## Student Health Fee Increase – Additional Information Marsha Gable

As a quick follow-up to accompany the request to raise the Student Health Services Fees, please find <u>justifications</u> below:

- The Student Health & Wellness Center is 100% reliant on health fees it does not receive any money from the general fund.
- The health fee has not been raised in the last 5 cycles.
- We have employed a second nurse and a second counselor in order to expand our services since the fee was last raised.
- Salaries have increased with each contract negotiation, both with AFT and CSEA.
- Health fee revenue has dropped with the implementation of the Promise Program as these students are not required to pay any fees. There has been no replacement for this revenue.
- Supply costs have increased by 10% since the pandemic.

## Additional Information:

The Student Health & Wellness Center provides services to all enrolled students who have paid the health fee or have received a financially determined waiver for the health fee. Students whom depend exclusively upon prayer for healing according to the teaching of a bona fide religious sect, denomination or organization may petition for an exemption from the payment of the health fee.

The mandatory health fee provides accident insurance for the protection of any student who may experience an injury while participating in a college sponsored credit or non-credit class, or other college-sponsored activity.

Education Code sections 76355, 76360, and 76361 authorize the governing board of a community college district to charge health, parking services, and transportation services fees and increase those fees by the same percentage as the increase in the Implicit Price Deflator for State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services as published by the U.S. Department of Commerce. In January of each year, the Chancellor's Office calculates the percentage increase by comparing the prior year index with the current year index as published on the <a href="Department of Finance's webpage">Department of Finance's webpage</a>. Please see our <a href="Student Health">Student Health</a>, <a href="Parking">Parking</a>, and <a href="Transportation Services Fees webpage">Transportation Services Fees webpage</a> for information on prior year maximum fees.

The table below reflects the <u>maximum</u> semester, summer, intersession, and quarter fees that may be charged for 2023-2024 in comparison to our current Health Fees.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Maximum Fees	Semester	Summer	Intersession[1]	Quarter Term
Health Services	\$26.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00

<sup>[1]</sup> Intersession of at least four weeks.

## **Current Fees:**

<b>Current GCCCD Health Fees</b>	Semester	Summer
Health Fee (Mandatory-Includes Accident Insurance)	\$20.00	\$17.00

Pending: Comparison data for Region X.