TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: DOUGLAS TREADWAY
DATE: MAY 11, 2005
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21/04-05
IN SUPPORT OF AB982 STUDENT HEALTH FEES

Student health center programs across the state are being slashed due to inadequate funding. One of the major problems with the current funding model for student health centers is that the very students most in need of services are predominantly receiving Board of Governor’s financial assistance. Such students have their tuition as well as their health center fees waived. More students each year qualify for financial assistance resulting in fewer and fewer funds to support health center operations.

AB982 would give local governing boards the right to assess student health fees to students receiving fee waivers. These fees would not be burdensome to students because the fees would actually be covered by their financial aid packages.

Without legislation Ohlone College’s own student health center operation will be forced this coming year to reduce hours of service as well as critical health education programs.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve Resolution No. 21/04-05 in support of AB982.