sections of proposal fee increases. Raw data is just raw data until you apply analysis on its impact in each variable...thanks!

I believe it is very necessary. I haven't personally been in the health center lately, but part of that is because I try to avoid it at all costs. I think it's an important part of campus and it's incredibly important to keep students healthy in order for others to get a quality education and experience.

Athletics is imperative to both the campus as well as the city wide community. The athletic program is able to reach out and connect with the community and make an impact on the people around us. Athletics adds so much to the experience of both the students and those in the community.

Track means the world to me. In the elimination of athletics I will most likely transfer. The track team has become a home and family. This is a large reason why I love chico.

I believe this fee adjustment is ABSOLUTELY necessary. This money is needed to keep these 3 programs running efficiently. I am extremely proud to be a chico state wildcat and want to be proud of how my school is run. The student learning, health center, and athletics NEED this money too.

I think it is overwhelmingly needed. I have, multiple times, gone to the health center & waited in a line just to get told they couldn't see me. The health center NEEDS more money.

I have personally had a great experience with supplemental instruction. I'm in chem II & this semster and I'm not sure if I would even pass that class without the help I am receiving. Education is extremely important to me and I think these out-of-classroom resources are just as important as what we do in class.

I think athletics is a much needed part of a collegiate experience. It is more than just the varsity teams. The intramural, club, and student employment NEED this money too.
I am in full SUPPORT OF THE FEE INCREASE IN REGARD TO THE FEE RAISE. I BELIEVE THIS IS FAR OVERDO AND COMPLETELY NECESSARY.

WE NEED MORE RESOURCES! AS AN ATHLETIC PROGRAM WE ARE ACHIEVING AMAZING THINGS BEING UNDERFUNDED.

I cannot stress enough how necessary this fee increase is. Growing up in chco, the sense of pride that accompanies being a wildcat, specifically a student athlete. I believe that these fee increases will enhance a vast majority of student’s experience here at chico.

Athletics has made me the person I am today. I would not be here right now of it wasn't due to amazing community I saw when I was being recruited in high school. It pains me to think that the athletic community is now in jeopardy. I am in full support of this fee adjustment.

I have made life long friends through my experience as a student athlete. There is something about bleeding, crying, and sweating on the same court as each other that creates and hold life-long bonds with each other. please pass this.

Athletics is a huge part of campus, not only on campus but off it as well. The alumni is a huge part of Chico State. They bring money in to support the community and the team.

I have been playing volleyball since I was eight years old and it was then that I knew I wanted to play in college. I hate to think that a little girl somewhere in chico that has a dream to play volleyball ( or any sport) at chico state may not be able to because our athletic department ran out of money. I have made life long friends through my experience as a student athlete.

like the speaker tonight said, there are longlines for the health center, this means many people use the health center. If the fees are cut then people will not get the immediate care they need, this could lead to bigger problems on campus.

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<td>I do agree that things need to change with this. But you see</td>
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<td>I believe ALL of these programs greatly benefit the school and its students. Student athletes have higher graduation rates. Life is not set in a classroom. Cost of things increase! We use these services, we pay for them. No emotion Money is set aside for those who can't afford the increase in cost.</td>
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<td>1. Where does the funding come from to build the new wildcat statue &amp; the new 101 mil. Building? Since we have no money to move from one are to another. 2. Does this money/budget fees affect the money set aside for the wildcat scholarships? From what I have noticed about the forum was that questions were not actually being answered. The questions were being danced around. Looking at all the proposals what I am noticing is that it says, you will pay this much money FOR THE FIRST SEMSTER!! What will it be for the rest?? I will again ask, as many of my other peers have ask, why wasnt this fixed earlier?</td>
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3.1.18 Student I believe budget models need to be looked at/possibly changed I believe budget models need to be looked at/possibly changed I believe budget models need to be looked at/possibly changed

Can you put info of this front page of chico website please? This would reach out to more students. Why did it take so long for this to be now talking about this? (as in why did we borrow from reserve until point of extreme, rather than address as soon as we had to start borrowing)

Is this presentation being recorded? Will he presentation be accessible on the website?

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If the health service is in debt, how can you ensure that increasing the fee will not only bring them out of debt, but improve services? I'm concerned that the new budget won't be balanced and you will continue to be in debt while we are still paying extra for bad service.

How will you ensure that the money given for the different fees will be used as explained in this presentation and not be used in ways that won't benefit us (i.e unnecessary salary increase)?

* why didn't you mention that the fee will gradually increase over the next 5 years if you wanted to keep informed?

* Why didn't you link information about the fee increase on the chico state homepage?

3.1.18 Student Blank Blank Blank

Is it an appropriate time for the athletic department to donate I think $10,000 to the statue when its asking for a fee increase?
3.1.18  Student  I am ok with the money going toward Health Center staff increases. They are slammed, so go for it!  I understand the need and think it's a good idea.  I am very against the Athletics fee increase. If we need more money maybe make athletes pay full tuition first rather than have the rest of us pay for it.  How much does each varsity coach get as a salary? Are we doing anything to future proof the budget how to prevent this problem reemerging sooner than it needs to? I would like to know the percentage of student athlete feedback compared to general population. They seem overrepresented. How do you expect to give students more services when you are saying that you are in debt and this increase to stop that. Is this increase more than needed to get out of debt and provide new or improved services to students?

3.1.18  Student  Blank  Blank  Teams were informed of the change but I as a student was not informed but an hour before this should be required to talk about in classes. And passed around campus.  I don’t have a strong opinion on this  Athletics doesn’t need more money It already gets so much  How do you expect to give students more services when you are saying that you are in debt and this increase to stop that. Is this increase more than needed to get out of debt and provide new or improved services to students?

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3.1.18  Student  I agree this fee should be increased; students need to be able to get convenient and quick health care.  I agree this fee should be increased; Many students need additional academic support which will help them be more successful not only at school, but in the future.  I agree this fee should be increased. Athletics provide enrichment to students’ lives and provides an outlet outside of the academic area. I do think athletic teams should rely more on fundraising to supplement part of their costs.  Blank
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<td>Not everyone benefits from Athletics. Packing the room tonight with athletes was a strategic move and all non-athletes noticed. I do NOT support an increased athletic fee.</td>
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<td>I cannot stress enough how much I do NOT support an increased athletic fee. While sports are important to athletes and may benefit the community in some (small) ways, they are not detrimental to the community like the athletes tonight tried to make it seem. If athletes are so concerned about athletics funding - create a separate fee for them! The rest of the student body does not need to pay for more athletics.</td>
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<td>of the 33% of the student learning fee that goes to financial aid, how much of that 33% go to athletic grants?</td>
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<td>4,350 student athletes doesn’t represent the 17,000 student at chico state</td>
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<td>How are administration raises &amp; frivolant purchases like purchasing houses &amp; vehicles for staff allowed &amp; your trying to charge me more money &amp; constantly saying we no longer have the means to pay for stuff. We have the means, just uncapable administration who are robbing our “proud” university. Students should vote on any fee increases!</td>
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<td>I’m on the debate team my team and other teams gain from the fun so we can travel and represent the school in a good way.</td>
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<td>Many of us chose chico to further our education because of the lower price we pay here compared to other colleges. Don’t make us regret our choices.</td>
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<td>I appreciate athletics, but I appreciate learning more.</td>
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|        |        | We’re broke as shit, please don’t make us pay more. This is not a good way to establish your
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<td>My response for all these is the same. This increase in proposed at the same time that the chancellor is increasing already prohibitively high tuition costs. The services we provide are fantastic, but the money needs to come from elsewhere besides the student base that is already paying their dues.</td>
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<td>The health center needs the help, it is a terrible system and terrible service. Hire new doctors too, they are terrible.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Do not increase fee! The process which you are taking to raise the fees is pathetic and undemocratic. You should be ashamed of yourselves.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Do not increase fee! Complete waste of money. Athletics should be self sufficient, not paid by the students.</td>
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<td>I support the student health service fee. I have seen the long lines &amp; I have been one of the students who keeps being sent home because spots were full. I don't want that for future students.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>I completely support the athletics fee. Athletics have changed my life; not only that, but it is such a good outlet for all students not just the athletes themselves. Athletics are a huge part of being in college &amp; brings a lot of pride to our school. It also helps provide jobs for students which I support as well.</td>
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<td>I don't appreciate more debt. Take the money out of your salary. stop trying to build a new science building in 2020 and use the money where we need it.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>I am an athlete here and I do not support the fee increase. You shouldn't threaten us to shut down athletics because you know that chico state would take a big hit if you did.</td>
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<td>Student &quot;learning&quot; fee? Just pay the administrators less. They don’t need it.</td>
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<td>For what purpose do we need this fee? This is a small school, we don’t need high powered NCAA athletics, at all.</td>
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<td>The fact that this proposed referendum did not go through a typical referendum is a bad example of legitimate democracy. It also seems inappropriate to threaten the removal of sports and student health. It also poses as a burden in students already struggling to pay for their education.</td>
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<td>I am dissapointed in the fact that the students have little to no information on concrete examples of what the proposed fee would find. I agree that the student health center could use more funds for mental health services and longer hours. That being said, the process should have been much more transparent. The proposed fee increases will put thousands of dollars of burden on students, many of which can barely afford current fees. I say no on the proposed fees, at least until students have a more detailed list of changes and the decision is directly in the hands of the students, in the form of voting.</td>
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3.1.18 Student

I disagree

I strongly disagree

Pointless

Maybe lower Presidents salary to help pay for all of this instead of putting burden on students. Think about what increasing fees could do for the city and the university. You could lose a lot of students may just transfer away because of the increasing. I think all student fees should be referendums so you gave proof, giving students the chance to voice their opinions. Also, all schools have a LOW voter turnout and that should not be a deterrent by any means. referendums and student fees should be together so students don't vote on student reps based on who is in favor of fee increases. How much of the IRA committee is giving to the Athletic department? Need to consider reallocating fees to help alleviate the weight on students. My suggestions is to put the link to the vote prior to the vote. The school should provides posters around campus with QR codes as well as information about when how and what will be voted on. I would like to know what the reevaluation of the budget would mean?

3.1.18 Student

Some people may not be able to afford the fee. You should not just increase cause you want to.

Increasing tuition is not the answer. What about students that are in debt they will probably just go elsewhere, I know I definitely would.

I guess it's better than eliminating the programs but I still again it is possible people would not be able to afford classes and sports together.

Increasing fees could do for the city and the university. You could lose a lot of students may just transfer away because of the increasing.

3.6.18 Student

is the health center due for a renovation soon?

is this a possibility of certificates for students to earn w/ the new student learning possibilities? I would like to hear from students about field trips and is it a requirement? Student fee committee?

athletics should charge AS for use of gym during intramurals! If you are two different entities and not supported by AS.

4.3.18 Student

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occurred this past semester

I'm an international student, so I now pay non-resident fee for my tuition. The voter pamphlet described proposed semester fees of resident fee. I now wonder how about non-resident fee. Are you going to increase non-resident fee with the same amount? Is it so expensive to attend Chico State right now and tuition is increasing. Fee increases will put students more in debt. Student should not bear the burden of fee increases for services the don't use. 2/3 of students don't participate in Athletics, forcing them to pay more for this unnecessary service is unjust.

4.13.18 Student

I think is is a heavy burden on students. Many students don't utilize this service and would pay more and get nothing in return.

I think students cannot afford any fee increases. Tuition has almost doubled in the past decade and wage increases haven't kept pace.

Charging the full student body $300+ a year for a service that student are barely getting as it is. "Approximately 2/3 os students do not participate in" is unfair.
Appendix C: Referendum Vote Comments

Sign-in

• If it increases the quality of education I’d vote to further increase the ed fee further if/as needed.
• Voted but I know you’re going to do whatever you want anyway regardless.
• I agree that these programs must have more funding. But the current plan of charging students more per semester when we already have housing and food insecurity is irresponsible of the administration. There is a better way.
• i dont have monies
  sorry :(  
• WE ARE BROKE
• For students who do not receive aid to afford schooling, any increase of fees means more hours needed to work or more accumulation of debt. With current fees, I have to save $670 monthly to afford my education. Last semester I was unable to afford tuition and with the fee increase I will be further in debt.
• College fees have skyrocketed out of control over the past 20 years while the quality of education has declined. You should spend more on quality educators who actual want to teach and less on frivolous administrative programs. Can the school account for the money they’ve already been spending?
• I think the Athletics increase is not okay, simply because student athletes on our campus are such a small percentage of the students. Not all of us should have to pay for them, especially when some people can barely afford college as is. Furthermore, they are already treated very well on this campus and are giving priority registration, etc. I have classes with athletes on this campus and they often get to skip class due to sports without any repercussions. They do not need any more help. Thank you!
• The whole proposal to raise the fees should have followed a different process than what was followed out of respect for the integrity of our CSU system and our fellow students and faculty.
• Why would the majority of students support fee increases to unknown causes? Why not list the supposed benefits these fee increases would result in and why the proposed fee increase is the amount that it is? Either way, wallets are already being stretched too thin and the benefits would have to be extreme in order to support any kind of fee increase.
• Students can not afford any increased financial burden. The cost of an education is too high as it is. Please do not increase the student fees anymore than they already are. The majority of students will not directly benefit from the proposed fee increase. Students will benefit from being in less debt when they graduate. Not more. Raising the fees will put people deeper in debt. This is our future you’re dealing with here.
• CAGD needs more funding. Game Development and Animation doesn’t have enough money to be separate majors. This is hindering both parties involved.
• I cannot justify any of these increases because there are several students, including myself, who are struggling to get by with normal class purchases; furthermore, a lot of us students are also struggling with housing and food- we cannot afford prices comfortably as they are, let alone an increase.
Please understand.

- How is it fair you increase our fees when you just spent $140k on a small statue at the front of the school. That money could have been used for more important things than a statue so our fees don’t increase.

- I don’t think students should have the burden of extra fees. Administration makes too much money for the little amount of work they do - President Hutchinson doesn’t deserve to make $300,000 a year. (https://transparentcalifornia.com/salaries/search/?a=california-state-university&q=gayle+hutchinson&y=2017) Dock her pay and put that money where it benefits students, not her retirement fund. In her email she sent about the fee increases, she said she understood that there are students who are struggling to pay for rent and food. How can she say she cares about students when she profits off of them? I don’t think she deserves the position as president when she clearly cares only about her own monetary gain and will burden broke students even more with these fee increases. She would never have even considered increasing fees that much if she truly cared about the student population.

- I heard the university chose to treat the fees as a referendum separate from the AS election last week hoping less people would vote. That sort of tactic is less than forthright and not a quality I wish to see in my university.

- I have been a student at this school for ten years and I have not even gotten to use all of these services that fee increases are being proposed for because I have to work almost full time to afford going to this school. The fee increases would cause me to have to work even more and have less time to access these areas of campus than I already do.

- With this vote, there should have been comment box options for each category. How can there be a valid vote without being able to voice your concern with data and points to back up claims and explain why we voted the way we did?

- I believe that the student health fee should be increased because at the beginning of fall 2017 my departments budget was cut by 50% and I believe that we are an necessity on campus for promoting safe and responsible drinking and drug practices. The budget cut greatly effects our ability to educate the student body and I believe that a continuation of this will deeply effect the Chico state campus and all those who attend. Health education and services are need by everyone whether or not they realize it.

- I am graduating this semester and it’s hard to see fees being increased for the next school year. I know you ask to raise these students fee but there could be other solutions to get more money. I suggestion looking into the Alum association to provide some money so students wouldn’t have to pay too much. If you can raise thousands of dollars to build a wildcat statue then it could be possible for the Alum Association or any big contributors to help reduce the fee for students. We have money and now its time to start thinking about ways in which the money could go back to the students.

- Please include a more detailed description of the proposed fees next time so students have the opportunity to learn more about what it is they are voting for.

- There is money within this University that could be shifted to help these 3 financial needs. We, the students, would like for you to find that money. We are taxed and financially strapped, and if we can afford a hundred thousand dollar bronze wildcat, we can find
money to invest in our Health Center and Learning Center. Our tuition has gone up, up, up. 800% since 1989. 800% and NOTHING was done for the Health Center? It's time that you help to make this happen on your own. Perhaps the University might consider working on a few fundraising events to assist with this money that we have already paid over the years.

Please concentrate on making higher learning less overwhelming. Stop creating new buildings, if that is what it takes. Make your priority the students. Thank you.

- I honestly don't support the fee increases since there are many students such as myself who can barely afford to attend CSU Chico as is. By increasing the fee rate every year more and more, it's going to becoming very difficult and might even lead people to drop out of school. Plus I don't see why the athletic fees should increase on everyone if not everyone supports or goes watches their games. Also Besides that, even if it increases it still won't cover all the sports such as men and women rugby, and other club sports.

- Stop giving raises to people who haven't earned them and making the student body pay for it. We're broke as it is, you have at least 50 people making six figure sum salaries who literally do nothing.

- It is absolutely ridiculous that the budget cannot be managed better and you pass this along for the students to pay. If you really care about diversity and inclusion then you will not pass these fees as they adversely affect people of color/those of lower class standing. Shame on you Chico State. I am about to graduate and I care more about the future of my soon to be Alma Mater than the administration, I will not be joining any sort of Alumni or anything else to support Gayle or her failure to manage funds in a better way.

- Dear President Hutchinson, I strongly encourage you to increase all fees in hope of providing better services to students. Students are often young, reactionary, and mostly naive. We don't know what is best for us and you were named president to make decisions for us and the rest of the campus community. It may be insensitive, but I strongly believe we will survive. We will get loans and should understand the importance of investing in our education. Call it privilege to make comments like this but I know I am haven't been dealt the strongest hand - 1st generation Mexican from a low-socioeconomic family that migrated directly from Mexico when I was 5 years old. We should turn to the state as the problem and not fight amongst ourselves. I kept this comment anonymous, although feel free to use it however you wish. Publish it as a comment that is made by a current student. I’m not brainwashed, like some will choose to believe. I simply believe in strong services.

