FEE INCREASE PROPOSAL
MENTAL HEALTH

FEE CHANGES

Fall & Spring
Current: $36.00 per semester
Proposed Increase: $20.00
AY22-23: $56.00 per semester

Summer
Current: $14.00 Health Services fee
- Covers both Health ($12.67) and Mental Health ($1.33) Services
Proposed Mental Health Fee: $14.00

PROS & CONS

Pros:
- The fee increase would add availability for counseling sessions.
- Increased PGCC counselors would help students to attain help faster and offer services across campus locations.
- More Mental Health First Aid training for students, faculty, and staff to encourage help-seeking, reduce stigma, and support students in distress.

Cons:
- The fee increase of $20 is significant.
- No expansion of PGCC availability, which remains Monday-Friday, 8am - 5pm, with 24/7 crisis support available by calling the PGCC phone number.

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Value Added

- Maintain a wide range of services, support early help-seeking and intervention, and reduce stigma related to accessing mental health services.
- Additional counselors and administrative support staff to meet increased need for services.
- Provide same-day appointments, reduce wait times, and expand service options.
- Expand locations for in-person services in central spaces on campus.
- Continue TeleMental Health services, extending access for students who are unable to meet in person or are attending courses off site.

Pros:

Cons:

submitted by Associated Students

SERVICE UTILIZATION

Academic Years 2016-2019:
- PGCC provided individual or group services to an average of 9.6% of the student population, which is its current capacity for serving students.
- Increased demand for services, especially during summer (425% increase).
- PGCC provided prevention education to an average of 9,300 each academic year.

Since COVID:
- Increased number of sessions for students via TeleMental Health services.

*Pamphlet approved by Student Fee Advisory Committee