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To: Students - 1L - Class of 2011; Students - 2L - Class of 2010
Subject: Fee Increase for Next Academic Year (2009-10)

Dear Hastings 1L and 2L Students:

Each year at its September meeting, the Board of Directors determines student fees for the upcoming academic year. Fees are established based on several factors including the resources necessary to sustain the academic quality of the College, projected state funding, and fees assessed at other comparable law schools. Chancellor and Dean Newton and I discussed the College's anticipated fee increase with the President and key leaders of ASUCH this past fall and also held a town meeting on the importance of the fee increase in September. This memorandum is intended to ensure that all students are apprised of the upcoming fee increase.

For next academic year (2009 -10), a fee schedule was adopted increasing annual enrollment fees for all students to \$29,383. With the addition of activity and health-related fees, total cost for 2009-10 will be \$32,244, an increase of 11.7%. To mitigate financial hardship, one-third of the fee increase will be earmarked for need-based financial aid.

	Current 2008-09	Approved 2009-10	Dollar Change
Enrollment Fee	26,003	29,383	\$3,380
Nonresident Tuition	11,225	11,225	\$0
Student Activity Fee	82	82	0
Health Services Fee (1)	400	400	0
Accident & Sickness Insurance (1)	<u>2,379</u>	<u>2,379</u>	<u>0</u>
Total – Miscellaneous	\$2,861	\$2,861	0
Total Resident Fees	\$28,864	\$32,244	\$3,380
Total Nonresident Fees	\$40,089	\$43,469	\$3,380

- (1) The Health Services Fee and health insurance premiums for the Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan will be evaluated in May 2009 and distributed after the June meeting of the Board of Directors.

Nonresident students pay a fee in addition to the General Enrollment Fee. For 2009-10, nonresident tuition has been maintained at the current level of \$11,225. With the increase in the basic enrollment fee, total cost for nonresident students will be \$43,469.

The State of California's financial condition can best be described as dismal. The Governor and the Legislature have been unable to arrive at common ground on the budget and funding levels – both in the current year and budget year – are unstable. The fee structure approved for 2009-10 is predicated on the preservation of existing levels of state support; if state funding is reduced, additional increases in student fees will need to be considered. Consequently, fees are subject to change.

We will keep you informed as the budget process unfolds with the aim of providing information to aid you in your financial planning. Please feel free to contact me at 565-4710 or sewardd@uchastings.edu if you have questions or concerns.

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