

2010 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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NEW FEES

Graduates and Undergraduates vote on these three measures:

Career Services Open Access Fee

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$5.55 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to preserve open access to Career Services and retain service levels commensurate with the current job market and student need (\$4.12 goes to Career Services, \$1.39 is for return to aid, and \$0.04 is for administrative fee)? The proposed new fee would also be subject to a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* every five years. The fee is in addition to the \$3.16 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (fall, winter, spring, and summer) currently collected. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2010, be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2014, and raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fee for this service to \$8.71 (fall, winter, spring, and summer).

_____ Yes _____ No

Career Services has experienced significant budget cuts. In 2008-2009 the department lost 15% of its funding from registration fees. This year the department anticipates a 15% cut and projections for next year estimate an additional 15% cut. Between existing and proposed cuts, the department will lose approximately 50% of its current registration fee funding. Through cost cutting, charging employers for services, and utilizing unspent money from previous years, the department has been able to maintain services, which include some level of service to over half the student population. Without additional funding, Career Services will be forced to eliminate staff and reduce services to students by approximately 25%.

With this fee, Career Services can continue to provide current levels of access to career testing and career planning classes; access to local, national and international internships; extensive digital and analog career information; assistance with applying to graduate programs, and the full range of services for students seeking full and part-time employment.

Counseling Services Support Fee

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$10.85 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to allow Counseling Services to respond to graduate and undergraduate students' need for crisis intervention, ongoing therapy, and therapy groups (\$8.06 goes to Counseling Services, \$2.71 is for return to aid, and \$0.08 is for administrative fee)? This proposed new fee would ensure that current levels of staffing and programming are maintained. The fee would also be subject to a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* every five years. The fee is in addition to the \$2.69 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (fall, winter, spring, and summer) currently collected. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2010, be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2014, and raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fee for this service to \$13.54 (fall, winter, spring, and summer).

_____ Yes _____ No

Counseling Services supports students through the promotion of psychological well-being for individuals and the campus community. Over the past three years, requests for counseling appointments have increased by 48%. Counseling Services has been able to meet increasing demand without a new or increased student fee. However, recent budget reductions have meant that current levels of staffing and programming cannot be maintained without the passage of a new fee. This fee will allow Counseling Services to continue to respond to graduate and undergraduate students' need for crisis intervention, ongoing therapy, and therapy groups.

The Student Services Renewable Energy Initiative

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$6.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to fund a series of renewable energy installations such as large-scale photovoltaic arrays across campus (\$4.46 goes to the initiative, \$1.50 is for return to aid, and \$0.04 is for administrative fee)? If passed, the fee would begin fall 2010 and be collected for a period of ten years (terminating at the end of spring 2020), without reaffirmation.

_____ Yes _____ No

The Student Services Renewable Energy Initiative will enable the campus to undertake a comprehensive, innovative Zero Net Energy (ZNE) initiative that will combine increased energy efficiencies with the use of clean, renewable energies. The project will also achieve the highest level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for most of the Division of Student Affairs' buildings. Through the initiative, the campus will: 1) become a leading promoter in the use of ZNE to address significant environmental and economic challenges, 2) significantly reduce use of fossil fuels and carbon emissions, 3) gain greater energy independence, 4) help meet UCSB Climate Action Plan goals for a carbon neutral campus by 2050, and 5) direct a significant proportion of savings generated from this initiative to student services.

Only Undergraduates vote on this measure:

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Academic Services Fee

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$16.16 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), to continue funding Campus Learning Assistance Services' tutorial groups, drop-in centers, consultation appointments, workshops, evening hours of operation and exam review sessions? (\$12.00 goes to CLAS, \$4.04 is for return to aid, and \$0.12 is for administrative fee). The proposed new fee would also be subject to a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* every five years. The fee is in addition to the per student quarterly \$6.00 Campus Elections Commission and \$8.00 Associated Students fees currently collected (fall, winter, spring, and summer). If passed, the fee would begin fall 2010, be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2014, and raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fee for this service to \$30.16 (fall, winter, spring, and summer).

_____ Yes _____ No

Campus Learning Assistance Services received significant budget cuts and has been using its savings to minimize the impact on students and available service offerings. To economize, CLAS has not filled five vacancies in key areas. CLAS is used by half of UCSB's undergraduate students and enrollment/use is at an all time high. CLAS will soon deplete its reserve funds and is facing the equivalent of a 50% reduction in services. The next wave of cuts will make it inevitable that CLAS will have to make a significant reduction in its services, student enrollment, and staffing.

The CLAS academic services fee will allow CLAS to continue to offer students a high level of services, and ensure equal access to academic tutoring, such as tutorial groups, drop-in centers, evening hours of operation, and academic skills and exam review sessions.

***Fees subject to a COLA will remain stagnant for five years. After five years, the rate of inflation/deflation over the previous five years will be calculated and applied cumulatively to the fee. Fees beginning fall 2010 will be subject to a COLA for fall 2015, fall 2020, fall 2025, and so forth.**

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PRO/CON STATEMENTS

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VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

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These campus-wide measures will be on the ballot along with candidates for A.S. offices and A.S. fee reaffirmation items. Graduate students will vote on a separate ballot. Be sure to be a registered student by April 16, 2010, to be eligible to vote!

