



Associated Students

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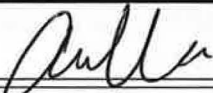
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Subject: Amendment of Student Activities Fees

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Whereas:	The Student Activities Fee was \$4.00 in the 1960s. The fee was raised to \$11.00 in the 1980s and has not been raised since.
Whereas:	While the Student Activities Fee has remained constant, inflation has risen by a cumulative rate of 260.19% since 1980, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Therefore, the purchasing power of the funds provided by the fee has plummeted dramatically.
Whereas:	<p>Due to our growing campus, the fiscal needs of Associated Students increase every year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">As previously discussed, inflation has caused the purchasing power of the funds to decrease. Sufficient funding is not present to maintain the same quality of events and support the student body in the way that an inclusive environment like Mt. SAC should.Another burden on the Student Activities Fee is decreasing enrollment, leading to fewer students paying the activities fee. The decline in revenue has eaten away at the budget in the past several years. However, the number of organizations and programs designed to enrich the learning experience and support students of diversity has increased, leading to more requests for funding.The number of campus departments and programs requesting funding continues to increase while the available revenue decreases, resulting in the inability to support campus programs and organizations.One of many examples is our new Associated Students Leadership Center (ASLC), which will require the hiring of an Administrative Specialist II to ensure our access to our own Center. This will increase our baseline internal budget costs. <p>With the current fee structure, the decline in revenue coupled with the increased cost of supplies, equipment, and food with the forecasted need for professional staff in our new ASLC, results in our status quo budget not being sufficient for our ability to sustain our service to students at large.</p>

Whereas:	A reasonable increase of \$4.00 would boost revenue by \$200,000 each year, which would benefit students by providing even more funding for activities, conferences, scholarships, and more. Furthermore, an increase of \$4.00 would put Mt. SAC on par with the majority of California Community Colleges and their fee structures.
Therefore:	Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve the Amendment of the Student Activities Fee.

A.S. Senate			
For: <u>11</u>	Against: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>	Date: <u>2/21/23</u>
A.S. Executive Board			
For: <u>5</u>	Against: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>	Date: <u>2/21/23</u>
A.S. President			
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