

# CSU Policy

Theme	Name	Dept.	BOLD Idea	Benefit to Fresno State
CSU Policy	Agnes Tuska	Mathematics	Let us offer tuition waiver to the graduate students who are selected to work as Teaching Assistants.	Offering tuition waiver to our Teaching Assistants would allow us to guarantee that the Teaching Assistants will be able to concentrate on their studies and career. That also implies that the students instructed by Teaching Assistants will receive high quality instruction due to the ability of selecting the best graduate students regardless of their income. This step will also help to make our graduate program competitive with the majority of universities in the country.
	Ram Nunna	Lyles College of Engineering	The proposed solution is to institute a flat rate tuition and fees for international students. Students pay per credit hour up to a certain limit (perhaps 9 for graduate students), and any units above 9 are 'free' up to a certain limit - lets say '15'. Likewise a rate for undergraduate students can also be established. Students who repeat courses should be asked to pay full tuition for the repeated courses. Students who take more than 30 units (graduate) may be required to pay full tuition for those extra units, and similarly for minors/certificates.	A flat rate fee structure may result in greater enrollment of students - especially those that pay the tuition and fees using their own funds. Even government sponsors may find this system attractive. It makes the cost of attendance a little more affordable. The US \$ is significantly stronger than many world currencies and any potential reduction in costs would be welcome.
	Sherri Ochoa	Student Health Center	Eliminate paper pay warrants	Save money by reducing printing, distribution, and development costs of handouts and flyers. It would also eliminate all the trash that is left behind on tables, counters, bulletin boards, and grounds.
	Ram Nunna	Lyles College of Engineering	Fresno State should consider awarding tuition waivers (at least non-resident portion of the tuition) to graduate students who may serve as research assistants, teaching associates, etc. Schools and Colleges could be asked to match university tuition waivers with school and college level jobs (TAs, RAs etc.) using operating funds, discretionary funds, or faculty grants and contracts. Together, these sources of funds could allow us to develop strong incentives for highly qualified students to attend Fresno State graduate programs. Research I	Fresno State will be able to attract more diverse students into our graduate programs. These students can learn from our talented faculty, conduct research, contribute to grants and contract work, write publications jointly with their faculty, and in general improve the quality of our graduate programs. Though such incentives will add to the financial burden, the returns are likely to be very strong - greater research productivity resulting in more grants and contracts, publications, etc., greater diversity of students, greater positive publicity of graduate programs, and improvement of graduate culture.
	Daming Zhang	Department of Industrial Technology	Let's change our grade system to: "A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F".	The "+ & -" system will make our grades comparable to most of the US universified. It will correct part of the lower GPA because of the grade system difference.