

SAMPLE BALLOT

VOLUNTARY STUDENT FEE REFERENDUM BALLOT WINTER 1994 UCLobby VOLUNTARY FEE

1. Do you favor the establishment of a voluntary fee mechanism to support the University of California Lobby Corps?

___ YES ___ NO

2. **If you votes YES on 1:** Do you favor setting the voluntary fee range for the University of California Lobby Corps at a minimum of \$1.00 and a maximum of \$5.00/student/quarter, excluding summer, beginning Fall 1994?*

___ YES ___ NO

* Associated Students' Legislative Council and Graduate Students Association's General Council will individually take the following issues into consideration when setting the exact amount of the voluntary fee:

1. The options for the collection mechanism (positive check-off, negative check-off, pledge system, etc.) as determined by the UC Regents.
2. Number of students contributing to the voluntary fee fund.
3. The financial need of the UC Lobby Corps.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available for undergraduate students at the Campus Activities Center, UCen 3151, beginning Friday, February 4 through Monday, February 28, 1994.

OPEN FORUM

An open forum to discuss the Ballot Proposals will be held on Wednesday, February 23, noon, in Storke Plaza.

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 must be submitted to the Campus Activities Center, UCen 3151, by 12 noon on Thursday, February 17, 1994. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Friday, February 25 and Monday, February 28.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the election to be considered valid. A 50% plus one voter approval is needed for the ballot measure to pass.

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3. Do you favor the establishment of a voluntary fee mechanism to continue support for student activities and organizations that can no longer be funded by mandatory student fees (i.e., Associated Student fees, Graduate Students Association fees)?

___ YES ___ NO

4. **If you voted YES on 3:** Do you favor setting the voluntary fee range for student activities and organizations (that can no longer be funded by mandatory fees in light of *Smith v. UC Regents*) at a minimum of \$0.15 and a maximum of \$2.00/student/quarter, excluding summer, beginning Fall 1994?*

___ YES ___ NO

* Associated Students' Legislative Council and Graduate Students Association's General Council will individually take the following issues into consideration when setting the exact amount of the voluntary fee:

1. The options for the collection mechanism (positive check-off, negative check-off, pledge system, etc.) as determined by the UC Regents.
2. Number of students contributing to the voluntary fee fund.
3. The financial need of the student activities and organizations receiving voluntary fees.

POLLING LOCATIONS

GRADUATE STUDENTS: polling locations will be in each graduate department and in the Graduate Division Office from Tuesday, February 22 through Wednesday, March 2. The hours will correspond with the office hours for each graduate department except the polls will close at 3:00 p.m. on March 2.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: the four polling locations will be by the University Center, the Arbor Mall (Library), the Bus Loop, and Buchanan Hall. The hours will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, and Wednesday, March 2.

This voter information pamphlet has been produced by the Campus Elections Commission. The Commission, which is composed of student, faculty and staff members, is a neutral body which advises the Chancellor on all matters pertaining to campus-wide elections, and conducts elections in a way that the interests of the voters and the institution are well-served through the process. For further information about the election, contact the Campus Elections Commission through the Campus Activities Center, UCen 3151, 893-4551.

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VOLUNTARY FEE MEASURES

After fifteen years of litigation in the courts, the California Supreme Court ruled on February 3, 1993, in the case of *Smith v. UC Regents* regarding the use of mandatory student fees, collected and administered by the Associated Students (A.S.) and Graduate Students Association (G.S.A.), that support student organizations and activities. Under this California Supreme Court decision of *Smith v. UC Regents*, the University of California cannot compel students to contribute mandatory fees to support religious, political or ideological organizations and activities.

At the campus level, each student organization will be asked to identify its mission, character, and purpose. If the predominant purpose or effect of any organization or activity can be deemed educational in nature, it shall be eligible to receive support from mandatory fees. The following factors shall also be considered in deter-

mining eligibility: 1) consistency of the activity with the stated educational purpose of the registered campus organization; 2) expression of different view points or perspectives promoted in the activity; 3) the location of the activity; and 4) A.S. and G.S.A.'s current funding criteria.

