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APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES FEE

Education Code Section 76355 provides the governing board of a community college district the authority to increase the student health services fee by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchase of Goods and Services. Whenever that calculation produces an increase of \$1 above the existing fee, the fee may be increased by \$1.

Based on calculations by the Financial, Economic, and Demographic unit in the Department of Finance, the Implicit Price Deflator Index has increased enough since the last fee increase of April 2006 to permit a \$1 increase in student health fees. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has informed all districts that effective with the Summer Session of 2007, districts may begin charging a maximum fee of \$16 per semester, \$13 for each summer session, and the Vice Presidents of Student Services recommend immediate implementation of the increase.

All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Student Health Fee Account in the Restricted General Fund of the District. These fees shall be expended only to provide health services as specified in regulations adopted by the Board of Governors. Allowable expenditures include health supervision and services, or the operation of a student health center, or both. Allowable expenditures exclude athletic-related salaries, services, insurance, insurance deductibles, or any other expense that is not available to all students. No student shall be denied a service supported by the student health fee on account of participation in athletic programs.

Currently, the District provides health services at a cost that exceeds the fee collected. Each year, the District files a State Mandated Cost Claim for the difference, although the State has not paid on these claims the last five years. The mandate remains.

The San Mateo County Community College District provides health services to students as required to sustain a "maintenance of effort" necessary to support its "mandated cost" claim submitted to the State each year. The mandated cost reimbursement guidelines call for the District to adjust its health fee charge to the maximum allowable to minimize the state's burden. Accordingly, the intent is to implement the current \$16 per semester for Fall 2007 and \$13 effective Summer 2007.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve establishment of the District Student Health Fee at \$16 per semester and \$13 per summer session, effective Summer 2007 semester.