- How about you get rid of some of the administrations bloated staff to pay for these costs. we have to struggle getting into classes because there is not enough teachers yet you consistently hire more and more administrative staff. Nothing students like more than going to these administration buildings and being told to "go online" to do something. if I am being told to go online for a problem supposedly solved by you being hired why do you need a job? if so much of the job is online and you dont help then you dont need the job. time to cut about half of these administrators and hire more teachers.

- There are other areas of the budget in which can be used for this. I would like to see a smaller pay gap between the administration (President, deans) and teachers, and perhaps in that we could find a more equitable way to find these funds. Look at cutting power usage in buildings (the heater was running 24/7 during winter in almost all buildings, which is costly and bad for students immune system). While I know y’all do your best
within the limitations, there is another way. Alongside that some of these fees do not support the campus as a whole...only sports teams. The reason people go to this school is it’s affordability, that’s why I’m here. Consider representing those folks a bit more.

- This is ridiculous. Implement some better financial management principles to save money. No way. This is an issue of overspending most definitely.
Appendix D: Email Comments Received

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 5:55 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: Proposed Mandatory Fee Adjustment Process

How about... You postpone the building of the physical science building until the WREC is paid off, and then reassess?

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 6:42 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: Proposed Mandatory Fee Adjustment Process

So tell me, why should all students pay for the very few students who play sports? Everything else I’m fine for.

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 7:37 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: RE: Proposed Mandatory Fee Adjustment Process

Thanks for your well-reasoned and written message. I don’t think the cost of student health in the summer should be part of the overall student health fees. The cost is low—I think it is $20 per visit, up to $100 or $120, then no more charges. One can use the services even if not in summer school. And one can go to any of the Cal State campuses. So it is well worth that money to be able to see a doctor in summer. You may wish to consider an alternative for mental health services, perhaps they could be treated differently. No strong input or opinion on that. Perhaps those services could be covered by a grant instead?

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 8:19 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: Proposed Mandatory Fee Adjustment Process

I don’t want to be charged more. We pay enough.
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 8:33 AM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Re: Proposed Mandatory Fee Adjustment Process

What's the point of holding forums if you don't even make changes based on what's heard? Quit blowing smoke over our eyes and listen to the people who make up your campus for once. Yet, despite this fee increase, the funds for a new and ornate statue comes easily. 
Why lie?

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:16 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Chico State Athletics is important & the fee increase is important!

Dear Dr Hutchinson,
Please vote in favor of the fee increase to help support Chico State athletics. 
Thanks in advance for your consideration.
Kind regards,

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:40 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Chico Athletics

Dear President,

I just heard about the potential concern around athletics at Chico and I would urge you to increase the fees needed to keep the program going.

I spent 4 incredible years at Chico State and being a part of the sports program was one of the best things for me at the time. I had walked on at Chico back in 1995 and being a part of that basketball program helped me forge the relationships I have today.

It also helped me to become a successful business person and without the camaraderie of my teammates, competition amongst other schools, and amazing support from my coaches, I know my desire to be a successful entrepreneur wouldn't have occurred.

Please keep the sports program going for many more generations of students that attend Chico.

Wildcat for life.
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 3:51 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Athletics Fee

President Hutchinson,

I recently learned of the fee rate increase to help support CSU-Chico Athletics and I wanted to say a few words. I will keep it brief because I know your time is valuable. Playing intercollegiate men’s basketball in the mid 1990's at CSU-Chico was something that helped mold me into the person I am today. The friendships, memories, and experience are something that I’m very proud of during my time at Chico. Practices and games were demanding, yet I succeeded in the classroom because of the time management skills I learned from being an athlete. I was able to leverage being a student/athlete after college and work for some amazing companies like Deloitte and my current employer Schnitzer Steel. Chico prepared me well for the real world and being an athlete was a huge part of my experience.

School spirit was amazing and seats were filled with people who really support the program. We were also successful, which as you know so many programs are at Chico. Chico State is now one of the premier D2 athletic programs in the country. That didn’t happen by accident. It happened because the administration, coaches, community, and kids all buy in. What a great message that sends to potential student athletes.

Coach Greg Clink and I played together and I remain in close communication with him today. He is as good an example of the sort of well-rounded person that this fine institution turns out. Tough, passionate, and of high character. Coach Clink introduced me to Robert Tally a few months ago and I was happy to join the Tower Society to help continue support of this fine school. Unfortunately my wife and I were busy last weekend and we missed the event down in Sacramento.

In closing, I wouldn’t be the person I am today without my experience on the court at Chico. I wasn’t a star or somebody who broke any records either. Just a kid who loved to play and be around quality players, coaches, and community.

I certainly hope the support is their financially and Chico does the right thing to continue this investment in future leaders of tomorrow.

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Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:14 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: I support Chico State Athletics

Dr. Hutchinson,

I wanted to write you a short letter of support of Chico State Athletics. It is my understanding that the students will be voting to increase fees to support athletics. As a former Wildcat basketball player (Class of 1989), I attribute a lot of my academic and career success to my experiences at Chico State. As a current coach and athletic administrator who also has to rely on student fee support, I can not impress upon you enough how much student fee support is needed to help all the programs associated with the student-athlete experience.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.
There's no football..
No more cuts...

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:44 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: What did Chico State Athletics do for me?

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a 2009 graduate of Chico State. I played basketball for both Prescott Smith and Greg Clink. I recently heard about the fee increase which I believe to be a necessity in order to make sure the athletic department and its great impact on people is able to continue and prosper. Chico State Athletics and Basketball in particular has helped make me the man I am today. It taught me so many life lessons and ultimately was the deciding factor in me wanting and becoming a coach in which I am around and able to help shape young people every day. My fondest memories of my time at Chico State were with my teammates whom I would have never had the opportunity to meet if it were not for Chico State Athletics. Please understand the importance of the fee increase. Ultimately it will enable future individuals to be impacted the same way I was impacted almost a decade ago (seems like yesterday).

Thanks for your time,

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:54 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Chico State Basketball Alumni

Hello President Hutchinson,

My name is [Redacted] and I played basketball at Chico State for five years. I just wanted to say how much the basketball team, the athletics department, the community that supported us at every game, and the facility staff members meant to me from my time on campus. My life has been impacted in a way that wouldn't have been possible without Chico State athletics. Athletes are more than people that just play sports. We are recognized around campus and have the responsibility to represent the Chico family in the best way possible. I felt like from my time here I have impacted a lot of lives outside of basketball. As a team we travel to elementary schools every year to interact with kids and teachers who's faces light up when they see us walk in. We provide another source of entertainment in the Chico area where students can come enjoy a high level basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, etc... game as an alternative from drinking on the weekends. Our athletic department has created a culture built on trust, loyalty, and family. We've had a ton of success, not only in the sports field, but in our studies, and on this campus in general. I hope we can continue to change lives and impacted the community that supports us.

Sincerely,
President Hutchinson,

My name is [REDACTED] I am a former student-athlete (basketball) at Chico State. I understand there will be a vote that jeopardizes the status of athletics at Chico, and I am deeply disheartened to hear this a consideration.

I look back on my time as a student-athlete at Chico as the best of my life. The relationships that I built during my time as a Wildcat will last an eternity, and being able to compete collegiately meant the world to me. The division 2 experience allows for athletes to effectively divide time between school and sport - while also satisfying their dreams of college competition.

I left Chico State with a B.S. and an M.A. - a 4.0 GPA though graduate school - all the while apart of the Wildcat roster. The discipline learned and structure provided by Wildcat Athletics was an absolute springboard for future successes in life, and I would not be the man I am today without the help of my teammates and coaches.

A proposed increase in fees would not only give students the opportunity to attend home games, root on their friends, and show their school pride (Rowdy Red), but yields the student-athletes an opportunity of a lifetime.

I hope that you heavily consider the impact the Wildcat athletics has had on alumni before depriving future wildcats the same, life changing opportunity.

Thank you for taking the time to read.

Sincerely,
--- Original Message ---

Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 11:01 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Cc: Gregory G Clink <gclink@csuchico.edu>
Subject: The Life-Changing Impact of Chico State Basketball and Athletics

President Hutchinson,

My name is [redacted] and I graduated from Chico State University in 2012. I had the privilege of playing basketball for the Chico State Men’s Basketball team from 2008-2012, at the start of the Greg Clink Era. I began my career as a freshman at Sonoma State University but after my first year I felt as though I was searching for a different experience and made the best choice of my life to get my release and search for a different university to continue my basketball career. Basketball was the center of my life and everything I loved, and during that first year at Sonoma State I had begun to not enjoy the game and needed a change.

Luckily for me, in the spring of 2008 (the same time I was searching for a new school) Chico State University had just made the fantastic decision to hire Greg Clink as their head coach for Men’s Basketball program. In late May of 2008, my parents and I made the short drive from my hometown of Sacramento to Chico for my unofficial visit. Not surprisingly, I immediately fell in love with the city and campus and knew Coach Clink was the man for which I wanted to continue my college basketball career.

I recently received an email saying that Chico State Athletics are in danger and a vote has to go to the student body to approve a fee increase to allow these programs to continue. After receiving word, I instantly began writing this email because there is nothing more meaningful to me than the relationships I formed and experiences I had during my four years at Chico State. To put it simply, “Today Decides Tomorrow.” My actions today affect the world – Chico State taught me that. The athletic program has impacted more lives than I can count and represents the core values of the university. On the university website it clearly states, “Today Decides Tomorrow.” We take these words to heart as we focus with optimism and hope on the future while building on the best of our past.” The basketball workouts taught me how to focus with optimism while competing to make tomorrow better. My teammates and I were trying to build on the rich tradition of the Chico State Basketball program and bring pride to every student that has ever set foot on campus.

THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE ENTIRE CITY.

Chico State University is committed to serving others and making an impact for the better. Chico State has earned a spot on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll nine times and CSU, Chico is so committed to sustainability that it is one of only 21 schools on the Princeton Review’s Green Honor Roll. Any university that is garnering awards like these is clearly committed to a deeper cause, and athletics absolutely continues this trend within the university. Playing basketball at Chico State helped me become a better man and completely changed my life. Today, I am an assistant basketball coach for the University of Montana, and my single dream for every potential student-
athlete whom I recruit is for them to come to the University of Montana and have a similar experience to the one that I was lucky enough to have at the Chico State University. While playing basketball at Chico State University I learned perseverance, hard work, how to express my emotions as a man, and being a part of something bigger than myself—both the team and the university. Sacrifice for personal reward is a hard thing to do; however, sacrifice on behalf of others whom you love is a rare thing in general. With the support of the community at our basketball games and events I truly felt as though I was representing the university and the city not only during our competitions but at all times. Coach Clink used to tell our team that all the time. He reminded us that we are a walking billboard for our program, this university, and this city. When we were in the airport, at restaurants, etc. we were representing everything that Chico has to offer. He would never allow us to wear any other college apparel other than Chico State issued gear. Originally, my teammates and I were annoyed by the rule. After the first year, the amount of pride that we developed in our program and university cannot be surpassed by any student. It may be able to be matched but no other person on that campus felt more pride than my teammates and I did in Chico State. Isn’t the point of a university to get people so excited about it that they fully immerse themselves in the college and it becomes a part of them and eventually brings the best of out them? I graduated with a degree in business administration so I partially understand dollars and cents, but Chico State is about growth and I KNOW the athletes there are experiencing this growth and take tremendous pride in representing the university. My teammates and other student-athletes within the department still talk about its impact all the time.

Ever since the first time that I set foot on campus I knew there was something special about the university as well as the city of Chico in general. This city (and campus) is original, charming, intimate, and, above all else, family-oriented. I truly believe that Chico and it’s university attract a specific type of person to the campus, especially the student-athletes that choose to represent Chico State University. There are only a couple college towns in all of California and Chico may be the most representative of the “college experience” that so many students desire. STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO CHOOSE TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION AND ATHLETIC CAREER AT CHICO STATE UNIVERSITY HAVE A DESIRE TO BE A PART OF A COMMUNITY - HAVE A DESIRE TO BE A PART SOMETHING SPECIAL - because I think you would agree there is just something more welcoming about the campus. The life-long bonds that student-athletes are able to form are due to the fact that the campus attracts special people. Athletics unites people unlike anything else in the world, and this is true at Chico State University. The student-athletes have a deep bond with each other and also with the community. The life experiences that student-athletes are able to learn at Chico State University are second only to the life-long relationships that they are able to form with their teammates and people in the community.

As I stated before, I coach college basketball because the experience that Chico State and Coach Clink gave me while I played basketball there. I want to have the same impact on my student-athletes that Coach Clink had on me and my teammates. Many people usually say that special coaches “save” or “change” their student-athletes’ lives. Certain coaches will serve as a parent-like figure to their athletes when the student-athletes come from single parent homes. Well, I had two loving parents and they fully supported me throughout my entire life, but because of the special environment that Coach Clink and the university created for me, I would say that both Coach Clink and the athletic department changed my life more so than I ever thought possible. It was at Chico State that I met my wife (she was on the women’s basketball team during the same time period and Coach Clink actually officiated our wedding in August of 2015). Coach Clink was responsible for introducing me to my best friends, and all of those guys would be groomsmen in my wedding. (I have attached pictures of both so you can truly see the impact that this athletic department has had on my life—every person in that picture with my wife in the center was affiliated with Chico State Men’s Basketball). I came in loving basketball more than anything in the world and I left loving my teammates, coaches, and university the most. I would do anything to be able to put on that Wildcat jersey one more time.

This type of impact cannot be replaced, and it saddens me to think that the greatest university in the world would even consider not continuing one of its most impactful programs on its’ campus. The thought of robbing future student-athletes of these experiences is simply unacceptable. Not only would these student-athletes be missing out but the city and university as a whole would be losing as well. These proud student-athletes serve as enthusiastic ambassadors FOR the university and leaders OF the university. I know sometimes things can be tough financially but Chico State is about doing the right thing because TODAY DECIDES TOMORROW. Sometimes the right decision today is the tough one.
because of how it impacts tomorrow. The right thing in this situation is finding a way to continue athletics at Chico State University.

If you have any other questions or there is anything else that I can do to help continue this athletic program please do not hesitate to contact me via email or cell. Thank you so much for your time.

A forever proud alumnus,

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Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 8:25 AM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: fee increase

To whom it may concern-

I'm a 1990 basketball team and graduate of Chico State. Writing in support of the continued financial support of Chico Athletics - Basketball was the reason I went to college, and after the first year realized I would be able to continue not only as a college athlete, but a college student as well. Basketball motivated me to do well in academics, to go above and beyond what I really thought I could do. In the end, I had a degree in education and went on to earn a master’s degree. I am currently a teacher in the state of Washington and have taught at the same school for 22 years. During that time, I've worked several positions, teaching, math, PE, pottery, construction, health, and leadership. I served as athletic director and coached basketball and also held the principal's position for 2 years. I am an advocate for students to participate in sports (if the interest is there). I share my journey (story) with students as a reminder that even though you might not be the smartest person in the class, if you are motivated and committed you can succeed when you put in the time and energy towards your goals. Thank you and please consider keeping Chico State Athletics a part of the University.

Sincerely

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Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 12:32 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Fee increase

Gall Hutchinson: President, Chico State University

I am writing to let you know that I am in support of a fee increase for students if it is necessary to continue the Athletic and other extra curricular activities maintained by the University.

Sports and other programs have become a way of life for the American public. Chico State has been primarily a Teacher Preparation University from its inception. Athletics, Drama, Speech, Music need to maintained at their highest level. Please consider that when you finalize your decision.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 12:46 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Chico State Athletics

Good Morning Dr. Hutchinson.  

I write regarding the important role my experience participating in athletics at Chico State has played in my life. My name is Bernadette (Gilman) Weissmann. I graduated with a degree in History Social Sciences in 1998. I competed for four years in Track and Field and, at one time, held the school record in Women's Hammer. Additionally, I competed in club Olympic style weightlifting and held the the record for combined lifts for women.

I would not be where I am today without the experience I gained through athletics. I treasure my Track "Ohana" and, professionally, being a collegiate athlete has opened doors. **It is no exaggeration to say that the reason I have my dream job is because I competed in collegiate sports and the skills I developed as a student-athlete are now helping to change the face of architecture in America.**

I applied for my dream teaching job after completing my credential in 1999. The department I applied to was entirely male and had been that way, with a few short exceptions, as long as anyone remembered. I sat in the principal's office at age 22 in front of an all male interview panel and answered questions based on the knowledge I gained in my degree program at Chico and my credential program at Dominican. The principal then asked "Besides teaching, what else would you bring to us as an employee of this school?"

I explained that I had competed in NCAA Division II athletics while in college, that I was already volunteering as a track and field coach and that I was currently helping the football and wrestling coaches develop their Olympic style weightlifting program.

The principal laughed, then caught himself. My heart sank.

To my surprise, I got the job. Months later I asked the principal what had happened in the interview - why had he laughed? He explained that I was 22 and female and, because of that, he had doubts about whether or not I could manage a class of high school students. "I was worried you would be intimidated by high school boys." **When I spoke about my experience in Track and weightlifting he decided that I would have no problem holding my own.**

I was stunned.

I would love to say that sexism is dead but, although we have made important strides since 1999, women still face an uphill battle in the workplace - especially those traditionally dominated by men. Participating in athletics provides an "in" women would not otherwise have. I expected that my ability to coach would help me secure a teaching position. **I did not anticipate that my experience in collegiate athletics would change the way a hiring committee saw me as a person.**
I happily expected to teach full-time until I retired but life doesn’t always follow our well-thought-out plans...

Ten years ago my husband and I co-founded Tumbleweed Tiny House Company. We have gone from sitting on the floor of our bedroom writing addresses on catalogs to becoming the first RVIA certified tiny house company in the world, the largest tiny house company in America and employing 90 incredible craftsmen/professionals.

