TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Eric Bishop

DATE: April 14, 2021

SUBJECT: Civic Center and Smith Center Rental Rate Increase

CA Education Code Section 82537, known as the California Community College Civic Center Act, governs the use of community college facilities by external groups. It identifies a "civic center" at every community college and provides that "governing boards" of the community college districts may authorize the use, by citizens and organizations, of any other properties under their control for supervised recreation activities."

The Civic Center rates were last adjusted in 2014 and the Smith Center rates were last adjusted in 2004. In both cases, demands and operating costs have increased significantly. In an effort to adjust the rates to recover the costs of maintaining these facilities used by non-students and, at the same time, stay on par with rates charged by other local community colleges, an average rate study was compiled and compared to Ohlone’s rates. As shown in the attached worksheet, many of the district’s fees fall significantly below the Bay Area average rates.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the proposed rates to offset the increase costs effective July 1, 2021.