

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

December 8, 2021

Senator Cao introduced the following Bill, brought forth by Senate Advisor Dr. Miller,
Senator Ortega seconded the following Bill

A BILL

Student Activities Fee Increase to Support Fareless Transit Initiative SB-2122-03

Whereas: The Student Activities Fee is a fee imposed on all students each semester, at a current rate of \$10 per semester and \$4 for summer session. The Student Activities Fee is the membership fee for joining the Associated Students of Cerritos College, and supports a wide variety of campus programs and services, such as:

- Cerritos College student ID card
- Student clubs & organization activities
- Student Activities and ASCC events
- Extended library hours and tutoring services during finals weeks
- Student service department events, such as EOPS/CARE/LINC, International Students, Umoja, and others
- Academic department activities, such as the Forensics Team, Fine Arts (theater, art gallery, music program, etc.), pinning ceremonies for the Health Occupations Division, and others
- Athletic team supplies and travel costs
- Commencement Ceremony (graduation)
- Funding for campus safety improvements

Whereas: Students may waive the fee by completing a “Student Activities Fee Waiver” request on the ASCC website.

Whereas: The Student Activities Fee amounts have not changed since at least the year 2000, when the last available college catalogue was printed. Since that time costs have increased, the number of program supported by the fee has increased, and revenue from other sources, such as food vendors, athletic events, and bookstore, have decreased significantly. In order to support current programming, and the proposed Fareless System Initiative, an increase in the Student Activities Fee is needed.

Whereas: The ASCC has the opportunity to support the LA Metro Fareless System Initiative (FSI), which would provide student bus passes to Community College students in Los Angeles County. The bus passes would include: LA Metro, Norwalk Transit, Montebello Bus, Culver CityBus, and Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, with additional agencies being added as agreements are finalized.

Whereas: The cost to ASCC for the program would be an anticipated \$9 per enrolled student, which would allow an anticipated 10% of all students to receive the bus pass. Based on prior research on campus, approximately 10% of Cerritos College students utilize public transportation as their main mode of transportation.

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Whereas: The bus passes would be available to currently enrolled Cerritos College students who have paid their semester Student Activities Fee. Enrollment and fee payment would be verified each semester to maintain the bus pass. The bus pass program would be managed and administered by the Student Activities Office.

Whereas: The increase in the Student Activities fee will allow participation in the FSI program, by covering the program costs.

Resolved: The ASCC Senate will approve SB-2122-03 to implement the Student Activities Fee Increase to Support the Fareless Transit Initiative. The new Student Activities Fee amounts will be as follows:

- Fall Term - \$19
- Spring Term - \$19
- Summer Term - \$13

Resolved: Implementation of the Student Activities Fee increase will begin with the Fall 2022 term.

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Amendment History

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote: 12/08/2021

Senators Voting Aye: Alamgir, Cao, Criollo, Dominguez, Gomez, Lavarriere, & Lola

Senators Voting Nay:

Senators Abstaining:

Vote Count: 7 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? Yes/No

Committee Performing Review (if applicable):

Committee Chairperson:

Committee Action: (Report complete disposition, amendments, committee vote, or date of final action.)

Presidential Action

Presidential Action (Approved or Veto): _____ Approved _____

Presidential Signature: Sandra Abundio  _____ **Date:** 12/15/2021

If vetoed, state reason: