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UCSD News

Regents Raise Student Fees by 9.3 Percent

Source: *The Guardian*

The UC Board of Regents approved a 9.3 percent fee increase for the 2009-10 academic year over the phone on Thursday, May 7. The decision came amid widespread criticism from students and staff as the regents severely limited the meeting's public input period.

The approved fee increase amounts to an additional \$662 per student every year, bringing the total cost of tuition to an estimated \$7,788 for California residents. The \$20,021 tuition for out-of-state students will be raised \$2,000.

Despite criticism, UC President Mark G. Yudof claimed that the increases were necessary in the wake of a \$450 million shortfall in the state funding to the university. However, other regent board members were inclined to disagree, citing the regents' decision to increase fees six times in the past seven years. Furthermore, claiming to "[witness] the death of a great institution" by limiting affordability and accessibility.

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Students May Pay for Campus Shuttles

Source: *The Guardian*

An attempt to economize campus transportation services may result in new student fees or the elimination of the campus-loop shuttle next year. While a campus wide survey of students, staff and faculty indicated that most people would like to see the services continued, the Transportation Policy Committee met to consider new ways of funding campus transportation services – including the Arriba, Regents and campus-loop shuttle lines.

The committee will consider to either enact a \$50 user fee, implement a campus-wide \$15 student transportation fee or to simply reduce campus transportation services.

While the department is "trying to make sure the decision is made by the people that are affected by it," the focus group involved is comprised mostly of faculty, and favors student fees over the elimination of the campus-loop shuttle.

Coming Home

So, you've been abroad now for a while and you still got some time left...but home is just around the corner. Make the most of your last months and have a blast.

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U.S. News

Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy Dies After Cancer Battle

Source: *CNN*

Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, the patriarch of the first family of Democratic politics, died late Tuesday at his home in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts. He was 77. Kennedy, known as the "Lion of the Senate," died after a lengthy battle with brain cancer.

Kennedy, nicknamed "Ted," was the younger brother of slain President John F. Kennedy and New York Sen. Robert Kennedy, who was gunned down while seeking the White House in 1968. However, his own presidential aspirations were hobbled by the controversy around a 1969 auto accident that left a young woman dead, and a 1980 primary challenge to then-President Jimmy Carter that ended in defeat.

But while the White House eluded his grasp, the longtime Massachusetts senator was considered one of the most effective legislators of the past few decades. Kennedy played major roles in passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act and the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, and was an outspoken liberal standard-bearer during a conservative-dominated era from the 1980s to the early 2000s.

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