Student Referendum: ?Student Health and Counseling Supplemental Fee?

Background Summary

Over the last several years, SHCS has lost revenue streams while expenses have steadily increased. SHCS has managed revenues and reduced expenses to the greatest extent possible, but has reached the point where additional revenue is required to support the services offered without reductions.

What services would be eliminated without additional revenue from this fee?
medical record system for the time period 9/1/16 to 8/31/17. The system report includes unique students who completed visits. Visits with the practitioners noted above were included. Nurse visits would include TB skin test placements or vaccinations.

Fee Description

How the fee will be used?

To support salaries and benefits for SHCS staff and programs. This includes physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, administrative staff, mental health counselors, and the dietician.

Proposed Fee?

The proposed quarterly fee for the next six years is listed below.

The quarterly fee would be paid by any student registering in fall, winter, spring or summer terms.

After year six:

The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) - which is comprised of students and faculty representatives from each school and two members of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA); one representing the professional schools and one representing graduate students - will evaluate SHCS budget needs and make a recommendation for a potential increase to be reviewed and approved by the chancellor.

If approved by the chancellor, final approval, per policy, is required from the president of the University of California.

LIMITS to any increase:

Recommended increases will only cover cost of living increases. Any increase greater than 5% would require a full student referendum vote.

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*The fee shown INCLUDES 25% return-to-aid required by UC policy, which goes to need-based financial aid.

Student Government Review

SHCS leadership met with six student government organizations and student committees to explain the need for the fee and allow those student groups to ask more detailed questions about the proposal on behalf of the student body. These students’ feedback was instrumental in developing this initiative.

See the Student Government Reviews as they become available.
A YES vote means:  You support a new quarterly fee to support the services of Student Health and Counseling Services.

A NO vote means:  You do NOT support a new quarterly fee to support the services of Student Health and Counseling Services.

Things To Know about the Vote!

- Voting begins April 9th.
- You will receive an electronic ballot via email. For most students, your ballot will be included in the GPSA election email.
- **Voter turnout of 12% of the student body is required for the vote to qualify.** Turnout for the April vote the last three years averaged 10.3% - so please try to vote!
- A simple majority vote is required for the measure to pass.

**Ballot Question**

Do you approve of a new ?Student Health and Counseling Supplemental Fee? (to be charged to all registered students in fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters) to support services offered by Student Health and Counseling Services? **Yes or No?**

The fee for the first six years is listed below. The fee would only increase thereafter upon a recommendation from the Student Health Advisory Committee (composition described above) approved by the chancellor with the following limits:

- Recommended increases will only cover cost of living increases.
- Any increase greater than 5% would require a full student referendum vote.
SHCS will report to the Student Health Advisory Committee annually on how the fee revenue is spent.

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**Additional Information**

- **If I am a graduate student**, will this fee be covered by my program?
- **Utilization of SHCS services increasing** and large % of student access care
- **Students who waived UC SHIP** currently have access to SHCS services
- UC SHIP Premiums: < 1% **growth next year**, how SHCS services keep premiums lower
visits would include TB skin test placements or vaccinations).

**If I am a graduate student, will this fee be covered by my program?**
This fee would be treated the same as any other mandatory fee for graduate students. This means it would be covered by your department or a fellowship if your current tuition and fees are covered.

**When would the fee begin?**
Fall 2018. The fee will be charged to all registered students in fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.

**How much will the fee increase each year?**
The fee would increase between $2 - $4 per quarter (as shown below). After year six, the fee would only increase if recommended by the SHAC and approved by the chancellor. Any increase is limited in the following ways:

- Recommended increases will **only cover** inflationary and cost of living increases.
- Any increase greater than 5% would require a full student referendum vote.

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**If I waive UCSHIP, why should I vote ?yes? for the new supplemental fee?**
Students who waived UC SHIP can access most SHCS services at no cost to you. This includes primary care, mental health counseling and psychiatry visits, and visits with the registered dietician. You may also access all Hump Day outreach programs.

In addition, SHCS supports all students’ well-being and success by working closely with your school and faculty and staff around issues that impact students such as responding to recent student deaths and supporting students during the northern California wildfires.

**What are the consequences of not approving this fee?**
Without additional revenue, SHCS will have to cut staffing levels. A reduction in staffing would result in some combination, or all, of the following:

- Longer waits for mental health and primary care appointments.
- Elimination of evening appointments.
- Plans to offer online video-based services (primary care and mental health appointments and nurse triage) would not be implemented.
- Mindfulness workshops and other outreach programs would be discontinued.
- Students who waived UC SHIP would have services reduced or all services moved to a full-fee pay out-of-pocket system.
- Increased wait times for TB screenings and vaccinations.
- Reduced phone access when calling SHCS for questions.

**Why is 25% of the fee being returned to UCSF students in the form of financial aid?**
According to University of California policy, any compulsory campus-based student fee,
approved as either a new fee or an increase to an existing fee, shall provide for fee revenue for local need-based financial aid ("return-to-aid") to be set aside in an amount equal to at least 25% of the total new fee, or fee increase, as appropriate. These funds are not conferred to Student Health and Counseling, but to need-based financial aid.

Has Student Health consulted with any student groups to discuss the provisions of this fee proposal?
SHCS leadership met with several student government organizations including GPSA, ASGD, the Student Services Fee Committee and the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) to explain the need for this new fee and allow those student groups to raise detailed questions on behalf of the student body. Student feedback was instrumental in the development of this fee proposal.

Have Questions?
Please email us if you have any further questions or need more information. [9]

Source URL: https://studenthealth.ucsf.edu/supplementalfee

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[6] https://studenthealth.ucsf.edu/nutrition-services-shcs
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