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Purpose

In compliance with CSU Executive Order 1102.



- 1) Seeking your input on the Alternative Consultation process for Spring 2026.**
- 2) The Alternative Consultation process gives CSUSB students an opportunity to learn more about how their IRA fees benefit students and to share their perspectives on whether they support an increase to the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Fee.

What is an alternative consultation?

- An **alternative consultation** is a way for the university to hear directly from different student constituent groups about a proposed change, **outside of formal meetings**.
- Instead of only using committees or a formal voting process (e.g., referendum), the university gathers student feedback through:
 - Class presentations
 - Meetings with student groups
 - Open forums or events
 - Surveys
- This approach helps ensure **more students can share their thoughts**, including those who may not be involved in student government or other student leadership roles.
- Students engage with the process based on their availability.
- The University President will consider all data gathered in the process to make the final decision on any adjustments to the IRA fee.

California Education Code § 89230

This state law allows certain student activities (outside the classroom) to be considered part of the educational experience when they clearly support learning.



What does “instructionally related” mean?

- Activities that give students **hands-on experience**.
- Connected to an **academic program or discipline**.
- Designed to support **learning**.

Instructionally Related Activities (IRA)

How are these activities approved?

- The campus president confirms the activity supports learning.
- The CSU system sets guidelines for how these activities are funded.
- CSU Executive Order 1102
 - Category II, Mandatory Campus Fee

Why does this matter?

- Helps CSU campuses decide what can be funded as **part of education**.
- Ensures student activities support academic goals.
- Promotes consistency and accountability across the CSU.

Examples of Instructionally Related Activities (IRA)

Per California Ed Code § 89230:

- Athletics
- Music, dance, and theatre performances
- Film, radio, and TV production
- Art exhibits connected to coursework
- Student newspapers and publications
- Debate and public speaking



What do CSUSB IRA fees support?

<https://www.csusb.edu/dsa-operations-fiscal-management/ira/ira-board-allocations>

High-Impact Practices

- Student Employment
 - Athletics, Music, Theatre Arts, RecWell, Special Events & Guest Services
- Internships
 - Coyote Chronicle, Infant Toddler Lab School
- Service-Learning, Community-Based Learning
 - Coyote Radio, RAFFMA, Pacific Review, PAWS Radio & Media Lab
- Learning Communities
 - Dotphotozine, History in the Making, PALS Studio, Intramurals/Sport Clubs, Speaking Center at JHBC
- Global Learning
 - Model UN, Education Abroad
- Hands-On Experiential Learning
 - Marine Biology and Ichthyology, Exercise is Medicine (Kinesiology)

Why are CSUSB IRA fees important?

