

**RESOLUTION FY 2012-11**

Implementation of Student Activity Fee  
For FY 2012-2013

WHEREAS, participation in extracurricular activities has a positive impact on the retention of students beyond the first year, and

WHEREAS, several ground-breaking studies on this topic (Astin, 1985; Tinto, 1993; Pascarella & Terenzini, 2005) suggest that there is a positive correlation between student engagement and student learning and persistence, and

WHEREAS, Edison Community College is working diligently to develop, grow and strengthen Student Life at Edison as we understand that strong Student Life is a tremendous positive influencer of retention, persistence, graduation and overall student success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Edison Community College that a student activity fee of \$1.00 per credit hour be assessed to all students with the exception of high school dual enrollment students.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this increase become effective for terms starting on or after August 15, 2012.

## Rationale for Implementing a Student Activities and Wellness Fee

It is recommended that a student activity fee be assessed for all students, with the exception of high school dual enrollment students, to assist in the funding for student activities and wellness activities.

### Current costs to the college:

Student Life	Salary only	\$32,017
Student Life	Fringe Benefits	\$11,100
Student Life	Operating Budget	\$26,000
Student Health Services	Salary	\$21,236
Student Health	Operating Budget	\$8,678
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Total		\$99,031

**Rationale:** Increased funding in this area will help to offset the increased personnel costs. More importantly, it will provide additional funding for the Student Life office to support the student government initiative as well as programs that will enhance the social, emotional, and intellectual growth of students.

### Comparative Fees at Other Colleges:

**Clark State** – Assesses a general fee of \$6 which supports the student health clinic, student senate, and student cultural programs.

**Southern State** – Assesses a \$5 per credit hour student activities fee.

**Cincinnati State** - assess a \$1 per student, student activities fee.

### Possible Options for Income at Edison Community College

Per Credit hour fee

\$1 x 67,372 (credits for summer, fall and spring) = \$67,372

Note: This amount could be built into the rate table

It would create no additional work for the cashier's office

And it would not appear as an additional charge to students.