YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE. YOUR BOLD NEW U.

OUR VISION FOR TRANSFORMING FRESNO STATE WITH A NEW STUDENT UNION



THE STORY BEHIND THE BOLD NEW U

- The current University Student Union (USU) opened in 1968 for a population of 10,000 students
- 2015 study by Associated College Unions, International (ACUI) determined that the USU underserves the current student population of 24,000+
- Stantec conducted a feasibility study in 2016 to imagine the opportunities for a new student union
- The "Bold New Union" represents the vision of building a new, larger, 100,000 Sq. ft state-ofthe-art facility that provides a dynamic atmosphere of programmatic spaces and studentcentered areas for events and services. This signature building will facilitate the sense of belonging that we strive for and unifies the campus as a vibrant hub of student life.

WHERE WOULD WE PUT A BOLD NEW U?

- Proposed new 100,000 sq. ft building located in the heart of campus
- Multi-level facility with programmable outdoor spaces





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Stantec Model

HOW WOULD A BOLD NEW U IMPACT CAMPUS?

- Dynamic and interchangeable meeting spaces
- New dining that will feature healthy eating options
- Dedicated space for student organizations
- A Student leadership center that will premiere national best practices
- Veteran's Resource Center
- Vast indoor spaces to provide students with convenient gathering space for informal interaction
- Welcome Center
- Relaxing outdoor terrace that can be utilized year-round
- Auditorium and ballroom that can accommodate 1000-1500 students





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HOW WOULD A BOLD NEW U IMPACT YOU?



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WHAT WOULD A BOLD NEW U COST?

- This projected cost is approximately \$80 million. Here are some similar student unions in the California State University system and their costs:
- Stanislaus State: <u>https://www.csustan.edu/asi-usu</u>
 - Total cost: \$52,000,000- 79,892 square feet and opens in 2020
 - Funding: University dollars and students
- San Diego State: <u>https://as.sdsu.edu/aztec-student-union/</u>
 - Total cost: \$102,000,000-200,000 square feet and opened in 2013
 - Funding: Student fees and donors
- San Jose State: https://as.sdsu.edu/aztec-student-union/
 - Total cost: \$89,600,000- 100,000 square feet and opened in 2016
 - Funding: University dollars and students

WHAT WOULD A BOLD NEW U COST?



- The potential Bold New Union will be funded partly by a student tuition fee increase that will go directly toward paying for the building. The cost of the building will also be subsidized by fundraising \$15 million and other sources.
- Once the building is built and in operation, a Bold New Union fee of \$200 per semester will be implemented, but not until the building is open.
- Fee covers operating costs includes student positions, programs, maintenance, staffing, etc.
- For students who receive financial aid to assist with their educational expenses, the proposed fee increase will be added to the Cost of Attendance (COA) used to determine a student's financial aid eligibility.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE **BOLD NEW U** BECOME A REALITY?

• Vote Yes on the referendum to construct a new student union during ASI elections!





LEARN MORE ABOUT THE **BOLD NEW U**

• Questions?

Provide feedback to the committee of students, faculty, and staff who are actively planning what the Bold New U will feature! Visit the FAQ: **FresnoStateNews.com/BoldNewU**



