List of Factors for Future Considerations of Fee Changes per AB 970
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- The legislature in 2010 reaffirmed “access, affordability and high quality” as “…the essential
tenets of the master plan…” [Education Code Section 66002 (d)] Adjustments to mandatory
systemwide fees at the CSU should always be considered with these three master plan goals in
mind.

- The state has a historic commitment to fund the master plan. State law affirms this commitment
specifically with regard “…to provide an appropriate place in California public higher education
for every student who is willing and able to benefit from attendance.” [Education Code Section
66201] State law affirms this commitment specifically with regard to providing “…adequate
resources to support enrollment growth…” and that the annual state budget act contain
appropriations necessary to accommodate all California residents who are continuing
undergraduate students or eligible for admission as freshmen or sophomores or transfers from
community colleges. [Education Code Section 66202.5] Adjustments to mandatory systemwide
fees should be based on consideration of the extent to which the state is meeting the above
commitments.

- Consideration shall be given to whether a fee adjustment is necessary, in combination with
existing levels of state support, to assure adequate resources to admit all California resident CSU-
eligible undergraduate applicants, and to provide all students with necessary courses, high quality
programs and support services that lead to improved student success and timely graduation.

- Adjustments to mandatory systemwide fees shall take into consideration the level of state support
the university receives, total costs of student attendance, potential impacts on underrepresented
and low to middle income students, as well as efforts to mitigate impacts. [Education Code
Section 66028.4 (a)]

- Consideration shall be given to the percentage of CSU baccalaureate recipients who graduate
with education loan debt, the average amount of that loan debt, and how these measures compare
with state and national averages. Consideration also shall be given to the availability of financial
aid, including work-study, tax credits and institutional financial aid. [Education Code Section
66028.2 (a)]

- Consideration shall be given to the extent to which fee rates and institutional financial aid
practices are maximizing the availability of federal financial aid, including tax credits, for CSU
students and families.

- Consideration shall be given to comparisons of fee rates, as well as net costs of attendance, with
other public higher education institutions in the state and the nation.

- Consideration shall be given as to whether adjustments to the fee structure would promote
improvements in access to necessary courses, successful course completion, improved time to
degree and graduation rates.

- Consideration shall be given as to whether the fee structure maintains adequate differentials
between undergraduate and graduate/postbaccalaureate fees, in recognition of longstanding Board
of Trustees policy, state priorities for access to baccalaureate education, typically higher costs of
graduate/postbaccalaureate programs and typically higher benefits accruing to master’s and doctoral degree recipients.

- If the state provides stable and predictable increases in funding, consideration shall be given to fee increases that are moderate, gradual, predictable and with ample notice to students.

- The Board of Trustees shall consider adjustments to mandatory systemwide fees and amendments to principles governing consideration of these fees only after appropriate consultation with the designated student association has taken place, as required by state statute and CSU fee policy. [Education Code Sections 66028.3 and 66028.4 (b)]