

February 23, 2017

17-073

INCREASE THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE BY \$0.95 PER CREDIT HOUR FOR TOTAL OF \$3.15 PER CREDIT HOUR

PREPARED BY: District Student Council and Student Activity Fee Task Force

FINANCIAL

RESPONSIBILITY: Jim Langstraat, Vice President, Administration and Finance

APPROVED BY: 2015-2016 District Student Council  
2016-2017 District Student Council  
Deans of Student Development  
Budget Planning Advisory Council  
President's Cabinet  
Mark Mitsui, College President

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, all four campus food pantries, and much more.

Due to the increasing minimum wage and continuing enrollment decline, the Student Activity Fee will be strained further, as student leaders across the district (both in student government and in the Diversity Retention Centers) will see their individual wages increase from the current \$9.75 per hour to \$12 per hour over the 2017-19 biennium.

In addition to increased costs of maintaining these vital programs, there is also a greater need for student resources.

The District Student Council proposes an increase of \$0.95 to the Student Activity Fee, to be used as follows:

- \$0.15 would be used to offset the minimum wage increase, and would go directly to student employment in all of our campuses and programs.
- \$0.20 to be allocated for food and housing insecurity initiatives. This would be spent to increase the visibility, accessibility, and overall stock of our food pantries, so we

can serve more students, as well as an Housing Emergency Grant Fund modelled after our Childcare Grants.

- \$0.20 would be used to increase the overall budget of the Diversity Retention Centers, which include all the Women's Resource Centers, Multicultural Centers, Queer Resource Centers, and Veteran's Resource Centers.
- \$0.40 to go to Associated Students of PCC campus governments to pay for our staff's step-increases, a new staff member for Southeast campus, to form several District budgets for programming, clubs, and the District Student Council itself. Lastly, it would be used to expand our club funding to get more students involved on campus.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board authorize the College President to increase the Student Activity Fee by \$0.95 per credit hour, effective Summer 2017.