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Mandatory Fee Measure Spring 1998 Intercollegiate Athletic Initiative

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Scholarships created by this initiative are in addition to those already administered by the Athletic Department and will be distributed equitably by the Intercollegiate Athletic Director in consultation with the Student Athletic Advisory Board according to all applicable legal requirements.

The UCen support fee would help pay for the operating costs of the public space areas of the UCen: lounges, meeting rooms, student organization space, Multicultural Center, etc. Without this fee support the UCen is faced with severely restricted hours of operation, fewer services, reduced student jobs, and major maintenance problems.

Do you approve a \$9.00 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory fee beginning fall 1998 to fund new NCAA athletic scholarships for UCSB student athletes? The fee will expire in four years unless reaffirmed by ballot voting.

In addition, the fee would allow the UCen to improve its services and facilities, e.g., 1) increase lounge seating, 2) create a late night study lounge and coffee house area, 3) wire all lounge areas for high-speed internet access with free computer use, 4) increase number of special event offerings, 5) expand post office hours, and 6) increase student employee wages.

YES NO

Do you approve a \$9.00 per student per quarter (including summer) mandatory fee beginning fall 1998 help meet operating and facility costs of the UCen? The fee will expire in four years unless reaffirmed by ballot voting.

YES NO

The UCSB Intercollegiate Athletic (ICA) Department is composed of 21 men's and women's teams. Currently, UCSB partially supports 475 student athletes. ICA teams could be able to compete at the national level if given the opportunity. For example, with proper levels of funding, more prospective student athletes could be persuaded to attend UCSB. With increased funding teams could have a better chance to compete against more of the country's top Division I schools.

Who is asking for this UCen fee request?

The University Center (UCen) Governance Board is a student majority board that sets policy for the building and has responsibility for long-term financial planning. It is the belief of this Board that a UCen support fee is the only viable solution to the need for operating support funds.

Title IX requires institutions to provide equal opportunities to men and women involved in intercollegiate athletics therefore no single program will receive more funding than another. The grants will be allocated by a committee consisting of the Athletic Director, the Student Faculty Representative, and the male and female co-chairs of the Student Athletic Advisory Board.

What's the problem? Why is this fee necessary?

The UCen receives no state support like other buildings. The Bookstore and Dining Services have to cover costs for their areas plus all of the custodial, maintenance and utility costs associated with the public space areas of the building (lounges, student organization areas, meeting rooms, Multicultural Center, etc.). The retail areas cannot pay for all those costs. Unlike most other university's student centers, an operating support fee to cover these expenses was not included on the ballot when students voted to remodel the building in 1990.

With this funding we can improve the scholarship opportunities for 21 men's and women's teams. These funds would be distributed among the following teams:

baseball (m)	softball (w)
basketball (m, w)	swimming (m, w)
cross country (m, w)	tennis (m,w)
golf (m)	track and field (m, w)
gymnastics (m, w)	volleyball (m,w)
soccer (m,w)	waterpolo (m,w)

The current level of funding for 75 Intercollegiate Athletic scholarships is \$906,141, coming primarily from income sources. Passage of this measure could generate an estimated \$425,000 per year in additional revenue.

What happens if the fee proposal fails?

The UCen has already done much to cut costs: reducing building hours, reducing utilities consumption, and eliminating vacated career positions. If the proposal fails, other cost cutting options may include: eliminating evening and weekend hours of operation, reducing dining services hours, charging operating fees to student groups and organizations for space, reducing student jobs in the building, and eliminating program support funds for student groups.

What happens if the fee proposal passes?

With passage, the UCen can avoid reductions in services and employment; moreover, it can finally offer improvements that students have asked for such as: increased lounge seating, a 24-hour study lounge area and coffee house area, lounge areas wired for high-speed internet access and free computer use, increased concert and special event offerings, expanded post office hours, and increased student employee wages to match comparable levels locally and at other schools.

Note: This proposed fee initiative is not related to the current UCen fee which is used to pay off the construction bond of the UCen. Passage of this proposal could generate an estimated \$425,000 per year in additional revenues.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS VOTING

Polling Locations

There will be five polling locations by: the University Center, the Arbor Mall (Library), Buchanan Hall, De La Guerra Dining Commons, and the Humanities Building. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 21 and Wednesday, April 22.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots will be available from the Office of Student Life, SAASB 2201, and Associated Students CAB Office, UCen 2523, beginning Monday, April 13, through Friday, April 17, 1998.

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 to the Office of Student Life, SAASB 2201, by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 7, 1998. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the elections to be considered valid. A sliding scale based on the 5 year average voter turnout (24.34 percent) 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 24.34 percent or higher, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass.

These measures will be on the Associated Students ballot along with candidates for A.S. Offices and A.S. Fee Reaffirmation items.

*** BE SURE TO BE A REGISTERED STUDENT BY APRIL 10, 1998 TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE!**

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