Teaching is tough. Teaching while owning a business that challenges the norms of American architecture takes every skill I honed as a student athlete - time management, leadership, multi-tasking, tenacity, working as a team, staying cool under pressure, being on the public stage and rolling with the punches.

I continue to teach part-time and every day is an adventure! I am eternally grateful for the foundation provided by both my academic and athletic experiences at Chico State.
President Hutchinson

The college experience has long been the topic of conversation within families, in the high school advising office, among college alumni, and when high school seniors are asked about their expectations.

For me, like most, the understanding that the academic experience is of utmost importance, and is certainly a given when thinking about college. The unknown is what will the full college experience look like. In fact, that unknown is often the topic of college conversations among families, friends, and the college recruiters as they visit high schools.

When I was leaving high school, I knew that I could not afford college, and my family was not willing to help financially. I took a scholarship at a large Division I school. I had no advising, and it was a bad fit for me. I found my way the Butte College after a summer of construction work. I was able to grow academically, and filled my experience as a member of the track team. The team became a second family, and in many ways kept me focused on academics as I worried about affording college.

When I was preparing to leave the community college experience, I had many opportunities to meet the team members of the Chico State Track Team. They all seemed to be very close (Like a family), and most important they were so knowledgable about school and life at college. This was different than my Division I experience. I also had athletic scholarship offers from large schools that I had to consider as I was still self funding college.
I chose CSU Chico. I chose to keep funding college on my own. I chose to become part of the high caliber of people that were part of the track team. I chose, like most, the other half of the college experience. I felt that the academic side would be there because Chico had a good reputation among all the people I met. I had found a family! To this day, I still communicate with the members of my track team family on almost a weekly basis. We have been friends for 44 years. I thank them for setting an example of what a quality college experience looks like.

I served 27 years as an educator. I finished my career serving over 20 years as a Principal. I had many opportunities to talk to high school students about college. Many of the high school students knew they were going to college, and many knew what they wanted to pursue. Many had no idea about their academic pursuit. I think most don't discover their academic path until they are immersed in academics at a college. Thus, I spent a good amount of time talking about the other side of college. I advised them to look at the social and emotional side of college. Most important, I advised that they find the hook that will keep them grounded, focused, and included.

I spoke at length, and frequently about finding CSU Chico, and meeting the track team members. I always reminded a student that they are looking at a particular college because they have some thought that the school has an academic program that interests them at that time. I always asked if they had looked into the other side of the college experience. The side of college that will consume a major part of their time. Did they find a connection?

Most high schools have about 20% of the students involved in athletics. Most high schools have a total of over 40% involved in extracurricular programs in total. High school students are accustomed to a school environment that is well rounded. I believe they are looking for a college that attracts students of as many interests as possible, and want to see a variety of offerings, including those that they do not choose for themselves.

Track and field brings a particular type of student to a school. In addition to the the high caliber citizen that comes to college track and
field, you typically find the delayed gratification, long term goal setting student. These students are typically good to great academic scholars. They are the academic models for the students on campus who are still finding their way. They are the first to step forward to help a student in need academically and personally. Like me, these are the students who have had a fantastic college experience and will be ambassadors for the CSU Chico experience. These Track and Field student athletes are the well rounded citizens that any administrator would want to fill their enrollment statistics with.

The Burelson era, The Freitas era, and the Hanff era are filled with ambassadors for the CSU Chico experience. Student athletes from these years are out in the world representing the good that college brings to a life, and a community. The athletes from those decades have demonstrated to the NCAA nation that CSU Chico is a great place both academically and athletically. The success of the Track and Field program attracted solid citizens 50 years ago, and continues to attract solid citizens today.

Attracting the high school student to a business program, a construction program, teacher education program, nursing program, or an agriculture program is more than selling a specific single track. The other side of the college experience is part of the recruitment process. The large numbers of students involved in Track and Field are important numbers and paint a picture of what is valued at CSU Chico. The loss of a Track and Field program would paint a totally different picture of what is important at an institution. I've been involved in all aspects of funding education. Frequently the demands are not realistic. Perhaps understanding that there is more to the college experience than tests, term papers, and class rosters. Writing this means there is some notion that reducing the other side of the college experience to maintain or more likely grow only the academic side is the only way. I've always found that harming one side to build the other side creates loss on both sides. I find it somewhat difficult to place the potential loss of a program on college students at this time of the year an odd tactic when so much is at stake both academically and athletically. I would think the issue at hand would have been known long ahead of the
twelfth hour. I want to urge you to support Track and Field as you would support any academic program. Track and Field brought me to CSU Chico, just as it has attracted so many over the last 50 years. So many that found their hook into college, their family away from home, their life long friendships, and their reason to promote CSU Chico to the youth in their lives.

The college experience has many sides

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 10:40 AM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Student Fee for Chico State Athletics

Dear President Hutchinson:

I am a proud Alumnus of Chico State, BA Economics 1977 as well as a former student athlete, basketball 1975-1977 and just weighing in on a possible student fee increase to help fund athletics. The experiences I had at CSU Chico would not have been possible without the opportunity to participate on the basketball team. That opportunity got me to Chico from Southern California and allows me to visit your great city 2-3 times per year. I’ve developed lifelong friendships and athletics has a way of defining a great institution like yours. While the costs of attending college keep going up and can be an obstacle to attend for some, I believe the increase in fees to fund athletics is beneficial in the long term.

Regards,
Hello President Hutchinson,

My name is [redacted]. I attended Chico State from 2007 to 2011. During that time, I was a member of the intercollegiate cross country and track and field teams. I am writing to you to share my story as a student athlete and to add my support for increasing fees to fund the Chico State athletics program.

When I began looking for colleges to attend, my priorities were to be a part of a special cross country/track team while pursuing my academic goals. I searched the latest results from the Division II National Cross Country meet, and I sent my athletic resume to the coaches of the schools that had placed in the top 10 that year. One of the coaches I heard back from was Gary Towne.

Being from Colorado, I had never heard of Chico State or the town of Chico, and neither had my parents. After a little research we decided to visit the school and meet with Gary. I was instantly impressed with the time Gary took to show us around the school and the best places of Chico. He set up meetings for me to meet with people within the Biology department as well, since he knew that was my area of interest. However, my most vivid memory from that trip was how close the athletes appeared. When I left that trip, I knew Chico was the place for me. I turned down bigger scholarships at bigger schools because of the atmosphere that Chico offered both athletically and academically.

During my time at Chico State, I was a President's Scholar, a member of SAAC, a four-time All-American, and accrued multiple all-conference, all-regional, and academic awards. But the times I remember the most are waking up before sunrise to get in a run or a swim with the team, the brutal workouts that left me exhausted, but happy because of the people I was fortunate to be with on a daily basis, the long road trips to races with my best friends, and the conversations I shared with the coaching staff about school and life in general.

I left Chico State with life-long friends and an incredible support system due to my time in the athletics program. My friends and coaches at Chico supported me as I pursued elite running and took various steps in my career, and to this day we stay in touch. My time at Chico also gave me experience in teamwork, patience, time management, and communication, skills I use everyday, and skills that I would not be proficient in if it weren't for my time on the athletic teams at Chico.
Everyday I am grateful for my decision to attend Chico State, and I would not have considered the school if it wasn't for its athletic department. A few of my high school friends went on to play sports at various colleges, and from their stories, I definitely had the best experience. The bonds that Chico State creates within their athletic teams is unmatched. The staff and all the athletes are incredibly supportive in all aspects of your life, and its a support that doesn't leave you once you graduate. They know how to push you and how to encourage you to want to be the best you can be, and they knew how to pick you back up when you thought you had failed.

Since leaving Chico, I qualified for the Olympic trials (1 of about 7 Chico alumnae to do so), co-founded a non-profit to bring healthy lifestyles to the community, and have several scientific papers en route to publication. I believe that the foundation I built at Chico is responsible for a great portion of my success thus far. However, my journey has not been without failure, and I feel that this is where athletics has played the biggest role--teaching me how to keep going, how to ask for help and trust the processes, and how to still have faith in my value even when circumstances and events do not go my way.

I was recently accepted into the Physician Assistant Masters program at Stanford University, and I will start there this fall. My application was filled with the skills I learned from my time at Chico, and I touched on my athletic experience multiple times throughout my interview. I am certain that my experience within Chico State Athletics gave me the confidence and skills to be accepted into this prestigious program.

Participating in athletics at Chico State changed my life for the better. I hope you consider my story and the stories of all the other athletes that have called Chico State home throughout the years when making your funding decision. I would be happy to discuss my experience further with you if you have any further questions regarding my story. Attached are a few of my favorite photos from my time at Chico.

Sincerely,

Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 12:01 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Fee Increase for Chico State Athletics

Hello President Hutchinson,

I graduated from Chico State in 2002. I am writing you this email in support of increasing fees to support Chico State athletics. I believe that the quality of a schools athletic program is a reflection of the university and know first hand that potential students use the success of athletics as a criteria when selecting which university to attend. Athletics is one of the easiest ways to garner school support from the students, faculty, and community. Without the proper funding, the quality of facilities will not measure up to other universities and in return quality student athletes will choose schools who are willing to invest in their athletics. This will obviously affect the success of each team and will have a negative impact in regards to the support received from the community as well as the desirability to attend Chico State. Everytime I come back to Chico, I can't believe what a wonderful job you have done upgrading the facilities on and off the campus. I hope you will support the fee increase, so that the athletic department will see the type of amazing upgrades it deserves. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this email and Go Wildcats!
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Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:01 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Chico State Athletics: Relationships and Resiliency

President Hutchinson,

My name is [redacted] and I graduated from Chico State University in 2011. I had the privilege of playing basketball for the Chico State Women’s Basketball team from 2007-2011.

Throughout my playing career coaches, friends, and family told me on my numerous occasions that I wouldn’t remember the wins and losses, I’d remember the journey. The early mornings with teammates, the late night bus rides back to Chico, the feeling of pride I felt walking through Sacramento airport with Chico State across my chest. More than anything, the biggest gift I received through Chico State Athletics was the relationships I built with my teammates, my coaches, and the community. Two of my teammates were bridesmaids in my wedding. One of my coaches attended my wedding after not having seen me since college. Every single reference for my last job application was associated with Chico State Athletics.

During that job application and interview process the recruiter asked me to describe a time where things didn’t go my way and I had to battle back to get to the other side, to see success. In December of my freshman year I tore my ACL. I had surgery, went through 6 months of rehab, and came back the following year. Less than a year after tearing my ACL for the first time, I tore it again. When I went into the training room to meet with the head trainer, Scott Barker, I didn’t know if I had it in me to come back again. To go through another 6-9 months of rehab. After sharing the news with Scott, without hesitation, he said “Well, we know what to do.” That moment changed me. I am tearing up right now thinking about it. I can’t tell the story without getting emotional. I went through rehab for a second time, came back my junior year, and earned all-CCAA honors my senior year. My story may not be a typical one, but I know with 100% certainty that my life would look a lot different had I not had the privilege to be involved with Chico State Athletics. I built relationships. I built resiliency. On top of it all, I met my husband [redacted] who played for the men’s basketball team from 2008-2012.

Chico State Athletics will forever hold a special place in my heart. I hope future athletes will have the opportunity to wear their Chico State gear with pride, to build intangible and life skills, and meet people who will have immeasurable impact on their future.

Sincerely,
Dear President Gayle Hutchinson,

I am writing you to express my support for the Chico State Athletics Department. It is my understanding that today a big vote is taking place that could determine the future of athletics at Chico State. I attended Chico from 2010-2014 and was a student athlete all 4 years on the women’s track and field team. My time at Chico was some of the most exciting and memorable moments of my life and that was due to my participation in track. Not only was the track team the biggest deciding factor for me to attend Chico, but it is also the reason I met some of the most amazing people in my life. I met best friends, the love of my life (who I will marry this summer) and the most amazing mentors and coaches while participating in the track team. When I think back to my colleague years, the highlight of it all was running track.

I probably would have attended college if I wasn’t involved in sports because I’ve always been a good student and a high achiever, but when I graduated from high school I had no idea what I wanted to study. All I knew is that I wanted to go to college so I could run track. Luckily, I discovered my passion along the way and graduated with a degree in hospitality. However, I know many of my teammates only went to school so they could play a sport. The reason they went to and passed their classes each semester was because of the opportunity to be on a team. Without sports, they would have dropped out or possibly never attended to begin with.

Keeping our athletic department is so important to the university because it is a unique community that is dedicated to giving back and representing the school in a positive light. Student athletes are some of the most hard working and involved students at the university, and without our sports teams, the school will lose the chance to have these individuals make a positive impact on campus.

My fiancé and I will be married this summer and something we have talked about doing once we are married is starting a scholarship at Chico State to support future student athletes. Both of our experiences on the track team had such a positive influence on our lives that we want to be able to share that with future generations. Although the sport of track itself was very rewarding, the most rewarding part of our time at Chico was being part of the track family and making lifelong friends and memories. I couldn’t imagine my college career without Chico State Track & Field. I ask that you please consider to continue funding the athletic department for many years to come.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 11:08 AM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Save Chico State intercollegiate athletics

Dear Dr. Hutchinson,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying a beautiful spring semester at Chico State. As the parent of two Chico State alumni and the wife of an alumnus, one of whom was actively involved in the school’s cross country and track programs, I wanted to take a moment to express my concern and dismay at the possibility that intercollegiate athletics will be cut.

My son, Class of 2015, came to Chico State in the fall of 2010. As his father and I drove away from dropping him off at Lassen Hall, I remember silently crossing my fingers that he’d be okay. While he’s super bright, he was not always the most diligent of students in high school. Fortunately for us, he was the very last man to make the roster for Chico State’s cross country team and landed in Coach Gary Towne’s incredibly capable hands. Though he struggled academically and athletically in his first year, with the support of his coaches and his teammates, he persisted. In the span of five years, he went from a kid who doubted his ability in the classroom, on the trails, and on the track to a 5-time CAA Champion in track and cross country and a 2-time All American in the steeplechase -- and to graduation from Chico State in 2015. His father and I have zero doubt that he would likely have flunked out of school had it not been for athletics. As an academic/college counselor at Mountain View High School in the Bay Area, I have seen time and time again how athletics can provide a safe and structured home for students and can give them a window into their true potential. Because of Chico State Athletics, he developed the skills and habits that have led him to pursue a degree in Engineering and his true calling.

Through his experience with Chico State Athletics, he found confidence, focus, resilience, dedication, determination, camaraderie, and so many other wonderful qualities. In large part, this was due to the outstanding coaching and leadership of Gary Towne, who is a truly magical human being and gets the very best out of the kids he has on his teams. He believed in where didn’t necessarily believe in himself. Coach Towne invested countless hours into helping become the accomplished athlete and person he is today. To say that athletics and Coach Towne changed life for the better is not an understatement; it is a simple fact. To this day, our family remains deeply grateful to Coach Towne for his guidance, patience, encouragement, and compassion. Coaches like him and the sports programs they guide are an integral part of the human development of Chico State student-athletes, and the university benefits as a whole from their work and efforts with all student-athletes.

To think that a myriad of other student-athletes like would be deprived of the opportunity to compete on behalf of Chico State, to have mentors and role models such as Coach Towne, and to fully reach their academic, athletic, and personal potential would be an incredible shame. It is my sincere hope that under your leadership, Chico State University will find the wisdom to keep intercollegiate athletics, which has been a positive and integral part of the Wildcat experience for so many student-athletes, including my son’s.

Thank you for taking the time to read my note. I appreciate it.
-----Original Message-----

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:59 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: #we are Chico - support athletics

I am very concerned about the possibility that cuts will be made to the athletics programs at CSU, C. Having received a bachelors and a masters degree from Chico, I believe that I have a personal stake in the quality of the institution. Athletics was the door that allowed me to enter the world of higher education. While I am grateful for all of the academic training that I received, it was the athletics that provided the hook. The donations that I and my wife (also a graduate) have made through the years have leaned toward supporting the continuation of the “Chico” experience, which includes athletics. Please find a way to provide full funding to the athletics program.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:34 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Chico State Athletic Fee Increase - Vote YES!

Dear Dr. Gayle Hutchinson,

I am a Chico State alumna and former women’s basketball player.

I wanted to share with you my reason for voting, YES for the Athletic Fee Increase.

Playing for the women’s basketball team for four years was the best experience of my life thus far. My teammates became my family and support for four years and have continued to be lifelong friends. Head Coach Brian Fogel has mentored me and supported me even after graduation. The community members that support women’s basketball are the most passionate, supportive, and embody the meaning of Wildcat Family. My life has truly been enriched by my teammates, coaches, and community/boosters. With that said, my teammates and I are proud alumnus whom have recently come together to start our own women’s basketball scholarship. As donors we want to share our experiences with the next generations of players as well as our opportunities in which Chico State has bestowed upon us. We want to award a female who will appreciate the community and truly value their support for the program as our team did.

I cannot believe financially the school is at the point of possibly cutting any of our sports programs. This small increase in fees will help young adults learn dedication, discipline, determination, passion and value through their sports. Without sports, you are taking away young adults’ opportunities to thrive not only in college, but after graduation.

Save Chico State Athletics!

Go Wildcats!

Class of 2014
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:54 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: Outcome of student fee increase advisory vote

Dear Dr. Hutchinson,

My name is [Redacted] and I work for the sport clubs program on campus. I am very saddened by the result of the student vote. While I understand the importance of the democratic process concerning topics such as fee increases that affect thousands of students, I can’t help but feel that the result of this effort to gain information isn’t truly reflective of our campus community’s wants or needs.

I have heard several testimonies of students who had professors that told them outright to vote “no” on the fee increase. In one class a varsity athlete had to stand up and fight in front of the whole class to tell her professor, someone who is meant to lead, that they couldn’t tell their students how to vote. It is the job of a faculty member to educate students about the effect the fees would have on the campus, not to tell students what to do.