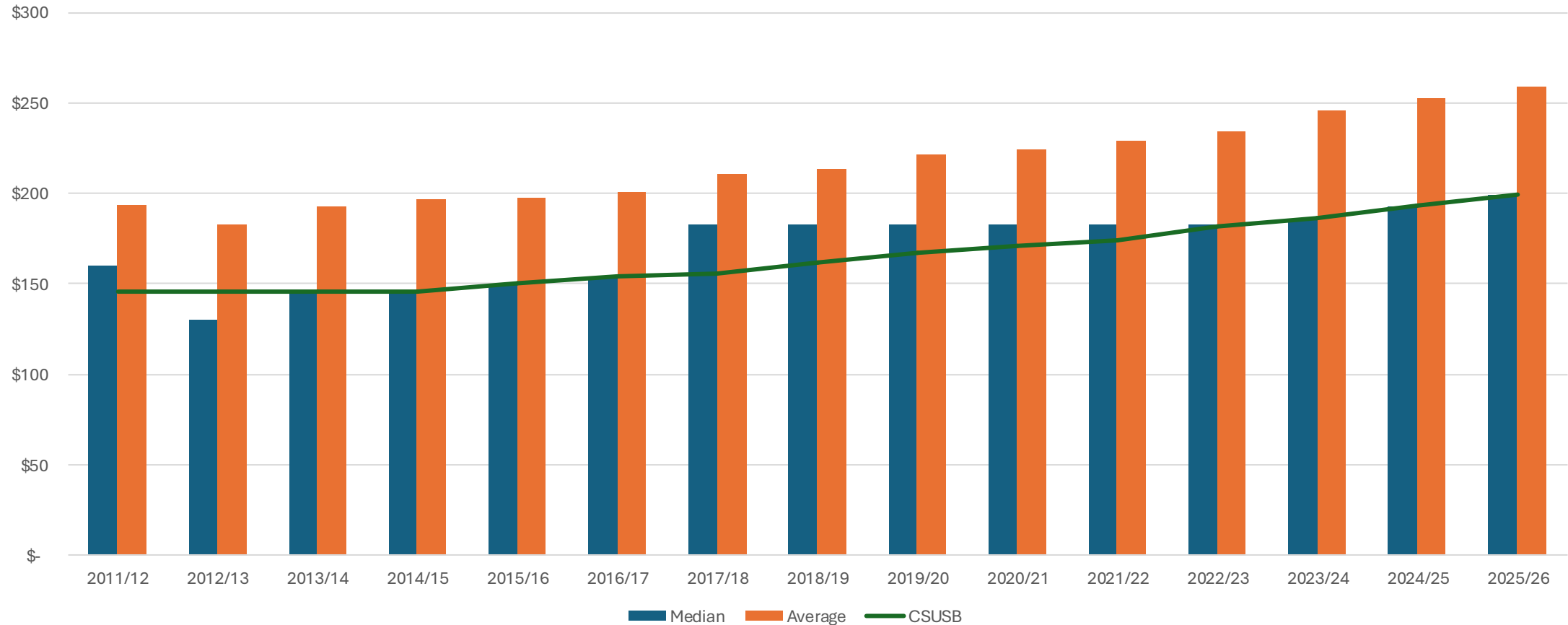
- CSUSB is committed to enhancing academic success, student support services, and student life, all of which are essential to student retention and a rewarding college experience.
- CSUSB IRA fees improve our capacity to support students.
- Current IRA fees are unsustainable due to the overall increase in the cost of student salaries and operations (including supplies, materials, and travel directly related to activities).
- We are experiencing funding gaps in a variety of areas. For example, on-campus student employment and internship opportunities have decreased; fewer students are given opportunities to participate or benefit from the activity; and activities are at risk of elimination, negatively impacting the CSUSB student experience and post-graduation success.

CSU Instructionally Related Activities Fee (2011/12 – 2025/26)

	Median	Average	CSUSB
2011/12	\$ 160	\$ 194	\$ 146
2012/13	\$ 130	\$ 183	\$ 146
2013/14	\$ 146	\$ 193	\$ 146
2014/15	\$ 146	\$ 197	\$ 146
2015/16	\$ 150	\$ 197	\$ 150
2016/17	\$ 154	\$ 201	\$ 154
2017/18	\$ 183	\$ 211	\$ 156
2018/19	\$ 183	\$ 214	\$ 162
2019/20	\$ 183	\$ 221	\$ 167
2020/21	\$ 183	\$ 224	\$ 171
2021/22	\$ 183	\$ 229	\$ 174
2022/23	\$ 183	\$ 235	\$ 182
2023/24	\$ 186	\$ 245	\$ 186
2024/25	\$ 193	\$ 253	\$ 193
2025/26	\$ 199	\$ 259	\$ 199