Drawing on the UC Office of the President interim guidelines for implementing the requirements of *Smith v. UC Regents*, religious, political or ideological purposes are considered ineligible for support and include activities or organizations that:

- support or sponsor ballot initiatives, candidates seeking election, or other political purposes;
- support or sponsor off-campus lobbying with local, State, or Federal officials or entities;
- support or sponsor religious rites or services;
- have a financial affiliation with one or more off-campus organizations whose principal purposes

are political, ideological, or religious; or

- are principally dedicated to affecting political or ideological purposes, as distinguished from educational purposes, such as promoting discussion or debate from different perspectives.

UC Lobby Corps

As a result of the *Smith v. UC Regents* decision, all lobbying activities outside the University, which include those historically done by the University of California Student Association (UCSA) on behalf of students state-wide, can no longer receive funding via mandatory fees. UCSA is an association of graduate and undergraduate student governments from the nine campuses of the University of California system. UCSA is the officially recognized voice of students before the UC Board of Regents and the Office of UC President Peltason. Historically, UCSA also maintained a professional lobby organization with staff in

Sacramento to advocate student interests to the State Legislature, the Governor, and State agencies. Thus to comply with *Smith v. UC Regents* while ensuring a student voice in Sacramento, the University of California Lobby Corps (UCLC) has been created to conduct these lobbying functions. The UCLC will be funded by the proposed voluntary fee in this Winter Quarter election.

Student Activities and Organizations

Depending on the activities and predominant purpose of the registered campus organization, some organizations that previously received funding through mandatory fees will no longer be eligible for funding via mandatory fees. Thus a voluntary fee mechanism to continue to support these organizations and activities is being proposed in this Winter Quarter election.

IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT THE VOLUNTARY FEES

What does voluntary mean?

Voluntary means that you may pledge or agree to donate a predetermined sum of money. This amount will be billed to you through the University of California BA/RC system each quarter from the time of your agreement to pay until you state you no longer wish to contribute or you are no longer a registered student (temporarily or permanently).

Will the fee also be collected during summer session?

No.

By voting YES on these two measures am I required to make a contribution?

No, each of these measures only establishes the opportunity for students to contribute.

Will these new voluntary fees reduce my mandatory fees to A.S., G.S.A., UCSA, etc.?

No, these voluntary fees will be collected in addition to your mandatory fee obligation.

What fee mechanism will be established to assess and collect these voluntary student fees?

by the representatives from the campus. Its focus will be to generally represent UC student interests to California state government agencies and representatives.

Who will be eligible for the UC Lobby Corps voluntary fee pool?

The UCLC fee pool is designated exclusively for that organization.

Can the UC Lobby Corps voluntary fee ever exceed \$5.00 per quarter?

No, not without another campus-wide vote.

Who will be eligible for funding from the student activities and organizations voluntary fee pool?

The student activities and organizations fee pool will be administered separately by the Associated Students' Legislative Council for undergraduates' contributions and the Graduate Students Association's General Council for graduate students' contributions using their already established financial procedures and practices.

Do campus organizations who do not want to change the purpose of their group in order to qualify for mandatory fees automatically qualify for voluntary fees?

No one automatically qualifies for receiving voluntary fees from the voluntary fee pool. Student groups must apply to their respective student governments, and based on established policies and practices, a funding determination will be made on a case by case basis.

Can the student activities and organizations voluntary fee ever exceed \$2.00 per quarter?

No, not without another campus-wide vote.

What if the voluntary fee range question(s) fails to receive a majority vote?

The Associated Students' Legislative Council and the Graduate Students Association's General Council will still use the criteria as stated in questions 2 and 4 on the ballots.

Where should students go during the election with questions about either ballot measure?

Associated Students Main Office, 3rd Floor of the University Center, (893-2566) or Graduate Students Association, South Hall 1409, (893-3824).