

The University Union campus mandatory fee is made up of the University Union fee and the Recreation Wellness fee. The University Union is seeking a campus mandatory fee increase of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This is a calculated inflationary annual increase. For example, this year, the University Union fee would increase for the 2009/2010 academic year from \$71 to \$73. If the fee is approved for increase, it would begin for the Fall 2009 semester. The increase will be used to continue or enhance the operations of the University Union.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>University Union</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>University Union</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>• NO INCREASE IN 17 YEARS</b> The Union side of the fee (\$71.00) has not been adjusted since 1992 (17 years)</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• CORRECT A PAST OVERSIGHT</b> In 2004 the fee was increases to build The Wellness, Education, Leisure, Lifestyles (WELL) facility, with a CPI only on the NEW portion The referendum language prevented the CPI from being applied to the original fee portion. This should be corrected. It was intended that the CPI increase apply to the USU before as it already does for other service areas, but by an oversight in the formulation of the language at the time, it was accidentally excluded. This approval would correct that oversight.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• INCREMENTAL ADJUSTMENT</b> Allowing CPI increases makes changes in fees incremental, slow and gradual and avoids a larger and sudden increase later.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• NO REDUCTION IN SERVICES</b> The Union will be able to maintain or increase services for the next few years. Stability of the Univ. Union services is important to campus life. The Univ. Union has become a key feature of our university and we should continue to fully fund it as necessary to maintain its great services.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• MAINTAIN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENT EMPLOYMENT</b> As the minimum wage increases, the fee increase will allow the Univ. Union to continue to employ students.</p> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>• ADDITIONAL FEE INCREASE</b> Students are already facing hefty tuition hikes and will not appreciate other increases, no matter how small.</p> <p><b>If the CPI is not added to the Union part of the fee:</b></p> </li> <li> <p><b>• REDUCE HOURS OF OPERATION</b> Reduce the hours of operation either closing earlier or opening later in the morning. Open at 8am instead of 6:30 M-F or close at 9pm instead of at midnight Sunday through Thursday.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• CHARGE STUDENTS FOR FACILITIES</b> Raise our fees to facility users and also possibly start charging students to host events in the Union (Clubs and Organizations).</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• REDUCE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS</b> It would be required to either reduce the number of events that we do for the campus or reduce the number that are for free. For example less concerts (Fall Out Boy,1500 in attendance) and/or programs (Tom Deluca that had 1200, a free event, people in attendance this year, comedy show with Carlos Alazraqui (from Reno 911) had 1200+ in attendance) or charge for all events. We have focused on doing more low cost events as free events to keep us in budget and help the students' wallet.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>• REDUCE STUDENT EMPLOYMENT</b> Could reduce the number of employment opportunities, student and fulltime, to bring us within budget. Currently we average 70 student employees and 25 fulltime employees at any given time.</p> </li> </ul>