

# **LETTER: It's really a tuition increase**

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Regarding Fresno State President Joseph Castro's March 20 letter, no matter how prettily wrapped or bright a bow he ties on the proposed \$100 student "Success Fee," it's still a tuition increase that will cost each student \$100 more per semester to attend Fresno State.

Did Castro forget he's living in one of the most poverty stricken and high unemployment areas of the United States? A large section of students hold down jobs to help pay their way through college. A majority of the parents of students struggle to put gas in their cars to get to work, pay their utility bills, put food on the table, and pay college expenses. These parents and working students can't afford more student fees. Student success cannot be measured by a fee increase, even one labeled "Success."

If Fresno State were a private university without state funding, a student fee or increased tuition for proposed university programs might be warranted. However, it is a public California state university, funded by California taxpayers, and with tuition fees decided by the state -- not by a CSU president.

Charging Fresno State students for programs or services that should be paid for by the state is unacceptable.

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