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AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE STUDENT
ACTIVITY FEE FOR FY20/FY21

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APPROVED BY: 2018-2019 District Student Council
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REPORT: The Student Activity Fee (SAF) is used to fund all Associated Students of Portland Community College student governments, the Diversity Retention Centers, the Legislative Internship Program, emergency grants, all four campus food pantries, and much more.

In addition, increasing minimum wage professional staff salaries and benefits, and a continuing enrollment decline, the Student Activity Fee is not adequate. In addition to increased costs of maintaining these vital programs, there is a greater need for student resources. The District Student Council wants to support the programs and resources that contribute to equitable student success including a permanent funding to the Dreamer's Resource Center.

In summary, the District Student Council recommends an increase of \$.25 to the Student Activity Fee for the next Biennium FY20/FY21 in order to meet the needs of programs and services that support equitable student success. This will increase the fee from \$3.15 to \$3.40 per credit hour.

RECOMMENDATION: That the PCC Board authorizes the approval of an increase to the Student Activity Fee for the FY20/FY21 biennium of \$.25 per credit hour, effective Summer 2019.