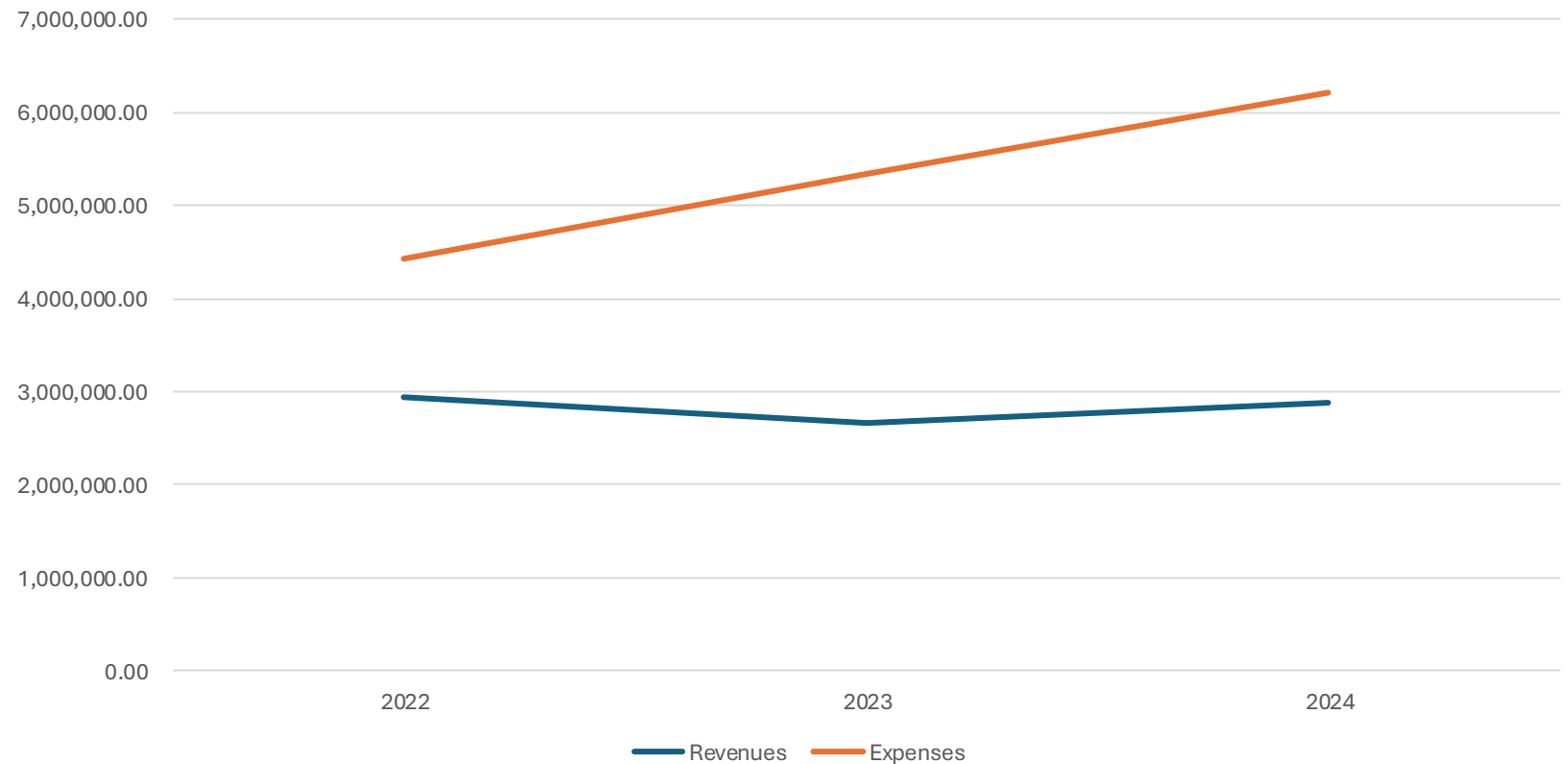
HEPI increases began in 2015/16

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CSUSB IRA Revenues & Expenses (2022-2024)

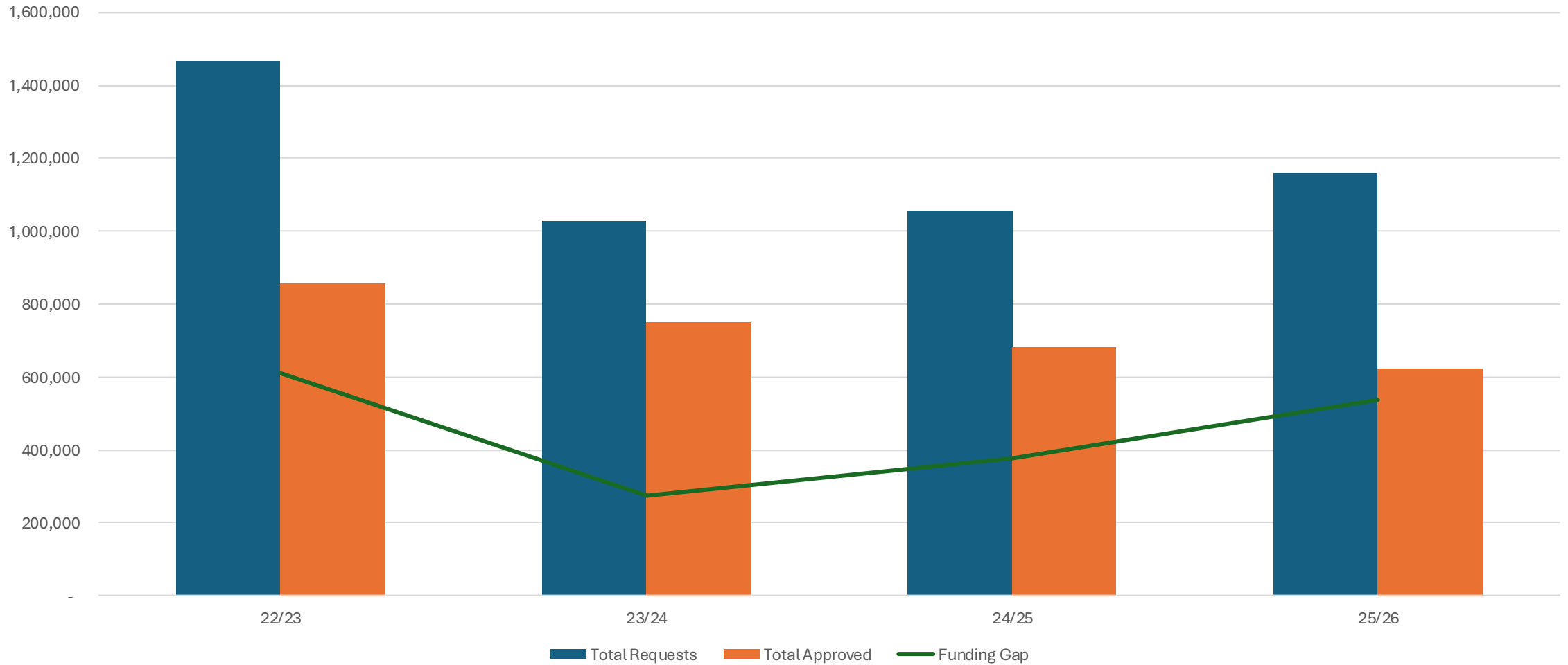
All IRA-funded programs receive other funding, including general funds, revenue-generating activities, and other student fees (including other student and course fees).



