

**Issue Number 14**

**Parking Fees**

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**Statement of the Issue**

Shall the contract be changed to allow parking fees to increase to the level paid by students and administration?

**CSU Position**

Parking fees for faculty unit employees shall be increased over a three year period so that by the end of the third year these employees will pay the same amount in parking fees as that paid by students and administrators. (Exhibit 14-1) CSU proposes phasing in the increases as follows:

- Effective with fiscal year 2007/08 increase parking fees by 1/3 of the amount necessary to achieve parity with student parking fees in effect for fiscal year 2007/08.
- Effective with fiscal year 2008/09 increase parking fees by ½ of the amount necessary to achieve parity with student parking fees in effect for fiscal year 2008/09.
- Effective with fiscal year 2009/10 increase parking fees by the amount necessary so faculty are paying the same amount for parking as students are paying for fiscal year 2009/10.

**CFA Position**

CFA proposes no increase in parking fees for faculty unit employees. (Exhibit 14-2)

## **Background**

Currently students pay more to park on campuses than faculty pay at approximately three-fourths of the CSU campuses. Parking fees have increased for students at the same time as instructional fees have increased.

Since 1995 campuses have been responsible for their own parking program. Each campus collects and maintains its own parking fees and is responsible maintaining the parking lots and/or structures from those fees. In order to build new parking lots/structures, each campus must fund the project by using existing parking reserves or bond financing. (Exhibit 14-3)

If the campus does not have enough money in its parking reserves, it must develop a financial plan that demonstrates it can meet bonding requirements. The Income Test in order to qualify for a bond stipulates that Net Revenue equal at least 1.45 times the Maximum Aggregate Annual Debt Service. In order to qualify for bonds to finance the construction of new parking facilities, the campuses have had to increase parking fees.

## **Criteria for CSU Position**

- **Equity**

CFA-represented employees enjoy a salary and benefit program that equals or exceeds that of staff employees and far exceeds that of CSU students. Yet, students and some staff members are currently paying more than CFA-represented employees.

The California State University Employees Union has agreed to a gradual increase in parking fees over the next three years for its members, provided CFA-represented employees also increase the amount they pay for parking. (Exhibit 14-4) All the other staff union contracts allow the University to increase parking fees as necessary.

It is estimated that the impact on employees for 2007/08 would be an increase of \$5.00 or less per month on nine (9) campuses and no impact on six (6) campuses. (Exhibit 14-5)