CSU may add per-unit fees

Board of trustees will vote this week on extra costs that would go into effect beginning Fall 2013

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The Cal State University board of trustees will vote on three resolutions that could increase fees for general in-state and out-of-state tuition and add three new “resident undergraduate” fees of up to $372 per unit, at their next meeting, Wednesday.

The resolutions are part of a contingency plan that would go into effect if voters do not pass Gov. Jerry Brown’s Proposition 30 in November.

About $250 million in “trigger cuts” would be initiated from the CSU system if Proposition 30 fails, and this “trigger on the trigger” would ensure that revenue is generated to make up for the loss, according to the CSU Finance Committee’s agenda.

However, Vice Provost Cynthia Rawitch said CSUN officials have already enacted measures such as unit restrictions and limits on repeat courses, so she questioned whether another fee hike would help the situation.

“If we don’t get money from the state, we have to increase student fees,” Rawitch said. “Rather than doing that on everybody, let’s address the fee increases to students for things that we want them to do better.”

It is unclear whether or not the three fees – if any or all are approved on Wednesday – are absolutely contingent on the success or failure of Brown’s tax initiative. The CSU Finance Committee stated in their agenda that the fees are “recommended even if the Governor’s tax initiative passes.” However, according to CSU board of trustees representative Stephanie Thara, the fees will only go into effect if Prop 30 fails.

Basic tuition for Spring 2013 would increase immediately by a few hundred dollars and the academic year beginning in Fall 2013 would amount to $6,270 for a full-time resident undergraduate student. That number only reflects the tuition cost, and does not factor in other mandatory fees.

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GABRIELLE MOREIRA
DAILY SUN Dial

When Dr. Shane Frehlich, chair of the Kinesiology Department at CSUN, was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia in May, he thought it was a mistake.

Frehlich thought leukemia was a genetic disease, and as a man with no family history of the cancer, he didn’t believe the diagnosis. But he was not going to take any chances.

He and his wife of four years, Dianne, noticed red spots on his skin. He assumed they were just an allergic reaction to something he had eaten or touched. It was not until the spots grew larger that his mind fully sunk in, I started shifting my mindset on what I needed to do to beat this disease.”

Because Frehlich does not have a match within his family nor in the Be the Match registry, which has over 10 million possible stem cell and bone marrow donors, the kinesiology department started a bone marrow drive for him, which was spearheaded by Dr. Doug McLaughlin, physical activity program coordinator. Dr. Konstantinos Dino Vrongistinos, acting chair of the kinesiology department and undergraduate coordinator, is also helping run the drive.

The drive will be held on Sept. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Redwood Hall with staff members present from City of Hope hospital in Duarte who run the Be the Match Registry for Southern California and the Central Coast.

“The drive is a great opportunity for people to learn about the Be the Match registry,” Vrongistinos said. “Most donors end up being college students or recent graduates. We hope to increase the chances of people having matches on the registry.”

Leukemia, a broad term for cancer that affects the soft, spongy marrow in certain bones and the production of white blood cells, affects about 300,000 men and women in the U.S.

Frehlich was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a relatively rare form of blood cancer where abnormal white blood cells are rapidly produced.

Spots on skin are usually signs of late-stage cancer, but as Frehlich put it, his case is backwards.

“There’s nothing in my marrow. It was just on the skin so my case is a lot more rare,” he said. “I’m hoping this rarity could be a good thing.”

Before Frehlich was diagnosed, he was on maternity leave. On Jan. 25, Dianne gave birth to twin boys, Max and Miles, but they were three months premature and had to stay in the hospital for a few months.

“It’s been a hard year for us. The babies came home not long before Shane was diagnozed,” he said.

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Dr. Shane Frehlich, with wife Dianne and twins Max and Miles, was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia in May.

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The Education Under Fire campaign aims to shed light on the Iranian government’s denial of the right to education for ideological and religious reasons, and to spread the discussion to universities to bring attention to the issue. For more information visit http://www.educationunderfire.com.

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FOUNDER’S DAY

Where: University Student Union

When: 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Description: Join the celebration of Founders Day honoring and reuniting former students, faculty and staff for a day full of scheduled events looking back at the legacy of CSUN. Single tickets are $35.

A.S. Senate Meeting

Where: Brand Salon (USU)

When: 9 a.m.

