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FEES INCREASE FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS

With the recent passage of the state budget, community college students will be required to pay an additional \$6 per unit for classes beginning in the fall. Merced College students will join community college students throughout the state in paying \$26 per unit for tuition.

“Students who have already paid \$20 per unit for classes prior to this budget decision will be responsible for added expense,” said Dr. Anne Newins, vice president for Student Services. “They are encouraged to pay the balance of fees before classes begin on August 17.”

All students are being charged the new fee, Dr. Newins noted. However, for students who are approved for the Board of Governors’ Fee waiver (BOG), the fee waiver will automatically offset the increased fees.

Annual tuition at a state community college for 30 units is \$780. Annual tuition for full-time students at the California State University system is \$4,827. Tuition at the University of California is \$8,720.

“Despite the added expense, community colleges are still a bargain,” Dr. Newins said.

For more information on the fee increase, contact the Student Fees office at (209) 384-6216. Students may also visit the Financial Aid office on the third floor of the Leshar Student Services Center building for information on financial aid, and the BOG fee waiver.

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