



Windward Community College

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March 20, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: Doug Dykstra
Chancellor, Windward Community College

VIA: Thomas Doi *Thomas Doi*
Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Windward Community College

VIA: Makana Tani *Makana Tani*
ASUH-WCC President, Windward Community College

FROM: Kaahu Alo
Student Life Coordinator, Windward Community College

SUBJECT: **PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY STUDENT ACTIVITY AND PROGRAM FEE AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED

On behalf of the Associated Students of Windward Community College, it is requested that Chancellor Doug Dykstra increase the Student Activity and Program Fee, in alignment with the proposed student fee allocation structure outlined in Attachment A, which will increase the mandatory student activity and program fee for students at Windward Community College, regardless of credit load.

RECOMMENDED EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon approval by Chancellor Dykstra, the new fee amount will be effective for Fall 2018.

BACKGROUND

Windward Community College, unlike its UH system counterparts, does not assess its students several mandatory student fees, in addition to the Student Activity and Program Fee, to promote the quality of campus life. Further, Windward Community College has not increased the mandatory Student Activity Fee since 1988. This sole Student Activity and Program Fee was established in to support the encouragement of student input, voice, and advocacy, of the needs, interests, and concerns of students at Windward Community College through an organized student government. The Student Activity and Program Fee, administered by student government, has remained at \$1 per credit up to \$10/semester since 1988. Due to the new policy RP 6.203, which exempts distance education students from the Student Activity Fee, Windward Community College has experienced an approximately 30% decrease in funding.



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This is the same fee that is expected to enhance co-curricular, out-of-classroom educational experiences for students. Windward Community College finds itself in need of additional support in order to maintain co-curricular program offerings and to reinvigorate a vibrant student life.

Over the years, the campus student government has endeavored to support a modicum of activities, programs and services, including campus events, financial support for clubs and organizations, musical presentations, educational speakers, and the like. Because of steady rises in the cost of living over the past 30 years; the recent decrease in enrollment; and RP 6.203, the current Student Activity and Program Fee of \$1 per credit up to \$10/semester for resident students is inadequate. In order to maintain the current campus climate supporting the programmatic and financial needs of registered clubs, student initiatives, and other co-curricular programs, the current Student Activity and Program Fee will need to increase. To assure that the college and the student government can substantively contribute to fostering vibrant campus life and will continue to promote a unique and enriching educational experience, we urge the Chancellor to support this increase. The new Student Activity and Program Fee will allow Windward Community College to provide students with an educational experience that they have come to expect and that they surely deserve.

This proposal to increase the level and nature of the student activity fees is intended to achieve four goals:

1. to increase the co-curricular and student life offerings by expanding financial support to a greater diversity of programs and services offered by registered clubs, student initiatives, and chartered student organizations;
2. to maximize the benefits of a diverse student life to a greater number of students by making available a larger amount of funds available to meet the programming and service needs of registered clubs, student initiatives, and chartered student organizations;
3. to generate additional revenue to offset the higher costs of funding co-curricular, Student Life programs and services available at Windward Community College; and
4. to create more opportunities for greater student participation in student governance learning experiences.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is requested that the Chancellor consider approving the proposed student fee allocation structure outlined in Attachment A, pursuant to Board of Regents' Policy, *Section 6.203 Mandatory Student Fees, Part b. (2)* which will increase mandatory student fees for students at Windward Community College, regardless of credit load. By doing so the Chancellor will support Windward Community College student leaders in their mission to promote and re-envision quality Student Life for the future of the windward campus.

Attachment: Attachment A – Proposing Student Activity & Program Fee
Fact Sheet (with background information)
Financial Pro Forma



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ATTACHMENT A --- PROPSAL TO INCREASE MANDATORY STUDENT ACTIVITY AND PROGRAM FEES AT WINDWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

To increase mandatory student activity and program fees at Windward Community College

Effective from the Fall 2018 semester, all students enrolled during regular sessions at Windward Community College shall be assessed mandatory student fees as shown in the fee schedule.

Fee Type	Current 2017-2018 Fall / Spring	PROPOSED 2018 – 2019 Fall / Spring	BENEFITS TO STUDENTS
Student Activity & Program Fee	\$1 per credit up to \$10/sem.	Flat fee of \$15/sem.	Support to club & campus programs & events that foster campus life
TOTAL	\$10/sem.	\$15/sem.	Provide Windward Community College students with same opportunities as other UH-System colleges and to enhanced quality of student life at Windward Community College

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED


Douglas Dykstra, Chancellor

4/11/18
Date



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Fee Increase Forums

March 9 & 16, 2018

Windward Community College students were sent the following email on March 8, 2018 from ASUH Adviser, Kaahu Alo via Interm Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Thomas Doi:

Aloha WCC Students,

ASUH-WCC will be hosting forums to discuss the needs and desires for Our campus. In order to maintain and support the many student initiatives, ASUH-WCC is considering an increase of student fees. Currently, the student activity fee is \$1 per credit, \$10 maximum and has not changed since 1985! In order to maintain and support student-driven initiatives, ASUH-WCC is considering an increase to:

1. Increase the co-curricular activities both on and off campus.
2. Maximize the benefits of our diverse student life programs.

AS open forums will be held in the Student Activity Center (SAC) in Hale Akoakoa, Room 232 on Fridays, March 9th and 16th, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Hope to see you there.

Kaahu Alo
ASUH Adviser

As a result there were two forums hosted by ASUH Adviser, Kaahu Alo. Attendees of these forums included Windward Community College students and members of the faculty/staff. Participants discussed the potential Student Activity Fee increase and possible alternatives. There were no students or staff members who were in opposition to the fee increase as they understand the cost of the student activities. Both groups were unanimously in support of replacing the current \$1 per credit up to \$10 fee with the proposed \$15 flat fee. The only suggestion was to increase awareness of the several services available to students. Most students in attendance also expressed the desire to pursue a health and wellness center.