Description: Come see your representatives in action. Join us for the open forum to let us know how you are doing and to be heard.

Men’s Soccer vs. Air Force

Where: Soccer Field

When: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Description: Come out for a Saturday night game of soccer when the men’s soccer team takes on the Air Force. Free admission for CSUN students with ID and all military members with ID.

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A.S. Finance Meetings

Where: A.S. Conference Room (USU 100)

Description: The A.S. Finance meeting is free of charge.

Going Green and Global for a Golden Future?

Where: Tseng Gallery, Oviatt Library

Description: Celebrate the marvels of science fiction literature in the opening of this gallery with best-selling science fiction writer and astronaut David Brin as the speaker in the reception of the gallery opening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Jack and Florence Fenem Presentation Room in the Oviatt Library. The event is free of charge.

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Discovering Israel Through Archaeology, Past, Present, and Future

Where: Sierra Hall 217

Description: Explore the archeology of Israel with Moti Gainsdor, a learned tour guide of Israel and former geography teacher, who will show examples of artifacts and discuss controversy surrounding current Israeli archeology.

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Angel had recently run a marathon and had stopped by the ward to say hello to the staff. He had been lucky enough to receive a stem cell donation from a match found in the registry.

As for Tyrone, the first and last time Frehlich had seen Tyrone he was frail and could barely walk. Frehlich saw him out in the hall trying to walk around the ward. Frehlich offered to walk with him. He learned that Tyrone was still waiting for a stem cell match on the registry. The next day, Tyrone’s ward had been cleaned out and nurses would not tell Frehlich what happened.

“Although these two young men intersected with my life for only the briefest of moments,” he said in a letter to his department on Sept. 13. “I think about Angel and Tyrone often. Their lives illustrate just how important the registry is. Unfortunately, for patients like Angel and Tyrone, there are nowhere near as many donors as there are for Caucasian patients.”

About 90 percent of Caucasians can find a match within the registry while only 20 percent of Asians, African Americans, Native Americans, and mixed races are represented in the registry, according to Joyce Valdez, Community Outreach Specialist at City of Hope hospital.

Valdez will be part of the bone marrow drive on Sept. 18 and will provide information on the registry, as well as forms for participants to fill out.

“The people at City of Hope are great,” said Vrognostis. “They’re really passionate about their work. We hope a lot of people will benefit from the drive.”

The bone marrow drive doesn’t require any blood donations, but rather participants will be given a small self-swab kit where they will rub a cotton swab against the inside of their cheeks and then place them in a sterile vial. The swab is used to gather tissue samples within the cheeks that may show if participants are a match for Frehlich or any of the thousands of patients waiting for donors.

Frehlich goes in for his third round of chemotherapy about a week and his last class is scheduled for sometime in early to mid-December.

CORRECTION

In “Veterans center eases transition,” published Sept. 13, a caption on a photo should have read, “I don’t see how that’s an incentive,” Rawitch said about the about the third-tier tuition fee. “A student will look at that and say, ‘I will just stay here a semester longer. That isn’t accomplishing anything as far as I can see.’”

CSUN is already doing the things to obtain the goal that the fees are trying to accomplish, Rawitch said.

CSUN has already placed a unit cap at 15 units per semester, only creating exceptions for graduating seniors. Financial aid runs out at 150 units, and students can only sign up to take repeat courses one week before the beginning of the semester, so that those taking the class for the first time have priority.

“I’m not sure that adding an additional $300 for repeating a course helps any,” Rawitch said.

A decision will be reached at this week’s board of trustees meetings.

When: Tuesday, open session starts at 10 a.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m. Where: CSU chancellor’s office at 401 Golden Shore Long Beach, CA 90802
A.S. yet to take stance on possible new fees presented by the CSU board of trustees

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A.S. yet to take stance on possible new fees presented by the CSU board of trustees

Associated Students’ Vice President Chris Woolett informed the A.S. body on Friday about a possible Cal State University board of trustees resolution that would increase some students’ fees by up to several hundred dollars per unit.

Woolett announced in his weekly report that the board of trustees will discuss three fee increases at their board meetings next Tuesday and Wednesday. The first is a “graduation incentive” that would charge students an extra $372 per-unit in their last semester of study.

