

2015 Voters Guide & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Online Spring Election 2015

** Passage of the referenda on the ballot does not constitute final approval of the project. The chancellor and the University of California Office of the President must approve all referenda. In addition, all major capital building projects must be certified by the Regents for design, financing, and verification of the Environmental Impact Report, and are subject to review by the Campus Planning Committee, the Design Review Committee, and the California Coastal Commission. Fees for capital projects are based on an average undergraduate enrollment. Should enrollment drop unexpectedly, the mandatory student-imposed fees may have to be increased in order to maintain funding at a level to meet bond financing (loan repayment) requirements.

NEW FEES

UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THIS ONE NEW INITIATIVE:

Career Services Open Access Fee Increase

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$8.94 (including summer) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, to the current Career Services Open Access Fee of \$5.55?

Breakdown of the increase: \$6.71 is for Career Services, \$2.23 is for return to aid. Of the \$6.71 for Career Services, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures.

Additionally, Career Services currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments) another \$3.16 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer) through a separate campus lock-in fee.

If passed, the fee increase would begin fall 2015, be subject to joint reaffirmation (base fee of \$5.55 plus increase of \$8.94 = \$14.49) in spring 2019, and would raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fee for this service to \$17.65.

Additionally, per original passage of the current base fee of \$5.55, the base fee will be subject to a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in fall 2015 and every five years after that. Should the fee increase pass, the increase portion will also be subject to the same COLA every five years, beginning in fall 2020.

YES NO ABSTAIN

This increase will allow Career Services to hire three new staff positions to develop a career education program for student success in specific industries (e.g., health professions; entrepreneurship; education; business; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math); public and social service; etc.).

Additionally, if passed, all current fees for career assessments will be waived and the grace period for post-graduation access to Career Services will also be expanded from 3 to 12 months.

VOTING OPEN APRIL 20-23, 2015

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THE ELECTION IS ONLINE!

How to vote: Go to <https://vote.as.ucsb.edu>, and follow the directions. The link is also provided on the UCSB GOLD system when you log in. You may vote on any computer with Internet access. Public access computer banks are located at the SRB, UCen, Davidson Library, and many residence halls. Any difficulty voting should be reported to votehelp@as.ucsb.edu. 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 17, 2015, to be eligible to vote!

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

All registered students are invited to submit written statements of support or opposition for publication in the Daily Nexus. Pro/Con statements must include the author's name and be submitted electronically to suzanne.perkin@sa.ucsb.edu by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Statements are limited to 150 words and will appear in the Daily Nexus during week three.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the election to be considered valid. A reaffirmation fails if 60% + one of the voters vote "no." A sliding scale based on the 5-year average voter turnout (39.67 percent for undergraduates, 37.56 percent for undergraduates and graduate students combined) is used to determine whether an initiative passes. If there is a 20 percent voter turnout, two thirds of those voting must support the measure. If the turnout is 37.56 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and graduate students, or 39.67 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass.

Definition of RETURN TO AID: The return-to-aid surcharge, 25% of the total fee charged, is assessed to every campus-based, student-initiated, new mandatory fee and increase to an existing fee. The surcharge is used by the campus to cover need-based financial aid for UCSB students whose financial aid awards would not otherwise cover student-imposed mandatory campus fees. The surcharge applies to undergraduate and graduate student fees.

Definition of ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT: The administrative assessment, currently 7% of the base fee charged, is assessed to non-capital expenditures for every campus-based, student-initiated, new mandatory fee and increase to an existing fee. The assessment is used by the campus to cover the administrative costs of collecting, accounting for, and disbursing the student-imposed mandatory campus fees. The assessment applies to undergraduate and graduate student fees.

This voter information pamphlet has been produced by the Campus Elections Commission. The commission, which comprises students, faculty, and staff members, is a neutral body that advises the chancellor on all matters pertaining to campus-wide elections and conducts elections in such a way that the interests of the voters and the institution are well served through the process. The Campus Elections Commission is NOT affiliated with Associated Students elections.

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REAFFIRMATIONS

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ONLY UNDERGRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE THREE REAFFIRMATIONS:

Arts & Lectures Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$6.24 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, to support Arts & Lectures (\$5.18 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$1.06 is for return to aid (of the \$5.18, only \$3.18 is subject to a 6% administrative assessment charged on all non-capital expenditures)?)

Additionally, Arts & Lectures currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$2.93 per undergraduate student per quarter through an A.S. lock-in fee, and
- \$5.68 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter through a separate campus lock-in fee.

If reaffirmed, the Arts & Lectures Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2019.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

Each year, Arts & Lectures presents over 150 events including films, lectures, residency workshops, and performances by world-class artists and influential speakers. Notable figures include: The Avett Brothers, Jake Shimabukuro, Andrew Bird, Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Yo-Yo Ma, Jack Johnson, and Neil DeGrasse Tyson.