Based off the results it seems that the same amount of people voted yes or no on each fee, regardless of what it was for, which makes me believe that students voted blindly to a fee increase without educating themselves on the effect their no vote would cause.

With less than a 20% of campus population voter turnout I can only hope that the small amount of no votes don’t interfere with the betterment of our campus services. I am very nervous about the coming weeks and can only hope that I will still have a reason to be proud of our Chico community.

Thank you,

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 10:02 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: Outcome of student fee increase advisory vote

Hello Gayle,

I was wondering if there is a time I can meet with you to tell you my story. I was going to try to write it in an email but through my teary eyes I am having a difficult time conveying all my emotions and articulating exactly what I want to say without saying it in person. I know you are busy but it would truly mean a lot.

Thank you,
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 8:08 AM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Chico State Athletics Fee Increase

Gail,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing this as a CSUC alumni (Class of '13) and four-year member CSUC men's basketball team. First, I'd like to say that I have heard nothing but great things about you and appreciate everything that you are doing to improve the community and University on all fronts. I'm not the only person that will tell you that Chico State has a very special place in my heart, so naturally I felt compelled to reach out when I heard about the proposed fee increase vote and the impact it could have on Chico State athletics moving forward.

I will speak from my experience, although I know a number of other athletics have likely had very similar experiences, but being a part of the basketball program has changed my life in ways I could never have imagined. Winning two CCAA championships and living out my dream of playing college basketball was great, but they seldom compare to the relationships that I've built with my teammates and coaches. In fact, I was just recently married in August, 2017. Greg Clink officiated the wedding and married us, while five of my groomsmen were members – and college roommates for four years – of the men’s basketball team. I've spoken with many friends about playing college athletics and I would put my experience at Chico State against anyone, or anywhere else around the country.

Additionally, Chico State athletics are critical for the community. Every program is laser focused on academics just as much as winning on the court or field. Athletics also give the opportunity for people to escape a challenging upbringing and lead a different path, which gets me emotional thinking about a few people that I played with. They will tell you themselves that without the opportunity to excel at Chico State, they may be here today.

I plead that you overturn the students vote on the fee increase. Athletics are economically and socially critical to the University. I have no doubt that you will make the best decision.

Thanks,
Dear President Hutchinson,

Thank you very much for your feedback on this election outcome. I was very interested in learning how the majority of Chico students felt about spending much more money on school services.

I understand that Chico State is constantly working to provide better services to its students. However, as a long distance student, it was such a big relief to me and many others, as classmates have shared, that around 65% of all voters disagreed with the increase fees.

It is already very frustrating that we, long distance students, have to pay for health care, sports and learning center services, even though we are unable to take advantage of them. Having to pay even more, would be totally unfair to us. Please consider voiding these fees to long distance students, or, at a minimum, do not increase them. Then democracy would have been made through an election.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Hi,

It's insensitive to ask for fee increases and blow money on statues when your staff is talking about "nutritional insecurity" because they're not comfortable saying less privileged students are starving to finish school, and students are here for extended time because the school doesn't have enough teachers, and I'm told to take my state health insurance to a local clinic that won't accept me.

Respectfully, CSU Chico sucks.

Thanks,

President Hutchinson,

It is my belief that the majority of the students at our school do not understand the importance of these fee increases. I am a distance education student and I still believe that the fees should increase. This is for the good of the entire Chico State community. I ask you to please approve the fee increases.
Original Message

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Athletics at Chico State

Good afternoon President Hutchinson,

My name is [REDACTED], and I was a student athlete at Chico State from fall 2011 to Spring 2015. I was proud and honored to play for Chico on the women's soccer team for Coach Kim Sutton during my 4 years at Chico. Being a part of the athletics department not only made my experience at Chico special but shaped me into the strong, goal oriented woman I am today.

I think having an athletics department at the college level only increases the value of the university itself. Personally, I think attending a university with no athletic program would be extremely boring and less appealing when looking for colleges to apply to. I believe that in our country sports in general play a huge role in the majority of Americans lives, and not having sports at Chico would seem to decrease the number of applications received in the years to come.

I strongly urge you to take all points of view into consideration as the decision you make could impact the lives of many students past, present and future as well as the future of Chico State. Without an athletic program at Chico I can confidently say I would not have attended the university. I believe the athletic program plays a key role in defining the university and assists in attracting prospective students.

I hope that Chico can continue to have an athletic program and be a competitive university at the collegiate level for years to come.

Thank you for your time,

Subject: Re: Outcome of student fee increase advisory vote

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 11:35 AM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>

LOL maybe have less people making 6 figures in the administration, and we will have more money.

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 11:16 AM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>

Subject: Save the Wildcats

Dear President Hutchinson,

My name is [REDACTED], and I am a Chico State Alumni ('14), as well as a former 4-year varsity letter winner for the Chico State Volleyball team. I am writing to you in regards to your decision on the student fee increase and its effects on the university's future.

I am not a current student, so I understand my voice on this issue is limited, however I feel compelled, as a past student athlete, to express to you just how important and how worth saving Chico State Athletics is.

Chico changed my life, in more ways than I could ever hope to articulate. This town, these people, this school, these teachers, administrators, and students are in a class of their own, and I have never experienced such a strong sense of community than at Chico State. It makes me proud to be a Wildcat. My time at Chico helped me grow as a person in ways I never thought possible, and a large part of what made me a braver, wiser, stronger, more compassionate, and more driven person in my 4 years was Chico State Athletics.
I have friends and relatives who have competed in numerous sports at different universities, from the DI level to DIII, and from their accounts, I can confidently say that there is truly no athletic department quite like ours here at Chico State. We may not have the big facilities, the football team, or the large scholarships other schools boast, but what we have is a singular heartbeat that resonates in every athlete. Being a part of Chico State Athletics is one of the most connected experiences I’ve had in my life. Our programs support each other—I’ve experienced teams travel to different cities, often outnumbering the home crowd, to support their fellow athletes. Our coaches care about every athlete, not just their own—after a devastating injury, I had multiple coaches from different sports offer their guidance and an open door to talk whenever I needed. Our athletes strive to create something bigger than ourselves—a community where alumni long-graduated develop relationships with current players, with whom they have never competed, but will always be bonded by Chico State Athletics. And our athletes support our school and our town—one of the greatest joys of my college career was as a SAAC representative, leading my teammates in our fundraising and service events for community members in need. Our town is special, and I can attest that that fact is not lost on Chico’s athletes.

To some, Chico State Athletics is just sports. But to myself, and so many past and current athletes, it is home. One of the most rare and special homes I’ve ever known. I found family, friends, mentors, and personal growth in the halls of Acker Gymnasium, all of which I am incredibly proud of and thankful for. And I have found that even years after graduating, that feeling hasn’t faded; a visit back to Chico never feels like a visit, but more like coming home again. So much of that is due to the spirit, love, and community our incredible athletic department prides itself on fostering.

So I ask you, for what I believe is the good of the school, the good of the community, and the good of current and future students, to preserve Chico State Athletics.

Today, like everyday, is great day to be a Wildcat.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 11:32 AM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Chico State Athletics

Hi President Hutchinson,

I wanted to say that my time at Chico State was amazing. It was amazing because of Chico State Athletics. When I first stepped onto the campus, I knew it was a new home for me. I came two weeks early for soccer training and instantly had another family to call my own. My teammates weren’t just my friends, they were my home, my family, my safe place. I wouldn’t be the person I am today without Chico State Athletics. My coaches & all of the administrators truly cared about our well-being and our success not only on the soccer field, but also in the classroom. I would give anything to be back out there with all of my sisters and family to represent the name that was on my jersey every game. It was a huge honor to get to play for Chico State and I wish I could relive my 4 years all over again. Please consider this when making your decision, as athletics really shaped me into the person I am today and I would not be where I am today if it wasn’t for Chico State Athletics.

Thanks,

Chico State Class of 2014

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 11:47 AM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: Outcome of student fee increase advisory vote

Thanks for wasting my time and making your decision to benefit the college...was the wildcat statue really needed?
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Kathleen A Hassig <khassig@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Re: Outcome of student fee increase advisory vote

Hello Kathleen,
Thank you for responding and getting back to me!

I can imagine she is very busy right now! I hoped to meet with her before the decision on the fees was made as I hoped to explain how important Chico State athletics is to me, my Chico Rhana, alumni, and future generations. I have calmed down since last night and am now able to write some of my thoughts. I would appreciate you passing them on to President Hutchinson.

I also wanted to share a story from my experience tabling. I was talking to a student, explaining to her that these fees have not been adjusted since 1998, why there is a need for them, what the money goes towards, how students benefit from them, what percentages are allocated towards financial aid, etcetera. After only talking to her for about 30 seconds she looked into my eyes as if she made the biggest mistake of her life. She said to me “Is there any possible way I can change my vote?”

I think this could be the case for many students. I know because before I was aware of all the information, I did not want to pay more either. It was brought to my attention that faculty received emails encouraging them to tell their students to vote “No.” This was disappointing to me because I feel like it hindered students’ opportunity to educate themselves and make an informed decision. I respect people’s opinions, and I understand the impacts of this fee increase on students. However, I also understand the impacts of students with athletic scholarships, students with no transportation or time to receive health care off campus, and coaches with children and families to feed who will have to reinvent their livelihood. As a student with ADHD, I know the importance of SI, free tutoring and other student learning services. Without the support of my team, coaches, doctor at the health center, and tutors I do not know how I would keep up with college.

I also know the importance of sports at Chico. I have talked to many students, most of who do not play a sport or even watch sports games, who said they would not come to Chico if there were no sports. One of my other friends, an Exercise Physiology Major, was stressed out about the fate of his major’s entire department if sports got cut from Chico.

On top of doing many great things for the community, Chico State Athletics unites students from all walks of life. I remember when I was at Stanford Cross Country Invitationals a few years ago back in high school, and my coach told us to go early to watch the colleges race. He said to think about theoretically what school you would want to go to. Who had the coolest uniforms or fastest athletes? I remember choosing Chico. They had the coolest uniforms and the fastest athletes, but that is not why I chose them. It was because they were a family, they cheered and supported each other and I could tell they genuinely loved each other. Fast forward a year and I no longer had a coach. I was committed to excelling in running and was not going to let the lack of a coach stop me from reaching my goals. I would wake up at 6am to lead my own workouts before work at 8am.
I would be out on the track after school when no one was watching on my hands and knees gasping for air. A year later, I visited Chico State and once again saw the team, the family. Now I am thankful everyday to be a part of that family, that legacy. It is a place where people are not judged on how much money they have, their physical appearance, their political beliefs, or their cultural background. But instead by their work ethic, dedication, integrity, compassion, contagious positive energy, self accountability, and the love they share with those around them. We all have a different story of how we got here, but now we all stand united representing Chico State with pride. My coach says he hopes for all of us to be the best athletes we can be and the best people we can be, and that goes so far beyond the track.

Please, keep athletics at Chico State. To give students from all backgrounds the opportunity to become better people. To consider someone of a different race and socioeconomic status family. To serve the community. To represent Chico State.

Thank you for taking the time to listen.
I truly appreciate it.

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Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 12:22 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Input from a former athlete and current booster

President Hutchinson,

My name [REDACTED] and I was a member of the Men’s basketball team from 2008 to 2011. I understand the athletics department looks to be in a situation that could lead to the potential demise of the individual programs. I have been an athlete my whole life, but it wasn’t until I came to Chico State that I realized there is so much more to athletics than just practicing and playing in games. Chico State athletics gives student athletes a sense of home away from home. We were and still are a family. When I say that, I don’t mean it as the basketball team was a family, but the entire athletics department. We would support each other at games, hang out outside of class, work on projects together and so on. I was in the room when student athletes at UC Santa Cruz got the call that their program got cut. They burst into tears immediately as if they had lost everything most important to them in life. I would never want to be in the position to have the capability to sustain one’s dreams or take them away. Unfortunately that seems to be the situation right now. I will leave you with this:

I learned more at Chico State through my time with my coaches and teammates than I did in the classroom. I played with guys who were the first in their family to graduate from college and it would not have been possible without the athletic department. Before I even walked across the stage at graduation I set up a named scholarship “The Chris Sharp Scholarship: In Honor of the Brotherhood of Chico State’s Men’s Basketball”. Please take my words into consideration when you make your final decision. Thank you for your time.
Hello President Hutchison,

I had the privilege of playing for the CSUC Women's Soccer team from 2004-2008. It has come to my attention that the fate of funding for this program is at your mercy as university president. By making an executive decision to increase student fees, though it's not supported by the student body at this time, you'd be providing continued financial support to a program that has touched and formed so many lives, including mine.

The athletic program at Chico State was a multifaceted positive influence on my growth in years when that was so, so needed. Coach Sutton and her direct staff believed in me enough to invest their time and love in me as a player and young woman. Our Athletic Director, Anita Barker, always encouraged us to be good citizens and positive examples to our younger teammates and to the community. The athletic program media staff highlighted our efforts and shared them with our friends and families, creating memories we still value today. And our athletic trainers took care of our hard working bodies and taught us so much. Collectively, they guided and supported me as I learned to be my best and work harder than I had ever dreamed possible. I fall on those experiences everyday as I teach and work collaboratively with other educators in the physical education setting.

I'm so grateful for your time and should you read this, I urge you to support the increase in funding that will allow these influences to touch young lives for years to come.

Thank you.
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 1:12 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Cc: Kim T Sutton <KTSutton@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Proposed Campus Fee - Women's Soccer  
Importance: High

President Hutchinson,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing you to help you understand the role Chico State Athletics has played in my life and how it has helped me grow into a better person.

After an unforgettable 4 years with Chico Women’s Soccer I graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Kinesiology and I went on to earn my master’s degree in Sport Management from University of Illinois. I now work for the U.S. Soccer Federation as the Team Administrator for the Women's National Team. I have traveled all over the world, worked FIFA World Cups and an Olympics, and I truly don’t think I would have had these experiences without my time involved with Chico State Athletics.

Coach Sutton gave me the opportunity to be a leader and instilled a confidence in me that has allowed me to excel in a difficult professional realm. I am constantly challenged in my job and am fortunate to be surrounded by strong, talented women on a daily basis. I have become a woman who is breaking barriers within sports and will continue to do so. I have no doubt that my time on the Chico Women’s Soccer team gave me the tools to help me progress and lead in my field. I’ll never be able to thank the Chico Athletic Department enough for the growth I experienced in my 5 years being involved.

Chico State wasn't ever just a place to play the sport I love. It is and always will be a family for me. It breaks my heart to think that there’s a chance that future Wildcats won’t get to share in that same experience. Please know that the Athletics Department is not just producing great athletes after 4 years, it is producing outstanding people who are truly making a change in the world.

I hope you take the voices of those of us from past into consideration as you make your decisions for the future.

Thank you.
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 1:43 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Chico State Athletics Adjustment Fees #WeAreChico #WildcatFamily #Ohana

President Gayle Hutchinson,

I would like to take a couple mins of your time to express my feelings about the results of athletic fee increase vote that took place earlier this week.

Before getting into what Chico State athletics means to me and my life, I want to let you know who I am.

My name is [redacted] and I am a Chico State Alumni from the graduating class of Fall 2014. I grew up in the Bay Area in the town of Castro Valley. I currently work for a General Contractor named DPR Construction, who I am guessing are familiar with as we are going to be building the new Siskiyou Hall. I competed in track and field under Coach Oliver Hanf for 3 years while I was completing my CM degree from Chico State. I was a decathlete, which means I trained and competed in 10 events. I was an all conference for the 2 years I competed in uniform, and my senior year helped Chico State decathletes capture the Webb Cup Title which is awarded to the top decathlon team in the nation regardless of division (NAIA, Div. III, Div. II, and Div. 1).

While my time at Chico State was short (in regards to competing), my relationships go much deeper. It was on the track where I met my future wife (currently engaged to be married in August) [redacted] lifelong friends including [redacted] and [redacted], along with many more individuals. I won’t take the time to write them all out.

We have a saying on the track team called “ohana”. Ohana means family as quoted famously in the movie hit Lilo and Stitch. We use this word because while we compete for the love of the sport, we understand that life is bigger than the (1-4 years) we compete in uniform. It is about the connection with the people around us and building a positive support system. Chico State athletics has been that support system for so many athletes and needs to continue to be that support for future generations.

To getting into the results of the athletic fee increase vote:

My initial reaction was disappointment of the short sightedness displayed from the student body. In today’s environment we are quick to decide which we like or don’t like something without knowing the facts. As soon as “fee increase” is noted with something, a large population is going to decline the increase regardless of what it is for. The student body does not understand how this will affect not only them but the school environment. Imagine going to high school and not having homecoming or big game. What will bring the students together to cheer and support, and be proud of where you are? The top academic schools in the nation all have sports and usually more than Chico. Sports are the one thing that can bring a group of people together regardless of their background or affiliation.

With all that being said, I am grateful that you have given yourself final say in the matter of the fee increases. I truly hope you understand how deep athletics runs through Chico State and the surrounding community. It would not only be a shame but a detriment to the community if Chico State was to no longer provide collegiate athletics.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I look forward to hearing your results on the fee increase next week.

If you have any questions you can reach me by phone or email.

Sincerely,
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 1:50 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>

Subject: Save Chico State Athletics

Hi President Hutchinson,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am a proud 2015 Chico State alumni. I was a 4 year student athlete, 3 year captain of the Women’s Soccer Program and 3 year SSAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee) member.

I can’t properly express in one email what this program did for me, but I will try as best I can to get my point across.

As young as 14 years old, I was introduced to Chico State University through Kim Sutton’s Women’s Soccer Program. I vividly remember leaving the residential camp as a freshman in High School knowing that I would attend this university because of the quality of athletics, quality of education and quality of life Chico offered. 3 things I highly valued.

