

June 24, 2009

Dear International Students,

This will be the third email/letter that I'm sending to you about fee increases and it is one of the most difficult letters that I have written.

You have all heard that on July 21, 2009, the California State University Board of Trustees has approved another fee increase to all students throughout the CSU system (not just Cal State Fullerton). This time, in addition to the state fee increase, there is also an increase in non-resident (NR) tuition fees. All these increases impose a tremendous financial burden on international students, and my staff and I understand what the impact will mean for many of you.

By now, you will have received a message via email, portal and Titan on-line with details of the overall fee increase. For up-to-date Fall 2009 fee information and the calculation of both state mandatory and non-resident tuition fees, please go to <http://sfs.fullerton.edu/FeeInformation/RegFeeFall2009.aspx>

My staff and I are taking the following measures in order to assist you:

We are working very closely with Student Financial Services to ensure that you will not be disenrolled by the payment deadline. However, please share this news with your family and/or sponsors to ensure that you will be able to pay the full amount of fees.

We will schedule more workshops on how to apply for "economic hardship" employment authorization to the Department of Homeland Security. Eligible students filing for this work permit will receive a letter signed by me to verify the CSU state fee and non-resident fee increase. This letter may be used as evidence of "severe economic hardship" in support of your employment authorization request. Please check our website and your CSUF emails for workshop schedules.

In addition, if you feel that you have further concerns, please feel free to come in during walk-in hours (or make an appointment) to see an advisor to discuss your individual needs.

We know this is a difficult time for you and we hope we can help.

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Director