



ASI Senate Bill 02-03:02

The Student Opportunities Initiative

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Article I: Background

The Student Opportunities Initiative represents the full commitment of Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) to the provision of quality programs, services and facilities to current and future students of Cal Poly Pomona, in order to support their academic success, enhance their career preparation efforts and enrich their college experience. The assurance of stable and future funding support for these quality programs, services and facilities is critical to ASI's ability to fulfill this commitment to the student body. Thus, Senate Bill 02-03:02 is intended to ensure that ASI and University Union (UU) fees remain responsive to the growing needs and recognize the reality of the impact of inflation on the cost of providing these facilities, programs and services to the students we serve.

The ASI annual fee is currently at \$65 per student. Senate Bill 02-03:02 seeks to increase the current amount by \$21 per student per year, bringing the annual amount to \$86 per student, effective 2003 Fall Quarter. Thereafter, the ASI fee will be subject to an annual inflationary adjustment, effective summer quarter of each year.

The UU annual fee is currently at \$135 per student. Senate Bill 02-03:02 seeks to increase the current amount in a two year adjustment, in the amounts of \$71 for 2003-04 and \$22 for 2004-05, bringing the total fee per student to \$206 in 2003-2004 and \$228 in 2004-2005. Thereafter, the UU fee will be subject to an annual inflationary adjustment, effective summer quarter of each year.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Student Opportunities Initiative is multidimensional. It seeks to provide the necessary resources to better meet the funding requirements of existing programs and to initiate new programs for the student body of Cal Poly Pomona. Programs and services that are included in this initiative are: enhanced student support services such as the Children Center, Tutoring and Retention Programs, Diversity Programs and programs for both commuter students and students who reside on campus, as well as new programs and services to be offered in the expanded University Union. Ultimately, the income generated by the fee increases will enhance the educational experiences of Cal Poly Pomona students by providing all students and student organizations with the adequate resources necessary to function efficiently and fully.

Article III: Amendment

Section I: Fee Adjustment

- A. SB 02-03:02 presents a \$21 increase in the ASI fee for 2003-04 that will be distributed in increments of \$7, \$7, \$7, in the fall, winter, and spring quarters, respectively, excluding the summer quarter. The fee increase will bring the total annual ASI fee to \$86 per student, effective 2003 Fall Quarter

The new fee schedule on a quarterly basis will be as follows:

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>NEW</u>
Summer	\$ 5	\$ 5
Fall	24	31
Winter	18	25
Spring	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	\$ 65	\$ 86

- B. The additional fee income and annual inflation rate adjustments will be allocated to benefit the Academic Councils, the Multicultural Council, the Greek Council, Tutoring and Retention Programs, Children's Center, Diversity Programs, Athletics, ASI Academic and Service Learning Council, Associated Students Inc. and both commuter students and students who reside on campus. The fee income is intended to provide an annual guaranteed amount of money necessary for all participating student organizations and services. The new fee income will be allocated based on the previous year's fall quarter student head count.
- C. SB 02-03-02 presents a two year increase in University Union fees of \$71 in 2003-2004 and \$22 in 2004-2005. The fee increase will bring the total annual UU fee to \$206 in 2003-2004 to \$228 in 2004-2005.

The new fee schedule on a quarterly basis will be as follows:

<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>
Summer	\$ 9	\$ 14	\$ 15
Fall	42	64	71
Winter	42	64	71
Spring	<u>42</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>71</u>
Total	\$135	\$206	\$228

Section II: Fee Allocations

- A. The At-Large Councils will receive an annual allocation of \$5.00 per student.
- a. The allocation of the funds have been divided proportionately amongst the three at-large councils according to the following breakdown, and subject to the condition that the program or student organization has been chartered for the year and the program chair has been confirmed by the ASI Cabinet:

i. Multicultural Council	40%
ii. Greek Council	25%
iii. Academic and Service Learning Council (Formerly the Recreation and Services Council)	35%

- B. Diversity Programs shall receive an annual allocation of \$2.00 per student.
- a. The allocation of the funds will be divided proportionately amongst the Diversity Programs according to the following breakdown:

i. Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	14%
ii. Black History Month	14%
iii. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender History Month	14%
iv. Native American History Month	14%
v. Women's Herstory Month	14%
vi. Xicano Latino Heritage Month	14%
vii. Cultural Program Reserve Account*	16%

NOTE: This amount will be held for any new programs (cultural months and weeks) that are brought forth to the ASI for funding. If unused, the reserve account monies will be placed into New Programs and Augmentations (NP & A) at the close of each fiscal year.

- b. New Diversity Programs (cultural months and weeks) seeking ASI funding must be approved by a majority vote of the seated ASI Senate.
- c. Changes to the above percentages can be made by two thirds of the seated ASI Senate during annual budget deliberations.

- d. All Diversity Programs funds will be directly managed and distributed to the respective groups by the Associated Students, Inc.
- C. ASI will allocate \$3 per student towards tutoring and retention programs. The utilization of these funds will be in compliance with ASI, University and CSU regulations, as well as state and federal law, and will be subject to restriction for non-compliance.
- D. The Academic Councils will receive an annual allocation of \$1 per student in addition to the current annual allocation of \$6 per student, for an annual total of \$7 per student.
- E. Athletics will have their fee increase based on an Annual Inflationary Adjustment, effective 2003 Fall Quarter.
- F. ASI will partner with the Interhall Council and University Village at a minimum of \$1,000 each per year to increase programming for students who reside on campus and commuter students.
- G. ASI will receive an annual allocation of \$10.00 per student.