I wouldn’t be where I am today without being introduced to Kim Sutton, the women’s soccer program and the incredible athletic department. The growth I had in those four years was indescribable (and would take up more than an email to share).

After Chico State, I was able to further my education and receive a Master’s degree from Leeds Beckett University (England) - all while receiving a professional soccer contract from teams in England and Sweden. This was a childhood dream that Chico State athletics made possible for me. I can’t repay the program enough, especially Kim Sutton who supported me endlessly to get to where I am today. Kim even traveled across the pond to visit me in the UK (I’ve never heard this overarching experience at any other University).

What’s my point?

My point is Chico State Athletics is a unique and special experience that brings together all walks of life. It’s not about the sport we play, it’s about the coaches and leaders throughout the entire department that invest in student-athletes from the moment we walk on campus and for the rest of life. Chico State Athletics creates well-rounded individuals and sets them up for success after college by inheriting hard and soft skills on and off the field. Chico State Athletics brings the community of Chico together. Without Chico State athletics, the youth won’t have role models and coaches to look up to like I did. Chico won’t have the same energy, passion and unique camaraderie that the Athletic department brings if you don’t save the program.

Please save Chico State Athletics!

Best,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 1:53 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>

Subject: Fee Increase

Ms. Hutchinson - My wife and I are Chico grads as are two of our sons. We are all athletic supporters and we urge you to approve of the increased fees to keep athletics alive at CSU Chico. Part of Chico States wonderful culture is its athletic programs and teams. It would be a travesty not to continue this valuable tradition!

Sincerely,
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:40 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Chico State Athletics

President Hutchinson—

Upon hearing that the athletic department is experiencing funding issues, I felt compelled to write to you about the importance of the athletic teams at Chico State.

All four of my children have/are attending Chico State, and what drew my oldest daughter to Chico, was the opportunity to play college soccer. Our other children ended up falling in love with the University as well while visiting for the soccer games, and a legacy of all of our four (4) children attending Chico State started.

My husband and I both played college sports, and having that opportunity available for the prospective students is a driving factor for many students to not only play on a sport team, but to be able to attend sporting events to experience the full college life. It is a venue for friendships, comradery and bonding on the fields, and in the stands.

Please continue to fund these college sports.

Thank you for your time—

With all that being said, I am grateful that you have given yourself final say in the matter of the fee increases. I truly hope you understand how deep athletics runs through Chico State and the surrounding community. It would not only be a shame but a detriment to the community if Chico State was to no longer provide collegiate athletics.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and I look forward to hearing your results on the fee increase next week.

If you have any questions you can reach me by phone or email.

Sincerely,
Original Message

Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 10:32 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Tuition fee increase, from a former athlete

President Hutchinson,

My name is [redacted]. I am a Chico local and recent CSUC graduate. Upon my senior year of high school I was contacted by the Chico State Track head coach Oliver Hanf, he wanted me to come run for my hometown. Although I never imagined staying in Chico after graduation his persistency and care for not only my future in track but for my life as a whole really drew me into the program. I was offered a scholarship and a place to continue my training where I knew I would be loved and taken care of.

During the four years I was at Chico I endured many ups and downs, from a stress fracture my freshman year to a nagging hamstring injury my senior year there were many times I was disappointed with myself and my performance for my school, but through it all my coaches and teammates never left my side and never believed in me any less. The highs always seemed to outweigh the lows. I was a part of a 4 time conference winning team, three National Championship meets, and I can proudly call myself a 3 time All-American as well as School Record Holder. My experience at Chico State was unforgettable to say the least. Through track and field I made lifelong friendships and relationships not only with my teammates but coaches as well. When I am out in the community no matter what city or state I am in I always seem to meet Chico Alumni (usually who competed in sports as well). I was always held to a higher standard when I would roam around town and in the classroom too. I truly believe that without my participation in athletics at Chico State I not only may have skipped college all together, but I definitely would not have had the success I did in the classroom as well as in the social realm of life at Chico.

Taking away athletics would be an utter mistake. I think there would also be a steady decrease in applicants and the student body as a whole. Chico used to be known as the biggest party school around but has recently transformed into one of the best D2 programs as far as athletics goes. I fear that without any sports programs our reputation will fall back to where it used to be and the community of Chico would no longer have anything to support (as far as college sports goes). The opportunities for Chico locals to compete and represent their hometown would be ripped from under them and for these reasons I support the tuition fee increases. The students now do not realize how much athletics impacts the community and the school alike and I think it would be a shame if these areas were diminished.

Thank you for your time,

Sent from my iPhone

Original Message

Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 8:12 AM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Tuition increase

President Hutchinson,

As a parent of a 14 and 16 year old that plan to attend Butte College and then Chico State, I approve of the fee increase.

We are in a budgetary time that needs to be proactive and looks far into the future.

You have spent your time making wise decisions and with support you will make a wise decision about our university fees.

One group of students should not determine the future of the university.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone
Dear Gayle Hutchinson,

I’m writing to you as I have heard about the unfortunate situation you’re in with regards to increasing student fees in order to support the Athletic Department. I want to share my experience with you in hopes it helps make your decision easier as I know it is likely very similar to all other student athletes that had the wonderful opportunity to play at Chico State.

I was on the volleyball team from 2005-2010 and can tell you that those were the best years of my life. Being a part of the department lead by Cody Hein who filled his team with amazing, strong, intelligent women, has shaped me into who I am today: a woman who has strong work ethic and time management skills, is resilient and a big team player. All characteristics that have lead me to have a very successful career in marketing. Not to mention, all of those girls I played with 10 years ago are all still my best friends today who have now experienced new life milestones together like marriage and babies. I’m actually engaged to be married to Brandon Sligh who played basketball back in 2007 at Chico as well!

All that said, I can’t tell you enough how much Chico State Athletics mean to me. It’s imperative that we give this opportunity to future student-athletes. I understand that other students might not want to pay more in their tuition but it’s about the bigger picture. Athletics are a part of what Chico State is about as a university and we must keep that community alive!

I know I may not have full scope of the issue, but please consider every possible solution you can to fully support the Athletic Department.

Appreciate you taking the time to read this.

Thank you,
Dear President Hutchinson and others involved in the decision that will affect the funding of the Student Learning Center, Health Center, and Athletics Department,

Thank you for all of the hard work you do to keep Chico State a colorful, vibrant, enriching, and opportunity-filled community for so many people. I can only begin to imagine the amount of factors that go into making decisions that will impact both past and future students/staff of Chico State.

I know that the decision to raise fees is heavy and contains the risk of many people not being able to afford attending the school we all call home. However, what’s at risk to not raise funding for these departments has far more implications than that.

The Departments to be affected by this decision are some of the most vital to making Chico State the diverse, opportunistic and influential environment it is. Nearly every past, present and future student are in some way touched by the Student Learning Center, the Health Center and the Athletics Department. While I know Chico State has many extracurricular offerings, it would be so bare if these institutions were taken away. The amount of appeal, foot traffic and economic
stimulation that Chico State and the City of Chico get from the Athletics Department in particular is invaluable.

You know this well, but we have to take into account the future of a Chico State as a full entity rather than the way it exists right now. To continue to see Chico State and its staff/students flourish and multiply for years to come, the right decision is to raise student fees so that thousands of people can continue their work wearing the Wildcat logo for the rest of their lives. It’s wild that as everything in life has become more expensive in the last 20 years, the student fees have not. It’s actually unfair to the institution.

Another important consideration is the lives of the staff, coaches, trainers, and everyone else who have dedicated their careers to working for Chico State. These people have chosen Chico. They have moved their families to this community. They have raised their families here. Their families are donors, sponsors, graduates, and future students of Chico State. I cannot imagine these amazing coaches, mentors, and guides losing their jobs over a decision like this. They deserve a school who cares about them half as much as they care about the school. And believe me, they care, so much. My coach, Kim Sutton, would personally fund activities for our team that the team didn’t have money for. She dreamt and built and paid for experiences that will forever have an impact on us. That’s the kind of person she is and those are the kind of people who are at risk of losing their jobs with the decision that’s in your hands.

My life has been so positively impacted because of my privileged time at Chico State. Being an student athlete and wearing the maroon/black/white and the Wildcat logo were some of the proudest moments of my life. I met my partner on the Chico State soccer field. I am in my teammates’ weddings. I’ve held their children. We’ve started businesses together. Our kids will grow up wanting to go to
Chico State because of us. We come back to alumni weekend every weekend. I’ve gained teamwork skills, experiences of perseverance, gut, victory, and failure that have been vital to my professional career. It’s all because I chose a school that had a soccer team.

Please, please, please honor these people. Honor the future Wildcats. Honor the staff. Honor us, who would grieve at the loss of these departments. We need you.

Respect and love,

Chico State Women’s Soccer 2008-2012 (senior on the 2011 team that went to the NCAA Final Four)
Four year member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee
Lifelong supporter of Chico State Athletics
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, April 28, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Save the Wildcats - My love letter to all things Chico!

President Hutchinson & Wildcat Nation -

I am writing this to address my extreme concern for the pending state of the Athletic Department. My name is [Redacted]. From 2011-2015, I was a dedicated and proud four year student, volleyball athlete and fan for the Wildcats. Because of my experience, I am not only a life long fan and supporter, but outspoken and proud alumna. I graduated with a degree in Journalism with a minor in Spanish.

As I reflect through these tumultuous times, all I can think is how Chico State Athletics gave me the safe space to become me. I asked for an education, and I found a home. I was promised the true student-athlete experience, and was given the best four years of my life. I was guaranteed teammates and a support system, and I found a family. I met my best friend on my first day of three-a-days, the love of my life while interviewing him for an article for The Orion newspaper while writing for the sports section, and built life long relationships bonded through our Wildcat blood.

Because of the time I spent writing for the Orion, covering NCAA, club and intramural sports and my year working as a student assistant for the Athletic Department, I became the Sports Information Director at Concordia, University Irvine just one year post-graduation. Working in Div. II Athletics has given me a new perspective on the hardships and struggles of funding and sustaining a successful program and an appreciation for all I had from the Athletic Department. I see the daily troubles within my department and understand things are not always as simple as they may seem. But I believe the value of an Athletic Department, especially at Chico State, holds an indefinable worth - but I can try to put it into my own words.

The Athletic department is a symbol of school pride not only on campus, but in the community. The City of Chico and its people have not only embraced it as their own, but we have always embraced their love, support and spirit right back. Personally, the program helped me build relationships, during events such as Cats in the Classroom, summer camps and at home games, where I met young girls who I remain in contact with as a mentor and friend years later. It made me confident in class and with my professors, especially with professor Scott Brady, who attends every single game with his wife and always made me feel like I had a fan whether I was on the bench or the court. It introduced me to my former bosses who are now colleagues. It allowed me to bring friends and family to the campus, and convert them into fans. Fans like my grandpa, now closely follows all Wildcat sports, and even has traveled to all of the West Regional Basketball Tournaments to watch them proudly sporting his black and cardinal. Chico State, every single part of it, is one of the best parts of my life. But most of my friends and fellow alumni, never would have found it and each other without athletics.

Above all, Chico Athletics accurately represents the culture of the town and school. It represents inclusivity, tolerance, hard work, support, global thinking and preparing for a better future. To know Chico is to love it. With approval of this fee increase, the legacy of the Wildcats and love for every ounce of Chico will continue to spread. The positive influence of Chico State Athletics (NCAA, club and intramural) will continue to prepare the students for positive and successful lives, with the same amount of love I have for Chico.

I appreciate you taking the time to hear my story. As always, it is a great day to be a Wildcats!


[Redacted]
Class of 2015
Hello President Hutchison,

I wanted to leave a brief note expressing my support of the fee increases for the Athletics Program, Health Center, and Student Learning.

As a former Chico State student-athlete (Cross Country and Track), I can personally attest to the importance of a rich, unified student-athlete community. The environment at Chico State cultivates a family relationship with the student-athlete body. The Chico State Athletic family is a group of gritty, hard-working, relationship-oriented students who leave Chico State even more equipped for the next chapter in life. Fee increases are an inevitable component of a functional, growing system. I hope that the administration will seriously consider the value that these fee increases will bring.

The student health center saved me so much money, time, and worry as a student. I’m incredibly grateful for the services I was able to receive, mostly free of charge as a student. For the benefit of the upcoming years of students, I sincerely hope that these services continue.

Thank you for considering my thoughts, and those of many other passionate Chico State alumni.

Best,
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: follow up to fee adjustment feedback

President Hutchinson,

As I look back on the feedback I submitted on 3/7/18, a lot has taken place on campus. As a financial aid advisor, I met with current students in my office to go over their 18/19 estimated financial aid packages, I worked the table at Choose Chico meeting many future Chico State families, I attended a scholarship luncheon along with 50+ donors who sponsor scholarships in their own name for our student-athletes and I stood in the crowd with so many proud Chico State students, staff & faculty at the unveiling of the Wildcat statue. I know you have a tough decision ahead of you. I urge you support the proposed fee increase. After attending the open forums, I understood why you felt our students needed to have an opportunity to have their voices be heard. The fee referendum voting turnout was historic in numbers. Unfortunately, I think CFA’s role in the election played too big of a role. I am uncertain why a union would feel its role was to take a stand on how students should tax themselves. I feel it was completely inappropriate that they sent out the email they sent telling their faculty members to urge students to vote no. I think CFA’s action with their emails (sent prior to both days of student voting) affected the outcome. If 5264 students voted, that is still only 29% of our current student enrollment - I would urge you to take the strong stand towards supporting student fees and these three proposed fee adjustments.
As staff we see students in need of mental health as well as physical health care daily. The services our campus attempts to provide are such good quality but currently inadequately staffed. Group counseling is not appropriate for many situations yet it is often the only option for a student who isn't technically "in crisis" or has already seen a counselor multiple times for the same issue. The wait time at our Student Health Center is not fair – it is not fair that student must wait hours, sometimes weeks to be seen for a routine health issue. It jeopardizes their ability to learn, to be in class and to thrive in the learning environment. I don't think that it should be an option to not provide the necessary services our students need to stay healthy.

As a financial aid advisor and liaison to Athletics, I see first-hand how athletics provides opportunities for students to lead, to hone their communication skills, to compete, to give a comprehensive experience with their academic pursuits and so much more. In the past 10 years in this role with Athletics, I have seen several students who would never have graduated much less attend a four-year university without the structure, the challenge, and the support of the “Wildcat family” that our Athletics program provides. Our student athletes provide an identity for our entire university, they provide role models to our community’s youth, they give back to our community through Make a Wish, after school visits and serving the Boys and Girls Club; they provide a community outlet for families to attend affordable athletic events without traveling to Sacramento or the Bay Area - and give us all a sense of pride. As the advisor who coordinates our student-athlete scholarships, grants and loans I see that we have a student-athlete population who is financially needy, many are first-generation college students and many themselves will be challenged by a fee increase. The fee adjustment is critical to maintain and enhance the intercollegiate athletics program. These students represent the diverse student body of Chico State and they work hard in competition to represent their campus well.

Like Athletics, the co-curricular experience is what makes Chico State who we are. Classroom experiences, field trips and hands on learning give our students a well-rounded education. Interactive experiences like internships, conferences and group activities make our students competitive in the job market. Our classrooms need to have state-of-the-art equipment to keep us competitive with other institutions. Another role I It’s Financial Aid is monitoring students’ academic success. I refer students weekly to the Student Learning Center. Between supplemental instruction and tutoring for individual classes - these services are vital in ensuring academic success especially as we strive to meet the Graduation Initiative and are able to provide less remedial coursework. The student learning fee is an investment in all students’ futures.

I am passionate about the students I represent. I understand the rising costs of education and how hard it is for our students to make ends meet. Many of us (staff, faculty and students at Chico State) give back to our community daily whether it is through the work we do, the financial contributions we make to scholarship funds and the Wildcat Pantry, to feeding students who come in hungry to our offices. We want students to succeed and we know it is difficult to justify charging them more but we also want them to have the same (or better) experience that we had as students and this fee increase is critical to that goal.

Financial Aid Advisor
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 6:01 PM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Cc: Kim T Sutton <KTSutton@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Please support wildcat athletics

Dear President Hutchinson,

I’m sure you have received a few other emails from my fellow teammates or colleagues and I would do anything to support my forever chico family.

As a former student athlete at chico state I was lucky to be a part of a community that works like a family. Playing soccer for chico state not only gave me the opportunity to play soccer as a wildcat but also taught me what community truly means.

I understand that you too are in support of saving chico states athletic department and I know that all past chico state athletes would do anything to help!!

Please let us know if there are any other options or if there is anything else we can do!! I owe all my success in life and the family I gained and will always have to chico state athletics. So many more deserve the opportunity to play as a wildcat for chico state!!

Thank you for your time
From: [redacted]
Sent: Sunday, April 29, 2018 9:01 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Student Fee Increase- thoughts from an alumni and an employee...

Dear President Hutchinson,

My name is [redacted] and I am currently a nurse practitioner at our Student Health Center, but before we go into that I would like to tell you a little about myself as a Wildcat Alumni.

In 2004 I came to Chico State from the San Francisco Bay area for the nursing program. I was the first in my family to attend college. We grew up in a low-income household of 4 and my mother was single, raising 3 kids, working 2 jobs and going to night school. I knew that in order for me to attend a state college I would have to pave my own way. I knew that if I wanted to make my own life better that it would be on my own dime and that I would have to work for it. I did not expect help from anyone and definitely not my own family. The first two years were tough as I attempted to go to school full time. I was also maxing out my financial aid so that I wouldn’t have to work so that I could focus on my prerequisites for the nursing program. Getting into the program was my main focus which meant I needed to learn how to budget as well as change my lifestyle; no coffee from Starbucks or sandwiches from the BMU. I didn’t own a laptop until I absolutely needed one, so there were many days and nights spent at the computer lab. I was that typical “broke” college student but that was ok, because I chose to attend a state college. Once I got accepted into the nursing program in 2006 my expenses changed, which meant I needed a job and that is where Anita Barker comes in.

