

Student Success Fees

People of Note:

- CSU Chancellor: Timothy P. White from UC Riverside replaced Charles Reed in 2012

Legislation of Note:

- Proposition 30-Signed by Gov. Brown, increases state taxes over 7 years to fund education
- Tuition increases must be approved by CSU Board of Trustees
- Only White is needed for fee approval
- Higher Education spending cut by \$2 billion since Great Recession → expected offset by Federal stimulus

Facts:

- 23 CSUs across California
 - 9 CSUs have success fees that are “starting to crop up”
 - CSU: Fresno, Fullerton, Dominguez Hills, San Diego want “Success Fees”: (\$100-500/semester)
- Current Tuition: \$5,472/year, frozen for 3 years-very affordable compared to \$12,000 @ UCs
- CSU Fresno students pay \$407/semester in fees → Castro proposes \$100 increase/semester
 - Fresno State fees: ~\$200 less than ~\$610 state average
- Sonoma wanted to implement a \$250/semester success fee → students protested → fees abandoned
- Only 15% of students graduate in four years
- Chancellor White: increase graduation rates by 10% w/in 10 years
 - Castro: We need more resources
 - Fee proposal draft requested for Mid May (End of finals week → students can’t protest?)
 - Fall 2015 projected fee implementation

Opposition:

- Student Success fees aren’t tied to a specific service.
 - They fund academics and operations-Taxes and tuition should fund those services
- Fine line between publicly funded and privately funded higher education

CSU Fresno:

- \$100/student fee increase would generate \$2.3 million
 - Pays for tutoring and advising = higher graduation rates
- Castro: \$100/semester fee for four years is less expensive than an extra year of tuition
- Student advisory committee will gain input from students and relay info to Castro
 - Castro then can implement changes and submit to Chancellor White
 - Circumvents the need for a student vote in favor of “Alternative Consultation”
- **Allocation of fees undecided until student input received**