

Letter: Reconsider student fee proposal

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As a Fresno State student, I'm deeply concerned about the lack of thoughtfulness in the proposed student fees.

Many students struggle to graduate from Fresno State in four years because they're working either part- or full-time jobs to pay for student fees and other living expenses not covered by financial aid. To increase these fees for "Student Success" is insulting and backward -- additional fees mean additional hours at work, causing students to be overstretched and overworked. How will these fees boost success? Through capable advisers and more available classes, or through another centrally-located office that few students know about?

Fresno State also recently funded a tablet initiative (see Hannah Furfaro's Bee article, Jan. 13), with the hopes to give 1,000 iPads to students by next semester. While technology is widely accessible on campus, basic facilities are in shambles. Many bathrooms are in poor condition, elevators break down monthly, buildings contain asbestos, and desks are falling apart.

I can honestly say I'm proud to be a Fresno State Bulldog, but I'm worried about what our priorities are. President Castro should please remember to listen to the student voice, and reconsider the proposed student fees.

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