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Mr. Santa Ono

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Dear President Ono:

I am writing to let you know of an issue that has been going on for quite some time now and it deals with co-op students.

When students are on co-op they are still considered full-time students and they still have to pay around 500 dollars per co-op semester. The reason they have to pay that much money, according to Mr. Chris Cooper, my co-op advisor, is because each advisor has to spend countless hours working to get each student a co-op. I am not disagreeing with that but typically they only have to do that for the first semester, and then the students can either find a different one on their own or they just stay at their previous co-op. That means that each co-op advisor does almost no work for many co-op students but the students still have to pay 500 dollars.

The reason I am writing to you is not to reduce the amount of the co-op fee but instead give the co-op students, which are considered full-time students, the same privileges that every full-time student has. That is, having access to the UC rec center, it makes no sense to me how we can be considered full-time students but are not able to have access to the rec center. They want to charge each student an additional 120 dollars per semester to get access to the rec center. That means that a co-op student will have to pay over 700 dollars just to have access to the rec center.

The co-op program is a great program and it is the main reason why many people choose UC, but it is not fair to treat these students differently than other students. We have tried to talk to many different faculty members to try to get this changed but they have all said the same thing, "I'll look into it." So I have no other options but to try and inform you about the issue.

I cannot think of any reason why you or anyone would think that this is an unfair request. Co-op students should not be treated differently since they are considered full-time students and since they still have to pay a fee even though they are not on campus.

If you somehow think that co-op students should still have to pay the extra 120 dollars to get access to the rec center, than maybe instead you can decrease the amount each student has to

pay for their co-op term. I don't believe the amount we pay is fair considering how little of work our advisors do and how we do not even take any classes.

I hope you take my words into consideration and I hope you will agree with me in thinking that co-op students should have the right to the rec center.

Sincerely,

Cody Wisniewski