With continued support, Arts & Lectures can maintain 1) an array of events to students with discounted ticket prices (up to 65% off the general ticket price); 2) a selection of performances, lectures and films (up to 20 events a year) at no additional cost to students; 3) student employment opportunities; and 4) classroom visits, master classes, meet-the-artists discussions and workshops with visiting artists and lecturers.

Events Center Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$4.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (excluding summer) to help meet the ongoing maintenance and facility improvement costs of the Events Center ("The Thunderdome")?

Additionally, the Events Center currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$4.00 per undergraduate per quarter through an A.S. lock-in fee.

If reaffirmed, the Events Center Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2019.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

The Events Center, better known as the "Thunderdome," is the largest indoor venue available on the central coast and hosts a variety of activities including: intramural sports, Exercise & Sport Studies classes, intercollegiate basketball/volleyball, and Associated Students Program Board concerts. It was built in 1979 and requires on-going upkeep and improvement. The support fee has provided funding for:

a new sound system, new backboards/rims, interior/exterior painting, new ticket booth, ADA restrooms, replacement of the fire alarm system, termite treatment of wood structures, and almost full replacement of heating and ventilation systems. If renewed, future projects may include: replacement of existing hardwood playing courts, installation of large-screen video boards, and improved seating. Renewal of this support fee will continue to help pay for student salaries, facility upgrades, capital improvements, and ongoing maintenance costs. The student-majority Events Center Governance Board approves all support fee expenditures.

The Events Center fee collected through Associated Students and this Events Center Support Fee represent 75% of the annual Events Center budget.

Office of Student Life Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$1.75 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$1.00 in summer), for the Office of Student Life (OSL)?

Additionally, the OSL currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$2.20 per undergraduate student per quarter through an A.S. lock-in fee.

If reaffirmed, the Office of Student Life Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2019.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

This fee provides funding for one full-time staff position and programming money to support a variety of campus activities open to all students, including: First-Year Programs, Leadership Development, Registered Campus Organizations (including Fraternities and Sororities), After Dark, and University Awards. The Office of First-Year Programs assists freshmen, transfers and new graduate students in making a successful transition to university life at UCSB. Leadership Development provides theoretical and practical leadership development opportunities for students. OSL provides advising and administrative support to more than 450 registered campus organizations and Greek chapters. After Dark's Late Nite Social Programming Fund awards grants to groups who host student-initiated, non-alcohol centered, alternative social programs.

UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE TWO REAFFIRMATIONS:

University Children's Center Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, to maintain UCSB student family tuition subsidies, funds for UCSB student employee wages, and to provide facility operating funds to support the Orfalea Family Children's Center (West Campus) and the University Children's Center at the Student Resource Building?

Additionally, the University Children's Centers currently collect (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$6.67 per undergraduate per quarter (\$5.33 in summer) through an A.S. lock-in fee, and,

- \$3.00 per graduate student per quarter (\$2.00 in summer) through a GSA lock-in fee.

If reaffirmed, the University Children's Center Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2019.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

Over 400 children, ages 3 months to 5 years, attend the University Children's Center in the Student Resource Building and the UCSB Orfalea Family Children's Center on West Campus year-round. The accredited Centers provide full-day, high quality, early care and education, and family support services. Approximately 35% of the parents are UCSB students. Fee revenue supports the two children's centers and UCSB students in the following ways:

- The fee allows UCSB student parents to receive substantial discounts off the faculty, staff and community family child care tuition rate.
- The fee allows the Centers to employ approximately 150 undergraduate students each quarter who gain valuable work experience and knowledge in education and child development.
- The Centers directly support UCSB students through opportunities in undergraduate and graduate research, course projects and observation assignments, and volunteer positions.

Coastal Fund Initiative

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (excluding summer) to fund sustainability projects and awareness for the campus-adjacent coast?

Additionally, Coastal Fund currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$6.67 per undergraduate per quarter, through an A.S. lock-in fee.

If reaffirmed, the Coastal Fund Initiative would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2019.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

First passed in 1999, this fee supports proposals to preserve, protect, and enhance the terrestrial and marine habitats of the UCSB shoreline. Campus organizations, community groups, individual students, and departments may submit funding proposals to the all-student Coastal Fund board of directors for preservation, education, open access, research, and restoration projects. Recently funded projects include: local water quality monitoring and urban runoff water pollution filtration systems; quarterly stipends for student interns working with local, large-scale coastal restoration projects; development and installation of coastal-related interpretive signs; and coastal access stairways and pathways at the West Campus Bluffs. Funding also provides for student organization participation in the Coastal Service Program (beach and street clean ups, restoration, and tree planting activities).

The fund is administered under the auspices of Associated Students with the oversight of the A.S. Senate. It also addresses unmet needs consistent with the Coastal Act and UCSB's Long Range Development Plan.