The second is a “graduation emergency” that would charge students an extra $372 per-unit for students who take more than 16 units in a semester.

According to Stephanie Thara, spokesperson for the CSU, these increases will only go into effect if Gov. Jerry Brown’s proposed tax initiative does not pass in November.

Though this information was available on the board of trustees website since last Friday, the A.S. senators did not learn about this information until Friday.

Woolett learned about the fees through CSU Long Beach’s student newspaper, the Daily 49er.

“Any question about a possible Cal State Long Beach fee change, I would have known about it,” Senator Malek Al-Marayati, one of the senators who had an emergency meeting to pass a resolution in opposition to the fee increases, according to the Daily 49er’s website.

“What is the reasoning behind the fee?” asked Senator Nelly Altamirano, who represents the college of business and economics. Her question was directed toward Woolett, but he expressed that he did not know enough about the proposed fees to give her an answer.

Malik Al-Marayati, one of the senators representing the college of science and math, expressed that he had no response during the meeting because all the information was very overwhelming. However, he began researching about the fees immediately after the meeting adjourned.

“I have a lot of constituents in the college of science and math who repeat courses,” Al-Marayati said. “And I’m concerned with the extra fees (on those who take more than 150 units) because I’m a double major.”

Senator Talar Alexanian, who represents upper division students, said that although most of the senators did not voice their opinions during the meeting, many discussed the fee increases in their conversations afterward.

“I think we were caught a little bit by surprise today when we heard the news,” Alexanian said. “I feel that all the senators have strong convictions about this because this not only affects their constituents, but them as students as well.”

Alexanian said that if passed, the fee increase for students taking 16-plus units would affect her constituency, students who are trying to get classes to graduate and move on.

“The third-tier tuition fee would have the most effect on my constituency specifically,” she said. “All of them are struggling to find classes and trying to get out of here and into the real world and start what they want to do with their careers. But it’s tough when these fees are increased on you, adding an additional struggle for you to break free and move forward in life.”

A.S. President Sydni Powell said that the senators would have no other discussion of the fees with President Diane Harrison at a luncheon taking place at Harrison’s house on Saturday.

She said that it would be up to the senators’ consensus to decide whether or not A.S. would take a stance on the possible fees.

“Now that VP Woolett has given them some information about it, it’s gonna be my challenge for them to speak up to other students,” Powell said. “I don’t want to always be the one to always put forth things on the agenda.”

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The Bad Suns win Big Show Showdown

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With weeks until the CSUN’s Big Show, that will take place Oct. 20, the Associated Students hosted the Big Show Battle. The Big Show Battle took place Wednesday to determine which musical act would open for Big Show’s headliners Big Sean and Diplo. The show was greeted by sponsors from Rockstar, Pizza Rev, and of course A.S.

With a can of rockstar in one hand, about 70 to 90 students and supporters of the performers showed up to the event. The acts were introduced, and during times of preparation A.S. representatives had special contests like a best dancer contest, in which two students were called to the front in order to determine who was the “better dancer.”

The show consisted of rock, rap, and of course electronic mash-ups. Bad Suns, the only rock band that competed, were welcomed by the crowd hesitantly. The DJ hosting the event even made a small reference to “rock music” by playing Nirvana right after their performance.

Rapper Lil G rapped two of his own songs and got the crowd hyped by dancing, rapping, and showcasing his lyrics. Although the crowd was eager to see the acts, it was DJ Schmitty that pumped up the crowd and got everyone to run around flailing their arms.

His music, which is the most current, mashed up music from Kanye’s “Mercy” and even synced beats with slower R&B songs like “I’m coming home” by Diddy’s group. Dirty Money. Schmitty definitely seemed to get the crowd going while he participated in hyping the crowd with his dance moves.

After voting closed on Thursday at 9 p.m., the results were in. At the A.S. meeting on Friday, the Bad Suns were announced as the winner.

From left, Big Show Host Kiera McKibbens, Lil G, and the Bad Suns dancing one last time for the audience. Lil G and the Bad Suns were two of the five contestants that performed for the Big Show Battle on Sept. 12. They were competing to be the opening performers for the Big Show taking place on Oct. 20.

Front man, Chris Bowman, performs a set with his band, Bad Suns, at the Big Show Battle. They were announced as the winner of the Big Show battle Friday at the A.S meeting.