Anita Barker was my saving grace and I wasn’t even an athlete. She hired me as a nanny for her two children and because she knew that it wasn’t enough hours, she hired me to work as a student assistant in the athletic department. Working at the athletic department was a great experience for me, I was taught many skills that I still use today but it also gave me front row seats to meet all sorts of neat people from all over the United States who came to Chico just to play sports for Chico State. These athletes were dedicated to not only their sport but to their team and school. Anita had built a solid foundation that is based on dedication, perseverance, hard work and best of all—she built a family. The coaches that she has on staff not only take care of their athletes, but they also care about them as people and motivate them to be the best students and
role models. The coaches also took the time to get to know me (not an athlete) and encouraged and motivated me through my nursing program. Being a non-athlete, I can see why people would choose Chico State’s athletic department. Anita gave me the additional help that I needed without hesitation, for that I will be forever grateful to her and the athletic department.

The athletic department, classrooms, the library and the computer lab weren’t the only place that provided me with my needs. There was another place that took care of my most important need which was my health and that was done by the Student Health Center. Being 3 hours away from home without adequate health insurance, I utilized the health center services often. At my visits I was listened to, treated well and made to feel important. I felt very well taken care of and can still recall every encounter I had with each provider. The staff and providers are truly dedicated to keeping the student population healthy and providing them with the best care that they can. Being a nursing student and a patient at the center helped me determine what type of care giver I needed to be and strived to become: nurturing, compassionate and dedicated. It was at the center where I realized that I wanted to further my education as a nurse to become a nurse practitioner.

Now 9 years later, after completing my BSN in 2009 and acquiring my MSN and FNP license in 2014, I finally found my way back to Chico State. When I became a nurse practitioner I knew that eventually I would want to give back to the school that helped me become the provider I am today. I knew in order to do so I needed to get my experience somewhere else first. I spent several years at Enloe before a position opened up at the Student Health Center. When that position opened up I jumped on the opportunity immediately. But taking a position at the Student Health Center was not as easy as I had wanted it to be. Although, I knew that working there would be everything that I wanted, I had to make a decision between taking a $30,000 a year pay cut to pursue my dream job or stay where I was so I could afford to pay my mortgage and student loans, etc. My husband and I spent days calculating, making pros and cons lists and budgeting. In the end we knew that regardless of the pay cut I would still be much happier working at Chico State than anywhere else and to this day I can still say it was the best career decision I have made. As happy as I am working for Chico State, I can’t say that I am happy with our current situation.

I’m sure being a new president is difficult but having to take on the responsibility of increasing student fees and facing backlash from both the students and departments sounds even more stressful. I admire the tenacity you’ll need to make the right decision. This will not be an easy decision to make but I want you to know that the Student Health Center needs your help. Even though these students voted “no” to increasing student fees for their health, they do not know what they are doing to their future. They are too focused on the short term and don’t realize what it will cost them in the future. Without the student fee increase, students may end up paying more in the future when we can’t afford to include things like radiology or laboratory services for them and these services became pay-per-use. Without the student fee increase, staff levels will remain low and many students will end up paying more money than the fee increase just to be seen at another local clinic. I understand that there are many low-income students who are struggling. I empathize with them because I was one of them. However, the fact of the matter is that the Student Health Center needs this fee increase. I don’t expect to be getting a raise out of the fee increase and my plea to you is not born out of selfishness. There are days when we are barely keeping our heads above water. My colleagues and I are working through our breaks, working through our lunches and working well past 5pm to see more students.
There are times where we double and triple book students in a 15 or 30-minute time slot. On top of seeing the students face to face, we are answering their emails, answering their phone calls, releasing their results, refilling their medications, etc... and we do this all while very short staffed. On most days by 10am my appointments are booked until the end of the day, with a large number of students still waiting who are hoping for a cancellation so they can be seen. This doesn’t even include the students who walk in after 10am. On most days we have to call “emergencies only”, which means they have to seek care at another local immediate care or urgent care clinic or try again the next day. *We’re turning away tons of sick students.* We have to make these hard decisions because we don’t have adequate staffing. We post positions and have excellent applicants but when the time comes and we make an offer, there are many people who cannot survive on the salary we provide them. Yes, we have great benefits but benefits do not pay bills. Our salaries are not competitive at all in comparison to the hospital that is 5 minutes away. This makes quality talent acquisition very tough. It is not fair for the staff but most importantly it is not fair to the students who we turn away because we don’t have enough providers to see them. We need this student fee increase so we can become competitive and hire quality medical providers who will stay and provide excellent student services. We have to make a charge. We need help and you can help us now.

My hope is that you can see that allowing the students to make a decision about declining a fee increase for the health center is to their disadvantage. I can appreciate that you empathize with these students but I hope that you will make an educated decision for their benefit. I love my job and love working for Chico State and while I am not a student, I am hoping that I can still be heard.

Sincerely,
Dear Gayle Hutchinson, I have come to my attention that the students have voted to discontinue the athletics programs at your college. I don’t want athletics cut especially track & cross country. I wanted to take the time to let you know how important I think athletics are to our community and to the college. For so many students it is a great way to stimulate the process of learning by having an outlet to the intense study time that goes into their academic careers. It is a time for the community to come out & support our Wildcats as we cheer them on. As a former runner myself I know how the sport grew my endurance, my confidence & made me a part of something I could work for. Made me a better person.

Please consider keeping the athletic program at CSU Chico. I think it makes the college opportunity you offer your students much more rounded. As employers these days we are looking for students that have many talents/skills not just academics. The discipline an athlete learns is brought to the workforce and makes them a better candidate for employment.

Hello Gayle Hutchinson,
I am writing you to encourage you keep the athletics at Chico State, particularly the Cross Country and Track program. The last several years Chico State has a very good program with some great athletes. I am an Track Official, I work the local high school track meets. Our local students look forward to seeing a winning program and participating in it. I truly hope we will be able to continue athletics for all of these students.
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:19 AM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Athletics at CSU Chico

President Hutchinson - I understand that you have a tough decision in front of you related to the future of athletics at Chico State. I graduated from CSU Chico in 1989 and loved my Wildcat experience. A big part of my experience was playing soccer at Chico. I transferred from Cal Poly SLO my freshman year and joined the soccer team. I immediately had a set of friends that helped me transition to life on campus and supported me throughout my time at Chico. Like anything in life, balance is so important and having athletics to balance the academics of a college environment was invaluable.

I have a son that is beginning college this fall and I am encouraging him to get involved in athletics at his new university to be able to meet new friends, stay physically active and take a break from academics. I have continued my love for Chico soccer and attend the games when they are in San Diego and make it to campus once a year to attend a game or alumni event. The friendships I developed at Chico from the soccer program has continued almost 30 years.

I recognize you have to make a tough decision but I hope sharing my positive experience with Wildcat soccer gives you an additional perspective.

Sincerely, [Name]

Go Wildcats!

From: [Name]  
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:31 AM  
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>  
Subject: Chico State Athletic Fee Increase

Dear President Hutchinson,

My name is [Name] and I played Women's Basketball at Chico State from 2011-2015. I wanted to share with you my experience and the affect athletics at this University had on me as a person. The Chico State Athletic Department is not only made up of some of the most successful teams in Division 2, but also is a family based unit that supports each other day in and day out. Being a Student-Athlete at Chico State taught me so much about myself and made me grow so much as a person. It taught me the importance of dedication to something you want to achieve, how to be collaborative and understanding while working with people from various walks of life, how to overcome adversity, how to communicate opinions while also being supportive of the counterpart, and being apart of something bigger than myself. Chico State Athletics is extremely unique in the sense that I not only felt connected to my coaches and teammates but also every coach and student athlete in the department. Walking up and down the athletic office hallway is truly remarkable. Coaches have an open door policy which really establishes an inviting community. We pride ourselves in being apart of the Wildcat Family for life and that is something that has been instilled in us from teammates, coaches, boosters, and fellow Wildcats that came before us. Some of this insight you might already know or have heard before, but that just shows you how much love and passion us Alumni have for this Athletic Department and more importantly this University. I know you have very important choices to make, but I respectfully encourage you to listen to those who have experienced and continue to experience this amazing, tight knit family and make the right decision.

Thank you for your time,
Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 11:06 AM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Cc: Claire Donovan <dogparky@yahoo.com>
Subject: Gayle - please support CSUC Athletics

Dear Gayle,

I received word from the CSUC Athletic Dept. that you have a difficult decision to make this week regarding the Athletic Program at Chico.

I am writing as a proud CSUC Women’s Soccer ( & Business school) Alumni in support to keep the athletic program intact at Chico.

Even though it has been over 25 years since I played soccer for the Chico program, the friends and memories made from those special years as a Team as some of the best in my life.

Not only was the experience of playing collegiate soccer wonderful, it was not expected since I had recently injured my ACL in HS and was told I would never play soccer again. After I fought through the rehab for a year, Coach Bob Russ gave me the oppty to train with the Team and ultimately I was able to start for the team – thus continuing my love for the game at a higher level.

As you know, sports can change a persons life in more ways than one – in my case I also was extremely shy growing up and sports gave me the confidence & self esteem I needed to push forward in all aspects of my life.... And to never give up.

Please consider all the wonderful contributions athletics brings to a university, coaches, local businesses, and ultimately the students – and keep the ATHETICS PROGRAMS THRIVING AT CHICO!

Respectfully,
From: [Redacted]
Date: April 30, 2018 at 1:35:41 PM PDT
To: "bfbanks@csuchico.edu" <bfbanks@csuchico.edu>
Subject: CSU Chico Athletic Program

Dear Dr. Hutchinson,

I am sure you have received some emails today regarding your impending decision for your existing Athletic Program. I would implore you to think about the benefits to a balanced school experience. Athletics is a path, but it also provides your students a path to learn from. If you remove the Athletic team events where will your Athletic Trainers learn from, future Coaches that are in continued education working on their Masters? Will they continue to strive to graduate from your school? The athletes themselves may leave thus dropping your attendance. (Hardly a good financial decision to lose students.) The jobs lost from Coaches to Grounds Keepers.

I played Soccer for the Women’s Team from 1985-1989 under Coach Bob Russ. I can tell you that if I did not have Soccer to keep me focused I probably would not be where I am today. Another player that was on my team [Redacted] will be inducted into the CSU Chico Hall of Fame in September. (I can tell you that when she arrived in Chico Lee could barely read.) Because of Soccer [Redacted] managed to not only graduate but receive her Master’s to go on and Coach in Florida. Please think carefully about your decision, I know there are more for you to consider than this one decision, but please keep the Athletic Programs going while they have such rich History, Benefits, Purpose, and Success. GO CATS!!!
Dear Ms. President (Gayle),

I am writing to encourage you to decide in favor of the proposed athletic fee. As a Tower Society member, a staff member for over 30 years, and parent of a former Wildcat Athlete, I have seen such positive experiences come out of students being engaged in athletic competition. My daughter, Taylor Lydon, played basketball for 4 years here. She not only gained valuable skills for life, but she made life-long friends. Being from Chico she hesitated about walking across the street to play collegiate basketball, but I can say without a doubt, after the first day she stepped foot on the court in Acker, she never regretted her decision to become a Wildcat. Her experience taught her tenacity, leadership, and resilience. It gave her confidence to take difficult situations head on. I remember a tearful telephone call from her during her freshman year, stating “we (the 5 freshman) are terrible and have to go to 2 practices a day until we can play like college level players”. We all look back now and laugh at that story. Those experiences prepared her for more than she realized. She learned how to work with a team, be a leader but also encourage your teammates, deal with disappointment (losing) and how to learn from it. Sports gave her the confidence she needed to be successful. It’s a time in her life she will never forget and she gives back for that reason.

Wildcat Forever,
---Original Message---

Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 5:10 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Chico Athletics

Dear CSU Chico President,

It was brought to my attention today that Chico State athletics may be in jeopardy. As an alumni and former Women's Soccer player, I want to urge you to consider funding the athletic departments at Chico State. Without athletics, I may not have attended college. In high school I was not a great student. But at Chico I found the support from my coach, my teammates and the school to better myself and improve on my educational goals. It was through athletics that helped me gain confidence in myself. My teammates were my family and I don't think I would have made it through without them. I hope that Chico athletics will continue to provide support for many student athletes for years to come.

Thank you for your time,

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Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 5:43 PM
To: CSU, Chico President Gayle Hutchinson <President@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Athletic Department

Dear President Hutchinson,

My name is [Redacted]. I played soccer under Coach Sutton and am now a Second Grade Teacher. I am writing to you with sadness after hearing information regarding the potential cuts to the athletic department at Chico State. Playing soccer under Coach Sutton shaped me into the person I am today. I am recently going through a traumatic family emergency that has shocked my family and me. Without the skills that I have learned playing soccer under Coach Sutton, I don't think I would have been mentally tough enough to withstand my current situation. Playing soccer was more than just the sport; there I found a family, a support system, mentors, that without having college would have been a lonely place. Being apart of that team taught me how to be a leader as well as when it is okay to follow. Along with moving forward through ups and downs, and how to maintain a positive attitude even in the darkest of times. I have taken these lessons with me throughout my life and I owe a lot of my success to. Coach Sutton's dedication and passion for coaching shines through everything she does and I try to echo that into my own teaching. It saddens me to my core to think that future athletes may not get that opportunity to play and learn from the amazing coaches at Chico State. Sports are crucial to building character and Chico State will not be the same without them. I hope you can do what is within your power to help this situation go in a positive direction. Thank you so much!

Best,
-----Original Message-----

Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 9:43 PM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Increase of fees

President Hutchinson,

My husband and I are proud Chico State alumni and our son is currently a third year Ag Business major at Chico State. In regards to the proposed increase of the health center fee, the sports fee and the student success fee, we are all for increasing those fees. Our son says the health center has such a long wait that he doesn’t even have time in between class or after class to wait and get care. We NEED to keep our students healthy so they can focus on their studies instead of feeling too ill to attend class or do their required work. The sports fee and the student success fee will also contribute to our students successes. Our daughter is currently a freshman at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and we pay over $2,000 more per year for fees than we pay for Chico. She went to the health center today and was in and out in 30 minutes. Now that’s important. We are not on financial aid nor do we have our kids take out student loans. We are paying out of pocket for our kids education and, yes, we still want an increase in fees because we feel strongly about getting the best education for our kids. Please make it happen. Go Wildcats!

Sincerely
Hello Dr. Hutchinson,

I hope this note reaches you in good health. My Name is [redacted]. I am an alumnus of California State University at Chico. I am reaching out to you to express the importance of Chico State athletics. I transferred to Chico from El Camino Community College. I wasn't sure what path I wanted to take to be successful. I was enrolled in an Automotive program at El Camino and was on my way to secure a job with Toyota through their T10 program. I was a successful sprinter at El Camino and because of such I was heavily recruited. I visited many schools, some in California and some out of state. Many coaches boasted about their Track and Field programs, the number of athletes that went to the championships, the number of titles their school won and how I was going to help their program etc. On recruiting trips I was picked up from the airport by athletes and sometimes never met the coach that was recruiting me. Then there was a call from Coach Freitas from Chico State. We started the conversation by recognizing my talents as a sprinter, then the conversation switched to; the graduation rate of his student-athletes, the support systems that are available and the family atmosphere that is always present. I never had that conversation with any of the other coaches from those other Universities. I came to Chico on a recruiting trip and fell in love with the campus and made the decision right away to attend Chico State. I wasn't quite sure what to Major in since Chico State did not have a Automotive program. I made the decision to major in Physical Education, on of the best decisions I've made. Being a student-athlete at Chico State was enriching and fun. I had some of the most amazing professors and classmates. My teammates were outstanding. Athletics taught me so much. Never give up, push yourself to your absolute limit, cheer and support your teammates. Chico State Track and Field was truly my extended family. (OHANA). Athletics have prepared me for life after Chico State. We were athletes from across the country and from other countries. I have forged lifelong friendships with my teammates and athletes from other sports as well. I've learned tolerance and to coexist with other ethnicities, cultures and gender. Today, society seem to focus on hate and intolerance. We were always Chico State Track Team. I am now a Physical Education teacher and I utilize the lessons I've learned as a student-athlete to teach my students about tolerance and equity. I am sincerely pleading with you would consider allowing the tradition of Chico State athletics to live on as a part of a great institution.

Yours Truly,

[redacted]
Date: May 1, 2018 at 11:48:09 AM PDT
To: "ghutchinson@csuchico.edu" <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Fee Increases

Dr. Hutchinson,

I know your time is valuable, so I will try and keep this short and to the point. I just finished reading the latest Chico Statements magazine and was very impressed with pages 7 and 8. Chico State athletics must be proud of these former student athletes. Athletics not only draws fans from Chico State students, but from the Chico community. Young kids are excited to see their favorite players and alumni are there to support the team as well.....both in spirit and in scholarships.

Chico State coaches not only coach, but also develop good character in their student athletes. These young adults are good for this community. The town of Chico would not be the same without them. We have a great competitive group of teams that continues to make Chico State known nationwide in Division II.

The our local CFA executive board encouraged faculty to tell students to vote No on the ballot regarding the fee increase, which was flat out wrong. The union leadership did not consult the faculty to see if we wanted to take a position on this.

Please make a thoughtful decision on this. The fees are necessary to continue to provide support to ALL students and to maintain the legacy of this university in our community.

Respectfully,
From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 12:24 AM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Why I am Me

Dear President Hutchinson,

It is with great hope and confidence that this email finds you well. I can only assume that this time of year is busy for you and I appreciate the time that you are taking to read this email.