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REAFFIRMATIONS

Only Undergraduates vote on these four measures:

Intercollegiate Athletic Scholarships Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$9.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory fee, originally established in 2002, to fund existing NCAA athletic scholarships for UCSB student athletes? If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2014.

_____ Yes _____ No

Scholarships funded by this initiative are administered by the Athletics Department and are distributed equitably by the Intercollegiate Athletic director in consultation with the Student Athletic Advisory Board according to all applicable legal requirements.

University Center (UCen) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$9.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) mandatory fee, originally established in 1998, to help meet operating and facility costs of the UCen? If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2014.

_____ Yes _____ No

The UCen support fee will continue to help pay for the operating costs (custodial, maintenance, renovation, and utilities) of the public space areas of the UCen: computer lounges, meeting rooms, student organization space, dining and lounge seating areas, MultiCultural Center, Associated Students area, Graduate Students Association area, etc.

The fee will also allow the UCen to maintain and enhance its services and facilities, e.g., 1) late-night study lounges during finals, 2) high-speed Internet access with free computer use, and 3) special Hub event offerings. Also, the UCen can continue its commitment to employing one of the largest student work forces on campus.

Without this fee support, the UCen will be faced with severely restricted hours of operation, fewer services, reduced student jobs, major maintenance challenges, and the real possibility of increased prices.

The MultiCultural Center (MCC) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$1.75 (\$1.00 summer) per undergraduate student per quarter mandatory fee, originally established in 2002, to support the MCC's operating and programming costs? This fee is in addition to the existing \$3.25 per student per quarter (\$3.00 summer) fee accounted for and reaffirmed through Associated Students. If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2014.

_____ Yes _____ No

The MCC presents approximately 100 programs per year that include lectures, films and videos, panel discussions, readings, art exhibits, music, dance, and dramatic performances. Events are open to anyone and most of them are free of charge. In addition, all of its facilities are available to students on campus. Students are therefore provided with a space to hold meetings, prepare food for receptions and banquets, and present their programs.

The MCC fee will help pay for the educational and mentoring components of the center, maintenance of the space, and operating costs of the student areas. The center will be able to provide better services to students, have longer operating hours, and hire more students to work. The fee will also allow the MCC to provide more educational programs that advocate for equality and to serve as a bridge to the creation of a true multicultural environment at UCSB.

Associated Students Community Affairs Board (A.S. CAB) Volunteer Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$ 0.76 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) mandatory fee, originally established in 2006, to continue a fund available to students and student groups to finance volunteer campus and community projects (\$0.57 goes to CAB and \$0.19 is for return to aid)? This fee is in addition to the existing \$2.25 per student per quarter (\$1.87 summer) fee accounted for and reaffirmed through Associated Students. If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2014.

_____ Yes _____ No

The Volunteer Support Fee would continue to make funds available to students and community members who are looking to create or develop a volunteer service project on campus or in the surrounding communities. The A.S. CAB is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of all UCSB students by providing opportunities for community service and exposure to community issues. Through diversity of programming, CAB seeks to bridge the gap between UCSB students and the surrounding community.

CAB foundation has been able to fund successful volunteer projects such as Family Literacy Program, Best Buddies, and Camp Ronald McDonald Run for Good Times. Keeping this fee will benefit UCSB and the surrounding communities by continuing these and other programs.

Graduates and Undergraduates vote on these two measures:

Recreational Sports Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$7.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory fee, originally established in 1997, to fund Recreational Sports? If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2014.

_____ Yes _____ No

The Recreational Sports Fee helps fund the overall operation of intramurals, club sports, adventure programs, and open recreation programs. The fee reduces participation costs for all students and provides employment opportunities for over 300 students annually.

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$3.47 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, originally established in 2006, in order to support The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) (\$0.97 is for return to aid and \$2.60 goes to TGIF)? TGIF provides funding for projects intended to reduce the University's impact on the environment. If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2014.

_____ Yes _____ No

TGIF is a fund that supports small-scale, individual sustainability projects that reduce UCSB's impact on the environment. Overseen by a student majority committee, projects are selected based on their ability to measurably reduce emissions, waste, energy, and water use on campus; involve student participation; and include public outreach/education.

Since the fund began four years ago, TGIF has supported approximately 30 projects, including: LED lights in Embarcadero Hall; water conservation measures, such as waterless urinals and shower minders; waste reduction projects including surplus equipment/chemical exchange systems and reducing junk mail; laboratory projects, such as sustainable lab assessments and organic chemical replacements in undergraduate labs; sustainable curriculum grants for a business writing class and the faculty Sustainability Champion; and most importantly, student internships to help support the majority of these projects.

UCSB has committed to reducing its net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050, and the projects funded by TGIF have been and will continue to be extremely important in the campus achieving this goal.

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