Why do we need to increase the IRA Fee?

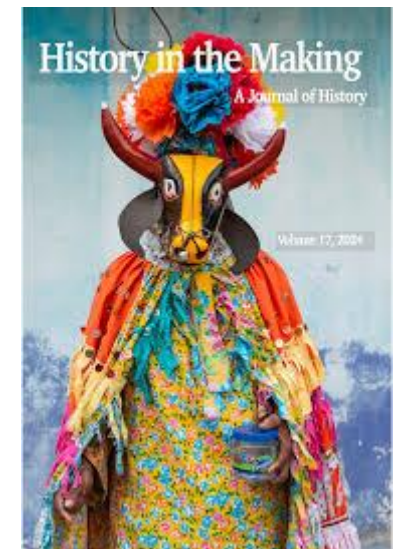
- The IRA Fee has not officially increased since it was originally established at \$146 by the student referendum in 1994/1995.
- CSUSB began adjusting Category II fees, which include the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fee, using the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) effective **Fall 2015**. This adjustment was approved through an Alternative Consultation Process (ACP) during AY 2014/2015 and is capped at a maximum 4% increase annually.

CSUSB IRA Academic Programs Requests vs. Approved (22/23 – 25/26)



Snapshot of Academic Activities

- Supports student-led literary and art publications (printing, editorial support, student employment) such as Coyote Chronicle, Dotphotozine, The Pacific Review, and History in the Making
- Funds travel expenses for Music, Model UN, Marine Biology, Exercise is Medicine, and Education Abroad
- Student Employment for Coyote Chronicle, Coyote Radio, Media Production Lab, Music, Theatre Arts, RAFFMA, Infant Toddler Lab School, PALS Advising Center, JHBC Speaking Center, PDC PAWS Radio, Graduate Studies, AI Integration with the COE
- Operating Expenses for Coyote Chronicle, Media Production Lab, Music, Theatre Arts, Model UN, PAWS Radio, Marine Biology, Graduate Studies, Exercise is Medicine, and AI Integration for the COE
- All five colleges receive an allocation from IRA



Athletics IRA Snapshot



- Team Travel Expenses (Flights, hotels, meals, etc.)
- Student Outreach & Recruitment Expenses
- Staffing/Game Expenses- Cost of game day staff (student personnel, scorers, stat keepers, security), officials (referees, umpires, etc.) & broadcasting (including Spanish-language broadcast from Palm Desert).
- Equipment and apparel - practice and competition gear, sports equipment (soccer goals, basketball hoops, etc.)
- Free home game admission for all CSUSB students!