Section III: Annual Inflationary Adjustment

- A. ASI and UU fees will be sensitive to the rate of inflation and will be determined and adjusted annually. The process of execution in determining the rate of inflation will be as follows:
 - a. The ASI Executive Director shall recommend the inflation rate adjustment to the Fee Advisory Committee for the following fiscal year, no later than March 1.
 - b. The annual inflation rate adjustment has to be approved by the Fee Advisory Committee and the University President.
 - c. The annual inflation rate adjustment will be calculated by using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The inflation rate will be defined as the percentage change between the index for the most recently completed calendar year and the index for the prior year, using the prior year as the base year.
 - d. The inflation rate adjustments will become effective with the subsequent summer quarter.
- B. The annual inflationary adjustment will be limited to the following inflation rate adjustment range:
 - a. The maximum annual inflation adjustment rate shall not exceed 3 percent.
 - b. The minimum annual inflation adjustment rate shall not be below the zero percentage mark.

- c. No annual inflationary fee adjustments will be made if the above-described CPI index for the most recently completed calendar year remains the same as the base year.

Article IV: Financial and Security Guidelines

Section I: Financial Stipulations and Security Guidelines

- A. If at any time, one of the ASI entities accounted for in this referendum ceases to exist or function as an ASI funded organization or entity then funding for this entity may be fully repossessed with a two- thirds approval vote of the ASI Senate.
- B. The ASI Reserve accounts (NPA and Prior Years III Reserves) will be annually allocated five and ten percent, respectively, of the general ASI fee after the funding support for the designated programs and organizations stipulated in the Student Opportunities Initiative are allocated.
- C. The ASI Senate reserves the right to repossess, by a majority vote, carryover from any group that is inactive for two years or more.
- D. Organizations accounted for in the Student Opportunities Initiative shall continue to abide by ASI, University and CSU regulations as well as State and Federal law, and are subject to restriction of their funds until they are in compliance.
- E. The dollar allocations established for organizations in the Student Opportunities Initiative shall not be changed unless mandated by a student wide referendum.

Article V: Justification

Section I: Justifications for Allocations

- A. **The Multicultural Council** - The Multicultural Council (MCC) serves as a vehicle for improving communication between and among over 40 diverse student organizations that represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds and cultures, and to improve communication within the entire student body. The diversity of the programs sponsored and/or endorsed by new funding will also help augment and implement new programs that are sponsored by MCC to benefit the entire student body.
- B. **The Greek Council** - The Greek Council unites over 20 fraternities and sororities on campus and hosts events throughout the entire year. Events include but are not limited to: philanthropic activities, alcohol awareness, academic and/or extracurricular recognition, etc. These new monies will also help the Greek community to augment and implement new programs that are sponsored by Greek Council.

- C. **The Academic and Service Learning Council** - The Academic and Service Learning Council will replace the Recreation and Services Council and will include organizations that represent a variety of different interest groups on campus such as Golden Key International Honour Society and similar organizations. This Council will also include student groups, which are involved in service learning, environmental projects and other general student interests.
- D. **Diversity Programs** -The Diversity Programs consist of the diversity months and weeks including, but not limited to, Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Black History Month, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender History Month, Native American History Month, Women's Herstory Month and Xicano Latino Heritage Month. The additional funding will enable these programs to expand and educate the campus about the richness of diversity.
- E. **Tutoring and Retention Programs** - The funding support for these programs will directly benefit the academic experience and promote educational equity for all students of Cal Poly Pomona. The tutoring program for students at Cal Poly Pomona will contribute to an increase in retention rates. These monies will provide more tutors for more class subjects as well as student - coordinated projects that address retention and provide the student community with the necessary support to increase graduation rates.
- F. **Academic Councils** - Funding for Academic Councils supports individual college and school based programs and services for students. Additional funds will support students in their field of study through career networking and hands - on experience. New funding through the Academic Councils will enable students and organizations to organize events that expose their fields of academic study to the campus and outside community.
- G. **Athletics** - The educational needs of student athletes will be met through added funding for scholarships. This will lead to the enhanced ability of the campus to recruit athletes and facilitate the continued growth of the athletics program. A strong athletics program will undoubtedly contribute to a greater sense of campus pride.
- H. **Programming for Students Who Reside on Campus and Commuter Students** - The funding support for collaborative programming will be used to better support commuter students and students who reside on campus in order to promote community-building and campus unity.
- I. **ASI** - Additional funding will support the Intramural and Recreational Sports program, the Children's Center, programs offered by the Bronco Events and Activities Team, Student Government, and needs of the corporation.
- J. **University Union** - The expanded University Union will be providing significant additions to programs and services for students and the campus community with the opening of the ASI Fitness Center, mall-style food court, 1000-seat Multi-Purpose Room and additional meeting, event and study spaces. The additional fee revenue will enable the University Union to provide for the operating and maintenance requirements for the expanded facility and fully meet its bond debt obligations.

K. **Inflation Rate Adjustment** - Cal Poly Pomona students for several decades have opted to seek campus based fee increases to ensure that required facilities, programs and services are provided. Due to the economic reality of inflation and the fixed structure of campus fees, fee increases have been short lived. This has set a pattern of fee increases every several years and limited the quality of programs and services, to Cal Poly Pomona students. The inflation rate adjustment is intended to result into a responsive fee structure that is realistic to the economic setting and is in line with the needs of current and future students.

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