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Is marriage a wedge issue?

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Contributor

With the economy undergoing the worst downturn since the Great Depression, there are those who question whether to fully recognize same-sex marriage is a serious matter or a wedge issue among voters.

The debate is not simply an issue of semantics. To be certain, the economic factors are important, and the issue of marriage is hardly a trivial matter. Nor is the issue simply about same-sex versus heterosexual marriage, as history shows us. Take, for example, the case of polygamists in the early Mormon community.

During the early 19th century the Mormons, followers of the Church of Latter-day Saints were harassed by their fellow Americans. On several occasions, this harassment escalated to skirmishes, and it was not uncommon for them to be deemed unwanted and chased out under the threat of the bayonet.

Were Mormons then law-breakers? Were they uncivilized heathens that practiced cannibalism? No. They were patriotic Americans and God-fearing Christians.

Unfortunately for them, they also practiced polygamy, which they erroneously meant accepting the end of legal polygamy. When a man can have multiple wives, and for this they were forced to accept government jurisdiction – which effectively meant accepting the end of legal polygamy. Under the terms of peace, the Mormon Church was negotiated. A line had been drawn though, the United States have been willing to use military force to enforce what they deem as being the rightful form of marriage. If the United States were willing to use military force in the past to settle the issue, should we not be concerned that they might do so again in the present?

I myself am a member of the Roman Catholic Church and believe that marriage is the union between one man and one woman. As an American though, it is intolerable to allow the United States to harm my fellow Americans for how they live their private lives. Even if one has reservations about same-sex or polygamous marriage, they should not use the government’s enforcement to their will.

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Matadors fend off Army invasion

CSUN comes up big in its home opener with a dominating 5-0 blowout against the visiting Black Knights

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Northridge sweeps Rice Invitational

ANDREW CLARK
DAILY SUNDIAL

The CSUN women’s volleyball team went into the Lone Star State and came back with some hardware.

The team won the Rice Invitational without losing a single set, beating three teams by a combined score of 9-0.

Junior opposite hitter Britney Graff was named tournament MVP while junior setter Sydney Gedryn and senior libero Cindy Ortiz received all-tournament honors.

Stepping in for injured starter Natalie Allen, Graff led the Matadors with 14 kills against their first opponent, the host Rice Owls. Head coach Jeff Stork was pleased with Graff’s effort.

“(Graff) executed very well today,” said Stork. “She hit a lot of cross court shots that they struggled defending.”

Sophomore middle blocker Casey Hinger added eight kills in the win. Fellow sophomore middle Sam Kaul led the front row defense with eight blocks at the net.

Gedryn had seven kills, seven digs, three blocks, and 34 assists as she coordinated the CSUN offense and helped on defense.

Nancy Cole led the Owls with 12 kills in the losing effort.

The Matadors defeated Rice easily in the first set, but had to rally to win the second set and hold off a Rice rally in the third set before claiming victory.

“We did so many things well against a very good team today,” said Stork. “We played Rice a couple of years ago and were a little concerned about their speed of play but we’re a much improved team and we handled it well today.”

In the second game of the tournament, CSUN defeated Texas Tech in straight sets to keep the streak alive.

Graff once again led the offense with ten kills while the middle blocker tandem of Casey Hinger and Sam Kaul combined for ten kills and eight blocks.

Coach Stork praised the Matadors blocking.

“We’re doing good things with our blocking schemes right now,” said Stork. “Because of our blocking we’re getting easy digs. We’re also serving in most of the time and were not committing hitting errors which keeps the pressure on our opponents.”

Much like the Rice game, Texas Tech put up a fight against CSUN, leading the first set by as much as five before the Matadors hit the gas pedal and rallied for six straight points.

The third and final set was the tightest of all until CSUN pulled away at the 16-point mark for good.

As for the Red Raiders, Lydia McKay led the team with 11 kills in the loss. Hours after defeating Texas Tech, the Matadors plowed through their final opponent, the Houston Baptist Huskies.

Once again, Graff led the offense with ten kills while Ortiz had 16 digs to anchor the defense.

Hinger had nine kills to lead the CSUN middle blockers while Kaul added a solo block and three block assists.

The Matadors return home to begin Big West conference play with a showdown against powerhouse Hawai’i at the Matadome on Wednesday.