In the spring of 2011 I chose Chico. I visited the University and fell in love with the campus, the energy that surrounded the school, and the community that really seemed to support the students. I was an athlete, and had hopes to walk onto the track and field team. I was not fast by any means, but I figured it would be a great way to make friends. After a few dozen strings that my high school track coach had to pull, I was able to meet unofficially with Gary Towne. At the time I had no idea who Gary was, and I had no idea what him giving me a chance that day really meant for my future. I was given the opportunity to walk into the cross country and track and field team: no scholarship, no promises.

As the years went by I went from being one of the slowest runners on the roster, to a school record holder and three time All-American. After breaking the school record in the 800 my forth year in uniform, I was awarded a small scholarship. That year I was also the Track and Field Athlete of the Year. I was apart of 6 conference championship teams and went from a mediocre runner, to a passionate teammate and a resilient leader. I not only excelled on the track, but was a multiple time Academic All-American and was awarded Student Athlete of the Year in 2016.

I would like to say that it was my hard work alone that did all this but that would be a complete lie. Although I am proud of the accomplishments above, without the endless support of the athletic department, my dedicated coaches, and my selfless teammates, I would not be the person I am today. The compassion, love, and heart that surrounds these programs is unique in so many ways. To not celebrate them whenever possible would be an injustice to a system that

had guided numerous student athletes to success in many different stages of their life; their time at Chico State being but only one.

My accomplishments are a direct reflection of the dedication and strength of my coaches and teammates. They were and are my family and are friends. The hours and energy that were gifted to me by these coaches, this department, is something that I am indebted to forever.

Today I have my awards, I have two teaching credentials (both finished while still participating in both cross country and track) and my Masters Degree in Education with a focus on Special Education. I taught full time in Chico Unified during my last year of graduate school, which was also my first year not running on the team. I would not be the teacher I am today, without the time I spent in that uniform.

So please consider my story when you make your decision. Chico State Athletics is one of the reasons I am me.

Thank you for your time and hope you have a great rest of your week, Olivia Watt Cross Country and Track and Field Alumni

Sent from my iPhone
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 1:44 PM
To: Gayle E Hutchinson <ghutchinson@csuchico.edu>
Subject: Chico State Athletics Vote

Dear President Hutchinson,

My name is [Redacted] and I am a 1988 Chico State graduate, as well as a 1989 teaching credential program graduate. Chico State is important to our family. Not only am I an alumni, but my husband [Redacted] (1981), my daughter, [Redacted] (2015), my oldest son [Redacted] (2018), and my youngest son, [Redacted] (2019) will all soon be proud graduates of this institution.

We are all aware that you have an important decision to make in the next few days concerning cuts to the athletic department, as well as the health center and other vital programs. I urge you to keep these programs in place, without them you will be alienating an important part of your student population and alumni.

Athletics, specifically, hold a special place in our hearts. Our daughter [Redacted] played four years on the women's volleyball team for Chico State. The values, connections, and life lessons she made through the sports program are immeasurable. They have proved to be valuable assets and provide motivation that contributes not only to her everyday life, but also to her career on a daily basis. Our son [Redacted] transferred to Chico from our local junior college thinking he would be playing baseball. Although his plan changed and he did not make the team, he decided to stay and earn his degree at Chico because of the friends and teammates he bonded with during that first semester. He continues to live with numerous athletes today. Our youngest son, [Redacted] although not involved in the sports program directly, has enjoyed countless intramural games and has supported many student athletes who do play on Chico State teams. We have always been a family who supports Chico State Athletics. The athletic program provides a safe place for all students, whether they are athletes, or students who are there to watch and support their friends who are participating. Everyone benefits from the program.

The Chico State Health Center and WREC are well known for taking care of your students and providing accessible care for everyone. Please continue to support these vital programs through the increase of student fees so they may continue to provide the valuable service for all who need them.

Chico State has always been our happy place, our safe place. Please keep these programs alive for your students. Without them, you would be creating a huge void that cannot be filled.

It's a great day to be a Wildcat! Thank you for your time and consideration,

[Redacted]
Proud Chico State Alumni
Appendix E: Other Feedback Received in Support of or Neutral to the Proposed Fees

WHAT A "YES" MEANS

Proposed Fee Increases...

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Get out and vote April 25, 2018 starting at 8:00 a.m.
For more information, visit the website at:
http://www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments/

What a "NO" vote means

1. Athletics
   Whole collegiate athletic program will be diminished
   Intramural and recreational sports reduced

3. Health Services
   Reduction of on-site services, X-Ray and Lab will be off-site
   Lack of funding to hire additional staff
   CWC - 3 visit limit per student per semester

5. Student Learning Fee
   Continued use of old classroom materials
   Lack of consumable supplies
   Limited availability for tutoring and SI programs

Get out and vote April 25, 2018 starting at 8:00 a.m.
For more information visit the website at:
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Appendix F: Other Feedback Received Against the Proposed Fees

Date: March 1, 2018

To: Gayle Hutchinson, CSU, Chico President
Jed Wyrick, Academic Senate Chair, CSU, Chico
Senate Executive Committee, CSU, Chico

From: California Faculty Association, Department Representatives, CSU, Chico Chapter
The Executive Board, California Faculty Association, CSU, Chico Chapter

Subject: We Call for a California State University, Chico Moratorium on Increasing Student Fees

We call for an immediate California State University, Chico moratorium on increasing student fees. The California State University (CSU) system was conceived, designed and realized as a public higher education system that would be cost-free for California residents. Its intent was to build an educated general public which would successfully participate in California, the USA and the world as community members and bread winners. Yet, in only a few decades, in a wave of never-ending new charges, the CSU and individual campuses have transformed a free education into an annual cost of more than $7,000 for tuition and fees alone (with an annual cost of attendance estimated at $23,000).¹

As documented in Where Debt Comes Due at CSU, the current cost of college is having an enormous impact on CSU students. Students and their families are struggling to cover educational costs and, as recent studies demonstrate, the result is a widespread increase in food and housing insecurity that now defines the modern student experience.² For a system that prides itself in educating first generation college attendees and underrepresented minority students, the costs are severe. We serve
ever more students of color, low-income and debt-burdened populations, a body of students already saddled with excessive work hours that impede attaining the education they struggle to pay for. To increase the cost of their education in any way constitutes a serious dereliction of our duties.

We at CSU, Chico cannot participate in the ever increasing fees that generation after generation of administrators and faculty seem willing to impose on our students.

We at CSU, Chico must immediately implement a moratorium on increasing student fees.


Ibid; Equity Interrupted: How California is Cheating its Future: https://www.calfac.org/headline/equity-interrupted-get-word-world

April 2, 2018

President Gayle E. Hutchinson
California State University, Chico
400 W. 1st St, Chico, CA 95929

Dear President Gayle E. Hutchinson,

This letter is being sent to you due to our concern over Chico State's fee increase as well as the frequency of implementing new fees in the past two years, and the effect it will have on low-income students. The act as simple as a fee increase can create an additional obstacle that students of low and middle-class students already have to deal with when trying to obtain a college degree. Fee increases hinder such an opportunity for low income students. It can create a university that gravitates towards students based on financial privileges instead of academic performance. It also systematically places a higher debt on students who are in the lower income bracket as well as students in the FAFSA/Loan programs.

College degrees are still not a reality among people of color and there are many factors that contribute to this reason. For most families of color and lower incomes the opportunity to maintain a higher education is through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) program. Although these programs do help students of lower income families there remains obstacles. The FAFSA program and the loans tied to financial aid increases the debt a student faces already graduating from college. Debt is a major issue among minority groups who attend college and pay their fee with student loans.

To bring forth the attention to this situation, we can create a minority driven funds foundation that can advocate for future solutions to help students of lower income when facing a fee increase or changes in our tuition. The foundation can be used to collect funding for minority fees increases. Doing so will emphasize our determination that we as students and a faculty hold true to our values that is embedded within California State University, Chico.

The signatures that are attached to this letter are in support of our cause to stop fee increases that will not benefit lower income students in a financial manner. This letter was made in collaboration of four students in Dr. Lopez sociology class at Chico State. We urge you to thoroughly observe our concerns and consider our propositions.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

The California State University
Names

Alexandra
Alison Smith
Katherine

Names

Anna

Names

Deva Lancaster
Hassan Awad

Names

Evan Frost

Names

Jacqui Heaton

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Molly Rone

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Michele Williams
VOTE NO ON ALL FEE INCREASES

VOTING OPENS WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 25TH AT 8AM.

Check your email for a link to the ballot!

For the official voter's pamphlet, visit:
http://www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments/index.shtml
Dear Chico State campus,

On April 25th and 26th, Chico State students will vote on a series of student fee hikes that many on our campus strongly oppose. The hikes would include an increase to the Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee, and Student Learning Fee. The CFA strongly opposes these fee increases based both on principle and on the misleading university rhetoric that is promoting it.

*How can fee increase even be on the table? Did You Know?:*

-- 10. 9% of CSU students reported homelessness in the last year.
-- 41.6% are food insecure.
-- At Chico State, 41% of all students are on need based financial aid and the average loan debt of graduates at Chico State is $15,500.
-- An estimated 3 out of 4 CSU students are already working 20+ hours per week.
-- Though CSU Chancellor White announced there will be no tuition raise in the coming year, Chico State President Hutchinson is taking a lead in bringing a campus based fee increase
**Reality Check:** In order to pay for the proposed increases ($608 for undergraduates, and $812 for graduate students), undergrads would have to work an extra 1.75 hours a week during the academic school year, and graduate students more than 2 extra hours.

The written materials distributed by the University and the student forums that have been held have been misleading in their characterization of the proposed increases, both in style and in substance. For example:

**Claim 1:** that the Health Services Fee will help to improve the staffing issue facing Chico State counseling services.

**Fact-check:** The hike will result in one counseling faculty hire, which will not address the dire staffing and funding shortages facing the Counseling and Wellness Center, housed within Student Health Services.  
-- The current state of this institution on campus—which has done yeoman’s work in light of recent tragic events on campus, and whom we entirely support—has been bled of resources (General Fund dollars) to support other units elsewhere in Student Affairs that for unclear reasons have been deemed more essential.  
-- We are now asking students to bear the costs of paying for a short-term and burdensome fiscal solution to longer-term systems problems.

**Claim 2:** that over 10,000 students will benefit from the increase in the Athletics Fee

**Fact-check:** This number over-represents the benefits of the fee hike by using **fuzzy counting** methods to inflate the total number of people participating in Chico State Division II and club sports.  
-- The total number of students at Chico is 17,557.  
-- We have about 300 student-athletes (1.7% of student pop.). While many more participate in club sports, the method used to claim this much higher number of students impacted counts every person who participates in a single event as a new participant. Already overworked students cannot join club sports, visit the WREC center, or attend sporting events.  
-- It is also unclear, if we are in financial stress why the current 13 varsity teams Chico fields cannot be reviewed and perhaps thinned, since the minimum number of teams required for NCAA status is 10.

**Claim 3:** that students can simply take advantage of grants and financial aid to meet the new increases.

**Fact-check:**
-- Working students, first generation students (52%), students of color (50%), and students with dependents (20%) will be among the most adversely impacted. The total of new fees contemplated by the election will be $190.00 each semester, which will bring Chico's current Fees to a substantial $1000.00 per semester. These will continue to expand into the future.  
-- Numerous student organizations have signed a petition strongly opposing these hikes.

They include:

Students for Quality Education  Latinos in Technical Careers  
Hmong Student Association  Digital Film Guild  
JustUS  Black Student Union  
Pre Occupational Therapy Society  Upsilon Delta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha  
Japanese Animation Club  Pre-Medical Association  
MEChA de Chico State  Alpha Chi
With this in mind, we strongly urge you to reach out to your colleagues and to your students to let them know that this vote is important. The community should take a strong and clear stand to signal our current Chico State administration that we do not believe students should pay for the financial mistakes of previous administrations by saddling them with new fees that they cannot afford. We insist, as we always have, that the CSU system was conceived, designed and realized as a public higher education system that would be cost-free for California residents; it is unconscionable to continue to increase fees when other legitimate alternatives have yet to be explored or implemented.

Vote No on the Fee Hikes on April 25th and 26th

In solidarity,
CFA Chico
Executive Board

Remind Your Students:

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Reality Check! The proposed campus fee hike will increase the work hours and the time to graduation. The proposal includes gradual increases for the next 5 years! The University materials and student forum “info sharing” have been misleading:
The fee hike will result in one counseling faculty hire, which as one Counselor recently told the Academic Senate, “does not even scratch the surface of the needs we have at the Counseling and Wellness Center.”

- 10,000 students will NOT benefit from the increase in the Athletics Fee: The total number of students at Chico is 17,557 and we have about 300 student-athletes.
- The Academic Senate and the University Budget Committee have NOT identified themselves as “Supporter Groups” of the proposed fee hike. In fact, they have said nothing supportive at all about the fee hike.

Fee hikes adversely impact students: students of color (50%), working students (most work 20+ hrs/wk), first generation students (53%), and students with dependents (20%).

Dozens of student organizations have come out against the fee hike!
Appendix G: Communication/Messages

Emailed Announcements

2/16/18

To: Students
From: Provost Debra Larson and Vice President of Student Affairs Milton Lang

We are sending this message today to begin a conversation with you and the entire campus community about proposed fee adjustments to the Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee and Student Learning Fee. From now through March 16 we invite you to learn more about the proposed fee adjustments and share your opinion. These fee adjustments would address your needs by hiring additional medical and counseling staff to cut wait times for walk-ins and future appointments, ensure we maintain top-notch intercollegiate athletics, intramural and recreational sports programs, and provide needed funds to support student learning that occurs across campus and in our seven Colleges. Our goal is to adjust fees in order to sustain our programs for the next 8-10 years to meet the educational, physical, and mental health needs of our students.

The Student Fee Policy, EM 11-002, provides the President the option for alternative consultation when considering a fee adjustment. The President has opted for alternative consultation to provide students an opportunity to voice their concerns through shared governance in a variety of ways.

- Learn more about the proposed fee adjustments and review FAQ's at www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments.
- Attend an open forum. Forums will be held at the following times:
  - March 1, 9 a.m., Kendall 207/209
  - March 1, 6 p.m. UHUB
  - March 6, 2 p.m., BMU 203
  - March 7, 9 a.m. Colusa 100 A
- Submit your opinion through the fee adjustment website or in person at the open forums through March 16, 2018

We strongly encourage you to participate in this process and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time.

2/28/18

To: Students
From: Provost Debra Larson and Vice President of Student Affairs Milton Lang

We wrote to you a few weeks ago to begin a conversation about proposed fee adjustments to the Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee and Student Learning Fee. These fee adjustments would address your needs by hiring additional medical and counseling staff to cut wait times for walk-ins and future appointments, ensure we maintain top-notch intercollegiate athletics, intramural and recreational sports programs, and provide needed funds to support student learning that occurs across campus and in our seven Colleges. Our goal is to adjust fees in order to sustain our programs for the next 8-10 years to meet the educational, physical, and mental health needs of our students.

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We want to remind you that your voice matters in this process. Please attend an in-person forum this week or next to learn more about the fees and submit your comments. You may also provide feedback via the fee adjustment website.

**Upcoming Forums**
- Thursday, March 1, 9 a.m., Kendall 207/209
- Thursday, March 1, 6 p.m. UHUB
- Tuesday, March 6, 2 p.m., BMU 203 (This session will be recorded and uploaded to the website for those not able to attend a forum.)
- Wednesday, March 7, 9 a.m. Colusa 100A

We strongly encourage you to participate in this process and look forward to hearing from you. Make sure to submit your opinion through the fee adjustment website or in person at the open forums before March 16, 2018. Thank you for your time.

3/5/18

To: Campus Community
From: President Gayle E. Hutchinson

Earlier this semester, I announced that I would engage in a process of alternative consultation as a mechanism for proposing an increase to three mandatory campus fees: student health services; athletics; and student learning. I chose alternative consultation, which is designed to share information with and gather feedback from students as outlined by Executive Order 1102, because I believed, and still do, that it would create opportunity for students and administrators to come together in rich dialogue around the pros and cons of adjusting these three mandatory campus fees.

On March 1, two scheduled open forums were held on campus. I was truly encouraged at the large number of students who turned out and participated in the evening forum conducted at the UHUB. Along with my colleagues, I presented reasons for the proposed fee adjustments followed by a question and answer period. That day proved to be rich with meaningful exchanges between students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Afterward, I reflected deeply on the dialogue that occurred in each forum. Specifically, the many students who spoke up and registered their concerns about the alternative consultation method doubting strongly that student voices would be heard through this process. Your comments were honest and heartfelt. And, one student’s words continued to play over in my mind, “How will I know that my voice counted?”

I want you to know that I have heard your concerns about the alternative consultation approach, and I have decided to conclude the fee-adjustment process with an advisory student referendum. The
student vote will take place in late April and the results of the referendum shall be taken into consideration prior to a final decision. Details will follow.

Let me be clear, I stand by my original decision to engage in the process of alternative consultation. As a means for valuable dialogue between students and administration, we will continue to hold open forums to gather student input. Our online feedback mechanism will stay open through mid-April. Please continue to engage in the discussion about these proposed fee adjustments and share your opinions.

Encourage fellow students to become informed and involved as well:

Learn more about the proposed fee adjustments and review FAQ's at www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments.

Attend an open forum:

- Tuesday, March 6, 2 p.m., BMU 203
- Wednesday, March 7, 9 a.m., Colusa 100A
- Additional dates to be announced

Submit your opinion through the fee adjustment website or in person at the open forums

While the decision to modify campus-based fees is ultimately made by the president, I want the process to be transparent and inclusive so I can take your voices into account when I make any and all decisions. I extend my thanks to the courageous students who participated in the open forums on March 1 and look forward to hearing from more of you. Information about the referendum will be released over the next couple of weeks.