RecWell IRA Snapshot

Sport Clubs & Intramural Fee - This fee directly supports Sport Clubs and Intramural programs. An increase would allow us to:

- 1) Add approximately 4–6 additional sport offerings
 - 2) Expand student employment opportunities within Sport Clubs and Intramurals
 - 3) Add a Graduate Assistant to provide enhanced oversight, leadership development, and program support
- Directly strengthen competitive opportunities, student engagement, and peer leadership development

Recreation Sports Fee - This (separate) fee supports the broader Recreation & Wellness department. An increase would allow us to:

- 1) Provide increased direct support for the Leadership Challenge Center
 - 2) Enhance program offerings in Fitness and the Climbing Wall
 - 3) Strengthen Retreat programming and related experiential learning opportunities
- Expand student access, deeper programming, and more leadership opportunities.

Special Events



25/26 CSUSB IRA Fee (Fall & Spring)

\$199.52 per academic year

- IRA percentage breakdown was approved by the 94/95 Student Fee Referendum
 - 17% - Academic Programs (\$34.16)
 - Governed by the IRA Committee
 - 68% - Athletics (\$136.38)
 - 11% - Recreation & Wellness (\$20.91)
 - 4% - Special Events (\$8.07)
- The last fee adjustment for IRA occurred in the Fall 2025 semester (HEPI).
- No fee changes have been implemented since the 94/95 referendum.

25/26 CSU Mandatory Campus Fees: IRA

- Source:
<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/paying-for-college/csu-costs/tuition-and-fees/campus-mandatory-fees>

Campus	Instructionally Related Activities
Sacramento	\$1,010
Fresno	\$759
Humboldt	\$674
Sonoma	\$638
San Diego	\$580
Chico	\$448
Stanislaus	\$430
San Luis Obispo	\$398
San Francisco	\$300
Channel Islands	\$271
Monterey Bay	\$254
San Bernardino	\$199
Bakersfield	\$183
Long Beach	\$182
Los Angeles	\$134
Maritime	\$130
East Bay	\$129
Fullerton	\$95
San Marcos	\$80
Dominguez Hills	\$50
Northridge	\$48
Pomona	\$40
San Jose	\$0
Median	\$199

Proposal

- 25/26 IRA Fee: \$199.52 (w/ HEPI)
- Proposed Change: ↑ \$301
- Fee increase will begin in the fall 2026 semester
 - Fall 2026 - ↑ \$151
 - Spring 2027 - ↑ \$150
- Revised IRA Fee: \$500 (w/ HEPI) per AY moving forward
 - Based on 25/26 IRA fees, CSUSB will be #6 within the system

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PROPOSED Starting 26/27 CSUSB IRA Fee (Fall & Spring)

\$500 per academic year

- IRA percentage breakdown was approved by the 94/95 Student Fee Referendum
 - 17% - Academic Programs (\$85.00)
 - Governed by the IRA Committee
 - The IRA Committee will be able to award at least \$1M+ annually.
 - 68% - Athletics (\$340.00)
 - 11% - Recreation & Wellness (\$55.00)
 - 4% - Special Events (\$20.00)
- *Averaging 2% per year since the original fee referendum*

Financial Aid & Proposed IRA Fee Increase



Proposed IRA Fee Increase:

AY:		Summer:			
\$199.52	→	\$500.52	\$23.94	→	\$32.01
Current		Proposed	Current		Proposed

This increase supports student programs, activities, and services, including academic support, tutoring, wellness, and cultural events.

Financial aid may help cover fee increases, but coverage varies based on eligibility.

For More Information:

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

<https://www.csusb.edu/financial-aid>

What will change?

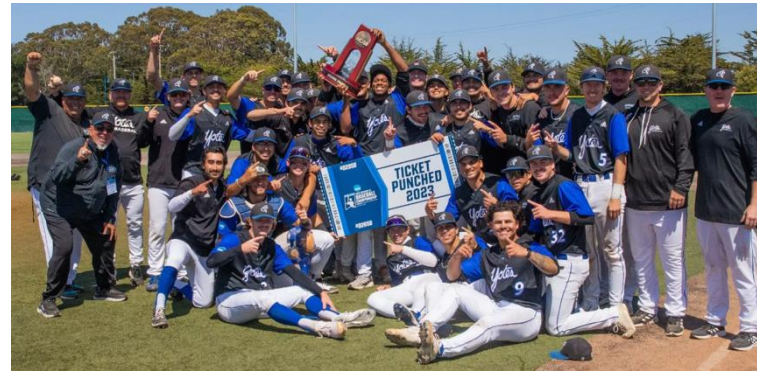
Student Benefits:

- Equitable investments for PDC students
- Increased engagement and experiential learning opportunities
- Fiscal sustainability of vital activities that impact thousands of CSUSB students through employment, internships, and hands-on experiential learning
- Direct impact on student success, student development, and post-graduate opportunities



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