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AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE STUDENT ACTIVITY
FEE BY \$0.85 PER CREDIT HOUR FOR TOTAL OF \$4.25 PER
CREDIT HOUR FOR THE 2025-2027 BIENNIUM

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STRATEGIC THEME: Belonging: Transform our learning culture toward creating a
sense of belonging and well-being for every student; Workforce:
Respond to community and workforce needs by developing a
culture of agility; Enterprise: Cultivate a long-term sustainable
college enterprise

REPORT: The Student Activity Fee (SAF) is used to fund PCC's Basic
Needs & Sustainability Leadership (BNSL) program—including
all four campus food pantries and Basic Needs Hubs, the office
of Student Engagement and Civic Leadership
Development(CLD), the Associated Students of Portland
Community College (ASPCC) student government program, the
Identity-Based Equity Centers (IBECs), and PCC's Outreach &
Advocacy Project, among others.

Due to the increasing minimum wage, structural professional
staff salary increases, and depleted reserves resulting from the
COVID-19 pandemic, the Student Activity Fee will be strained
further in the coming biennium as student leaders' wages and
professional staff salaries continue to make up a significant
portion of the Fee's budget allocations. These programs are
vital to student success, and require an injection of funds to
allow programs to retain staff and return to pre-pandemic
spending levels.

The ASPCC proposes an increase of \$0.85 (25%) to the
Student Activity Fee, equivalent to the purchasing power of the

Fee in 2018, when the most recent increase was approved. This increase will allow programs to maintain current service levels and be able to utilize their full budgets, which will not be possible without an increase of at least this size.

ASPCC proposes an increase of \$0.85 to the Student Activity Fee to be used as follows:

- \$0.13 would go to Student Help, to offset increases in minimum wage
- \$0.18 would go to Student Basic Needs
- \$0.18 would go to the Identity Based Resource Centers
- \$0.36 would go to offset increases to professional staff salaries covered in SAF

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board authorizes the approval of an increase to the Student Activity Fee for the FY26/FY27 biennium of \$0.85 per credit hour, effective July 1st, 2025.