3/4/18
To: Campus Community
From: Provost Debra Larson and Vice President for Student Affairs Milton Lang

Tonight’s forum on the proposed student fee adjustment, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in The Hub, has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for after spring break, and we will share those details with you as soon as they are finalized. Thank you for your understanding

4/4/18
To: Campus Community
From: Provost Debra Larson and Vice President for Student Affairs Milton Lang
As many of you know, the campus has been having conversation over the last month with all of you about proposed student fee adjustments to the Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee, and Student Learning Fee. Learn more about the proposal on the fee adjustments website.

President Hutchinson has decided to conclude the fee-adjustment process with an advisory student referendum. An online student vote will take place on April 25 and 26, and the results taken into consideration prior to a final decision by the president. A voter pamphlet with details about voting and each proposed fee increase is available by visiting www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments/voter-information.shtml.

As a means for valuable dialogue between students and administration, there will be one more forum held tonight.

- **Wednesday, April 4, 6 p.m., UHUB**

Our online feedback tool remains open through mid-April, and we will continue to share additional opportunities for dialogue. We encourage you to continue to engage in the discussion about these proposed fee adjustments and share your opinions. We appreciate your participation and your help in urging students to attend the forums and register their feedback. Thank you for your time.

**Week of April 15-21 – Student Announcements**

Vote - Proposed Fee Increase Referendum

The voting period for three proposed campus fee increases will be open to students beginning Wednesday, April 25, at 8 a.m. and lasting until Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m.

These increases to mandatory fees are necessary because current fee revenues are not keeping up with program costs. Learn what the fee increases will support at www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments.

At the opening of the voting period, you will receive messaging with links to submit your vote. Check your email or visit the fee adjustment website to access the link to vote during that time.

ADD TO CALENDARS  iCal  |  Exchange  |  Google

**4/19/18**

Next week—from Wednesday, April 25, at 8 a.m. until Thursday, April 26, at 8 p.m.—the voting period will be open for three proposed campus fee increases. These increases to mandatory fees are necessary because current fee revenues are not keeping up with program costs.

Learn what the fee increases will support at www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments. Check your email or visit the fee adjustment website to access the link to vote.
**4/25/2018**

Ballot for the CSU, Chico Advisory Student Referendum Regarding Proposed Increases to the Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee, and Student Learning Fee

CSU, Chico’s President and the Campus Fee Advisory Committee have brought forth a proposal to increase three (3) mandatory student fees: the Health Services Fee, the Athletics Fee, and the Student Learning Fee. These fee increases are designed to sustain key programs that support the educational, physical, and mental health needs of our students. This advisory referendum seeks input from students regarding each of these proposed fee increases. Please [click here](#) to view the ballot and cast your vote for each of the three fees presented.

**4/26/2018**

Dear Wildcats,

Today is the last day for voting on the advisory referendum for proposed increases to three student fees. I encourage you to make your voice heard, before voting ends at 8 p.m. tonight! As students, we play an important role in the advisory process, and our feedback will be critical to President Hutchinson’s final decision. The purpose of the vote is to provide input on proposed increases to the Health Services Fee, the Student Learning Fee, and the Athletics Fee. Please [click here](#) to view the ballot and cast your vote for each of the three fees presented. If you need more information on any of the three fees, please visit [www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments](http://www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments).

Sincerely,

Alisha Sharma
AS President
### Voter Pamphlet

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**Student Health Services**

The Student Health Services fee increase is intended to address long wait times at the Student Health Center (SHC) and Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC) and to give Student Health Services financial security for the next few years. The increase is the result of a detailed financial analysis that was conducted by the Office of Finance and Administration. The increase in fees is intended to help maintain the quality and accessibility of the services provided by the SHC and CWC. The increase is also intended to help fund the addition of new staff and equipment to improve the quality of care provided to students.

**Athletics**

The operational, salary, and employee benefits costs for Athletics and Recreational Sports have exceeded the pace of enrollment growth and Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases on the current fee. The Director of Intercollegiate Athletics reports that the Intercollegiate Athletics program spends approximately $2 million on equipment and facilities each year. The current budget is $2 million, with an additional $500,000 for maintenance and operations. The increase in fees is intended to help maintain the quality of the facilities and equipment provided to students.

**Student Learning Fee**

The Student Learning Fee (SLF) was established in 2010 to enhance the student learning experience at CSU Chico. These funds are awarded in a competitive process to purchase laboratory, studio, library, software, and other resources, and to provide services such as tutoring and Supplemental Instruction, field trips, and student competitions. The 2018-19 SLF is set at $195, which is an increase of $50 from the previous year. The increase is intended to help maintain the quality and accessibility of the services provided by the Office of Student Affairs and to fund the addition of new staff and equipment to improve the quality of care provided to students.

**Statements For and Against the Health Services Fee Increase**

**Pros**
- Access to quality health care is essential for students, especially in a time of rising costs of health care and insurance.
- With additional resources, Student Health Services could provide additional counseling and medical services, reduce wait times, and increase capacity for scheduled appointments and walk-in visits.
- The Student Health Services fee is funded by a semester fee that would be allocated to the Student Health Services fund.

**Cons**
- Any increase in mandatory fees is burdensome for a population in which some are already low income and others are low in housing resources.
- Distance and online students would bear an equal cost but would not share the same benefits of the fee.
- The fee is a burden on the lack of adequate state support for the University, students should not bear the burden of this inequality.

**Statements For and Against the Athletics Fee Increase**

**Pros**
- Participation in athletic achievements offers educational experiences.
- Athletics contribute to the culture of support for community events. Student athletes serve as role models both on and off the field.
- Athletics provide positive recognition for CSU Chico.

**Cons**
- The increase in student fees could result in an expense of increased programming and equipment.
- Any increase in student fees is burdensome for a population in which some are already low income and others are low in housing resources.
- Distance and online students would bear an equal cost but would not share the same benefits of the fee.

**Statements For and Against the Student Learning Fee Increase**

**Pros**
- Increased fees can provide significant support for students and faculty.
- The fee is intended to help maintain the quality and accessibility of the services provided by the Office of Student Affairs.
- Through grants and other resources, the fee can help fund the addition of new staff and equipment to improve the quality of care provided to students.

**Cons**
- Any increase in mandatory fees is burdensome for a population in which some are already low income and others are low in housing resources.
- Distance and online students would bear an equal cost but would not share the same benefits of the fee.
- There is no Lore for an increase in this fee as it reflects the lack of adequate state support for the University. Students should not bear the burden of this inequality. The fee should be reduced.

For more information, visit www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments.
PROPOSED STUDENT FEE ADJUSTMENTS
to Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee,
Student Learning Fee

Polls open: Wednesday, April 25 at 8 AM
Polls close: Thursday, April 26 at 8 PM

Check your email or visit www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments
to access the link to vote.

For more information on the proposed fee adjustments, to view the voter pamphlet,
or to provide online feedback, please visit www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments.
Ballot Language

Ballot for the CSU Chico Advisory Student Referendum Regarding Proposed Increases to the Health Services Fee, Athletics Fee, and Student Learning Fee

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Instructions - For each ballot entry below:
1. Select yes or no
2. Click the “select” box that will appear
3. Click the submit button

You MUST click both the select and submit buttons for your vote to count.

1.) Student Health Services Fee
Should the Student Health Services Fee be increased by $99 per semester – from the current amount of $138 per semester to $237 per semester – effective fall 2018? The fee would continue to increase for five years by $9 per semester for each academic year, then increase annually based on the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) for inflation.

_______ Yes – I support the increase to the Student Health Services Fee.
_______ No – I do not support the increase to the Student Health Services Fee.

2.) Athletics Fee
Should the Athletics Fee be increased by $51 per semester – from the current amount of $97 per semester to $148 per semester – effective fall 2018? The fee would continue to increase for five years by $3 per semester for each academic year, then increase annually based on the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) for inflation.

_______ Yes – I support the increase to the Athletics Fee.
_______ No – I do not support the increase to the Athletics Fee.

3.) Student Learning Fee
Should the Student Learning Fee be increased by $40 per semester – from the current amount of $38 per semester to $78 per semester – effective fall 2018? The fee would continue to increase for five years by $4 per semester for each academic year.

_______ Yes – I support the increase to the Student Learning Fee.
_______ No – I do not support the increase to the Student Learning Fee.
AGENDA

- Background
- Educate the campus community about proposed fee adjustments
  - Student Health Services
  - Athletics
  - Student Learning Fee
- Hear from you

There is no good time to have this conversation. Student experiences are in jeopardy.
OVERVIEW OF FEE POLICY AND PROCESS

- These fees are classified as Category II mandatory campus-based fees paid to attend the university.

- In accordance with the Education Code and Executive Order 1102 the President has selected a process of alternative consultation as well as an advisory referendum ballot to be held in late April.

OVERVIEW OF FEE POLICY AND PROCESS

- Provides an opportunity for students, through shared governance, to voice their opinions about mandatory campus-based fees.

- Students are engaged in conversations about the fees and are provided in-depth information.

- Students have the opportunity to give their opinion, verbally, in writing, and through their vote.

- Can target many different constituent groups.
OVERVIEW OF FEE POLICY AND PROCESS

- Open Forums
- Campus Fee Advisory Council
- AS Government Affairs Committee
- AS Student Academic Senate
- Academic Senate
- Student Athlete Council
- Provost’s Academic Council
- Academic Chairs
- Student Health Advisory Committee
- University Budget Committee

Conversations, In-Depth Information, Verbal and Written Feedback, Reach More and Different Constituents

CURRENT CHALLENGES

- Students now experience
  - Long walk-in wait times, not enough appointments, not enough medical providers and counselors
  - Outdated equipment in classrooms and labs, limited support services such as tutoring
  - Not enough base funding to sustain a competitive athletics program
FEE ADJUSTMENTS WILL ADDRESS CHALLENGES

- Hiring and retaining qualified medical and counseling staff
- Ensuring we maintain top-notch Intercollegiate Athletics, Recreational Sports, Intramural Sports and Sport Club programs
- Providing needed resources to support student learning

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FINANCIAL AID

- Certain student fees include a financial aid factor where a portion of the fee funds financial aid rather than program activities.
- Eligibility is based on the individual student’s need & total financial aid resources available.
- Currently campus-based financial aid funds:
  - Work Study
  - Campus Based Grants
  - Athletic Grant In Aid

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STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES:
STUDENT HEALTH CENTER (SHC), COUNSELING AND WELLNESS CENTER (CWC), CAMPUS ALCOHOL & DRUG EDUCATION CENTER (CADEC)
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

HOW DO WE SERVE STUDENTS?

- On-campus health care and counseling allows students to access services that focus on their complete physical and psychological well-being.
- Students learn better when their bodies, minds and environments are healthy.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED!

- Long wait times at the SHC
- Difficulty getting an appointment at CWC/SHC
- Walk-in availability at capacity during peak times at both CWC/SHC
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS FEE ADJUSTMENT IS NOT MADE?

- Services will be reduced to the minimum required by policy. All other services will either be eliminated or will be fee-for-service.
- Session limits will be imposed at the CWC.
- Open positions will not be refilled, wait times will not improve, and no additional appointment times will be made available.
- Students will have to go off campus for some services (e.g., x-ray, pharmacy, lab, etc.).

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

HOW WAS THIS PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENT CALCULATED?

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Note: Financial aid set aside excluded and amounts rounded.

Diagram:
- Salaries: $3,969,000
- Benefits: $1,720,000
- Other Expenses: $1,100,000
STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

WHEN WE ARE FINANCIALLY SOLVENT WE CAN:

- Shorten wait times ~ CWC/SHC
- Eliminate summer visit fee ~ SHC
- Offer extended hours ~ CWC
- Expand summer counseling services

STUDENT LEARNING FEE

SUPPORTING STUDENTS
A BRIEF SNAPSHOT

- The Student Learning Fee enables Chico State to provide exceptional learning experiences.
- The fee funds:
  - Hands-on and technology-enabled experiences
  - Consumables such as glassware, reagents and other chemicals, plant and seed stock, software, electrical components, library subscriptions, and modeling and building materials
  - Tutoring and supplemental instruction
  - Field trips and student competitions

WITH THIS INCREASE WE CAN:

- Provide competitive advantages to students in every college through real-world, state-of-the-practice experiences
- Ensure classroom materials, equipment, and software meet professional standards
- Foster student success through tutoring, supplemental instruction, and library resources
- Prepare students to step straight into careers and graduate school
STUDENT LEARNING FEE

This year, $740,000 in Student Learning Fees funded 50 projects:

- A large centrifuge to support the study of DNA
- An aquaponics production unit
- Educational travel for political science and criminal justice students
- Enhancements to the Child Development Observation Laboratory
- Tutoring and supplemental instruction
- Stereo audio processors
- The Chico Great Debate
- Career Camp
- A Maker Space in the Library

STUDENT LEARNING FEE

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED!

- Classroom, laboratory, field, studio, and other equipment are aging and out of date
- Unmet needs based upon the proposals submitted to the SLF fund each year:
  - $1.8 million in 2016-17
  - $2.4 million this year
STUDENT LEARNING FEE

HOW WAS THIS PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENT CALCULATED?

Unmet need for 17-18 is estimated at $2.4 million.
($2.4 million x 1.33)/17000 fee paying students = $187/year
We have yet to see the SLF proposals for 17-18, so opted for a more conservative increase totaling $156/year

WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS FEE ADJUSTMENT IS NOT MADE?

- Since 2014-15, Academic Affairs has been using reserves to backfill these needs.
- We no longer have a sufficient reserve fund to continue this practice.
- Without this adjustment, students will see
  - Deterioration in laboratory and studio equipment, software, computers, and supplies
  - A reduction in co-curricular activities such as field trips, travel to student competitions
  - Limitations in tutoring and mentoring services.
ATHLETICS: INTERCOLLEGIATE, RECREATIONAL, INTRAMURAL, CLUB SPORTS

Athletics

- Intercollegiate Athletics
  - Fee established in 1992 by referendum
  - Supports operational costs, including staff salary & benefits
- Recreational Sports, Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs
  - Supports programming costs
ATHLETICS

HOW DOES THIS IMPACT STUDENTS?

- Provides campus identity and visibility
- Brings recognition throughout the state, region, and nation
- Source of pride and positive outreach
- Promotes healthy lifestyles and participation opportunities
- Engages community and impacts local economics

ATHLETICS

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED!

- Athletics = 13 NCAA Division II sports
  - 350+ student-athlete
- Recreational Sports = 4,000+ students (22,900 participations)
  - 20 Sports w/40 Divisions; 412 Intramural Teams; 786 Events
- Sport Clubs = 1,100 students
  - 20 competitive clubs; 6 recreational clubs
- Combined = 125+ student employees
ATHLETICS

HOW WAS THIS PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENT CALCULATED?

2017-18 Est Program Revenue $3,170,000
2017-18 Est Program Expenses $3,260,000

Note: Financial aid set aside excluded and amounts rounded

ATHLETICS

WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS FEE ADJUSTMENT IS NOT MADE?

- The NCAA Division II Athletics program will be eliminated.
- Student employee positions will be eliminated.
- Recreational Sports, Intramural Sports, and Sport Club program funding will be reduced.
- Sport Club Programs requiring a certified athletic trainer may be eliminated.
ATHLETICS

WITH THIS INCREASE WE CAN:

- Continue to sponsor NCAA Division II athletics
- Expand Intramural Sports programming for all students
- Increase funding available for Sport Club budgets
- Maintain or increase student employment opportunities
- Fund a certified athletic trainer for Sport Club student-athletes

LISTENING TO STUDENTS
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- Website
- Open Forums
- Presentations
- Student Feedback Options
  - Online comment survey
  - Written feedback
- Advisory Referendum

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ADVISORY REFERENDUM

- When:
  - Polls open: Wednesday, April 25 at 8 a.m.
  - Polls close: Thursday, April 26 at 8 p.m.

- How
  - Check your email
  - Or visit [www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments](http://www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments) to access the link to vote
PROPOSED STUDENT FEE ADJUSTMENT

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS
Social Media Messaging

Twitter

4-27: President Gayle Hutchinson’s statement on the results of the advisory campus fee adjustment vote: http://bit.ly/2r5Fkdq

4-26: The proposed campus fee increase referendum ends today at 8 p.m. Learn what those increases would support, then let your voice be heard with your vote: http://www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments/...

4-25 (promotion of SnapCat): Takeover time! Sarah Quick is our SnapCat for the day. Check her out! 🌟: Chico.state #WeAreChico

4-25: Referendum voting is open for the proposed student fee increase. Your voice matters - let it be heard. Visit this page until 8 p.m. tomorrow to vote: http://www.csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments/...

4-24: The student referendum for the proposed campus fee increase begins tomorrow! Online voting lasts from 8 a.m. Wednesday through 8 p.m. Thursday. You will receive a link in your campus email. Make an informed vote: http://bit.ly/2GQDyTL

4-20: Your voice matters and we want to hear it. Next week's referendum is the chance to make it count. Voting on the proposed fee increase is open from 8 a.m. Wednesday - 8 p.m. Thursday. You'll also get an email reminder with a link to vote. Get informed: http://csuchico.edu/fee-adjustments

Snapchat

4-25: All-day takeover by Sarah Quick urging students to vote

Instagram

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Facebook:

4-26: In this week’s advisory referendum, the majority of student voters rejected increases to the student learning fee, the health services fee, and the athletics fee.

"In taking the time to learn about these mandatory fees, attending the forums, sharing heartfelt and courageous comments, and casting an advisory vote on this critical matter, you made your voices heard and demonstrated invaluable civic engagement," President Gayle Hutchinson said. "Together, we shared a rich dialogue about the pros and cons of adjusting these three fees.

"Ultimately, it is my role as president to make the final determination on whether or not to implement increases to these mandatory fees, and it is not a decision I will make lightly."

Read President Hutchinson's full statement, and view the results of the advisory vote. http://today.csuchico.edu/from-the-president-outcome-of-student-fee-increase-advisory-vote/