What is CSSA?
The California State Student Association (CSSA) was established by CSU student body presidents, so that students have a formal means to inform and influence system, state and national policies that affect them. CSSA participates in university decision-making; maintains partnerships with higher education stakeholders; and provides students with leadership and professional development opportunities. CSSA represents, advocates and serves CSU students.

What is the Student Involvement and Representation Fee (SIRF)?
The SIRF would ensure that students have the individual choice to fund the activities of the association, and therefore, ensure the overall ability to participate in policy development at the system, state and national levels. The proposed fee amount is $2 per term, or $4 per year. The SIRF fee is an opt-out fee; meaning that students have the option of not contributing to this fee in their tuition.

How was this fee approved?
CSU General Counsel, in coordination with the CSU Office of Advocacy and State Relations, developed very specific clarifying language to be inserted into the CSU omnibus bill AB 2736. Once the language was added to AB 2736, the bill passed unanimously out of the legislature and was signed by Governor Brown.

“(d) The trustees may fix a fee for voluntary membership in a statewide student organization that represents the students of the California State University and the student body organizations of the campuses of the California State University. The trustees shall provide students either the ability to affirmatively elect to pay this fee, or a clear and unambiguous means to decline the payment of this fee, each time the fee is assessed.”

What specific does the SIRF fund?
The CSSA Board will review proposed program budget expansions and administrative and operational needs, and consider funding levels on the following proposals:

Program Development:
- Made in the CSU campaign
- Greenovation
- Training and Development opportunities for board members and staff
- CHESS (California Higher Education Student Summit)
- Executive Office Travel
- Alumni Relations
- Executive Officer Compensation
- Scholarships for Students at Large
- Campus Outreach
- Website Development
- Livestreaming of meetings
- CSSA Internship Program for Students at Large
Administrative and Operational Needs

- Human Resources
- Employee Benefits
- Office Space Allocation
- Chancellor’s Office Accounting
- Reserves
- Audit Services
- Miscellaneous Administrative Costs

How to opt-out?

**STEP 1**: After registering for classes, return to your “Student Center” portal and select “Account Inquiry”.

**Step 2**: Once your Account Summary appears, select “Activity”.

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**Account Inquiry**

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**Account Summary**

You owe $1,451.00. For the breakdown, access Charges Due.

- Due Now: $1,451.00
- Future Due: $0.00

Currency used is US Dollar.

**Remittance Addresses**
Step 3: Once your Account Activity appears, you will see the “Student Representation Fund” listed.

Note: The SIRF will have an informational icon – when clicked, the following will appear:
Step 4: Click on the opt out icon and the following message will appear:

Your $2 contribution ensures that CSU students have a say on tuition, financial aid, student services, course availability, and academic advising.

Your elected student leaders oversee involvement and representation dollars through the [California State Student Association](http://cssa.csueastbay.edu). CSSA is the official student voice at the university system, state, and federal level. In addition to supporting student representation, your contribution increases opportunities for students to acquire relevant career skills, apply for scholarships, participate in internships, and advocate on issues that are important to you.

Thank you for contributing to a stronger voice on behalf of all CSU students.

NOTE: Both the GO BACK and NEXT buttons will return to the Account Activity page. The GO BACK will leave the fee as is; the NEXT button will zero out the charge.