

VOTERS GUIDE AND SAMPLE BALLOT

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION Spring Election 1999

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**** Passage of the five referenda on the ballot this year does not constitute final approval of the project. The Chancellor and the University of California Board of Regents must approve all referenda. In addition, all major capital building projects must be certified by the Regents for design, financing, and certification 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 the two capital projects listed below are based on an average enrollment of 18,500 per quarter. 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.**

The following three initiatives will be voted on by undergraduate and graduate students:

RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION INITIATIVE

Expansion of the Recreation Center (RecCen) is planned to include doubling of current weight training/cardio fitness and locker room space, new weight training and cardio equipment, and a large 3 court multi-activity space to accommodate dances, special events, in-line skating, hockey, indoor soccer, a climbing wall and general recreational activities. Do you approve a \$35.00 per student per quarter mandatory student-imposed fee beginning Fall, 2002 to support construction and maintenance of an expanded Recreation Center? The fee will continue for no more than thirty years after which the per student/per quarter amount collected will be reassessed to cover maintenance and ongoing costs and submitted to a student vote for approval.

___ YES ___ NO

This initiative is sponsored by the Recreation Center Governance Board in response to the growing demand for additional recreation facilities. RecCen users were surveyed as to their needs and the decision to expand in the areas noted on the ballot is a result of this survey.

The capital cost for this project is estimated at \$14,511,516. Total annual costs are estimated at \$1,942,697 which includes payments, interest, and ongoing staffing and maintenance costs (estimated annual staffing and maintenance is \$500,200). Upon passage of this referendum, a student-majority building committee will be formed to participate in the planning and construction of the facility. A preliminary conceptual design may be viewed at the Recreation Center lobby.

Undergraduate Students

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 27 and Wednesday, April 28.

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 19, through Monday, April 26, 1999.

STUDENT RESOURCE BUILDING INITIATIVE

The Student Resource Building will provide new student space in the form of a student resource center that includes spaces such as: meeting rooms, student lounges and offices, an open-access computer lab (approximately 80-100 computers), a smaller writing tutorial computer lab, a practice/performance hall, multipurpose rooms, kitchen facilities, and a library/information center. The Student Resource Building is planned to include key student support services such as Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), the Women's Center, University Children's Center satellite (UCC), Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS), Greek Affairs, Education Program for Cultural Awareness (EPCA), and Student Information Systems (SIS), and Student Affairs Information Technology (SAIT).

Do you approve a mandatory student-imposed fee to fund a new Student Resource Building as described above? The fee will continue for no more than thirty years after which the per student/per quarter amount collected will be reassessed to cover maintenance and ongoing costs and submitted to a student vote for approval.

___ YES ___ NO

If yes, which of the following two mandatory student-imposed fee options (excluding summer) would you prefer? The \$28.18 fee, which begins Fall, 1999, will provide 3 years accumulated cash payment against the total cost to students which allows for the fee to be decreased from \$36.58.

IF YOU VOTE YES, PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THESE OPTIONS:

___ \$28.18/student/quarter to begin in Fall, 1999

___ \$36.58/student/quarter to begin in Fall, 2002

This fee proposal is sponsored by the Student Fee Advisory Committee acting on the need expressed by student organizations for additional meeting/resource space and the desire to bring together student services (presently scattered across campus in temporary facilities) and link them to new space dedicated to student use and services.

The capital cost to students for this project is estimated at \$14,960,046. Total annual costs are estimated at \$2,035,382 which includes payments, interest, and ongoing staffing and maintenance costs (estimated annual staffing and maintenance is \$548,300). Upon passage of this referendum, a student-majority building committee will be formed to participate in the planning and construction of the facility. Upon completion of construction, a student-majority governance board will be established to oversee the operations of the building. A preliminary conceptual design may be viewed at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Office of Student Life.

SHORELINE INITIATIVE

The Shoreline Initiative will help maintain a clean, safe, and environmentally sound coastline adjacent to UCSB (note: this excludes Isla Vista). This initiative will fund proposals to: coordinate and provide supplies for intensive beach clean-up efforts, maintain safe points of access, address pollution from varied sources, protect and restore coastal habitats to their natural state, provide environmental education, and monitor environmental and water quality.

Do you approve a \$3.00 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory student-imposed fee beginning Fall 1999 to help maintain the three miles of campus-adjacent shoreline? In four years there will be another ballot measure on this fee. The fee will continue unless eliminated by 60% negative ballot voting.

___ YES ___ NO

The Isla Vista Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation and the UCSB Associated Students Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) sponsors this fee proposal. Presently, the shoreline adjacent to UCSB receives limited funding. This initiative is intended to address unmet needs consistent with the Coastal Act and 1990 UCSB Long Range Development Plan. Campus organizations and departments will be able to submit quarterly proposals to a student majority committee that will review proposals and prioritize projects. The committee will form under the auspices of the Marine Science Institute. While the exact dollar amount for any particular project will vary, examples of expenditures might include annual stipends for student interns to do monitoring, restoration, and education. Funding could also go to capital improvements such as coastal access ways (e.g., stairs). Funds will be administered through an Associated Students account.

Graduate Students Voting

Graduate students vote electronically or by picking up a ballot at the Graduate Students Association Office. Call 893-3824 for information.

The following two proposals will be voted on by undergraduate students ONLY

EVENTS CENTER SUPPORT FEE

The Events Center is also known as the "Thunderdome." This support fee will help pay for ongoing maintenance costs, facility renewal and capital improvements for the Events Center. Projects may include repairing/replacing: the roof, the floor, the heating/ventilation and cooling system (HVAC), the bleachers, the locker rooms, and the concert electrical panel, among others.

Do you approve a \$4.00 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory student-imposed fee beginning Fall, 1999 to help meet the facility costs of the Events Center? In four years there will be another ballot measure on this fee. The fee will continue unless eliminated by 60% negative ballot voting.

YES _____ NO _____

The Events Center Governance Board sponsors this fee proposal. After 20 years, the Events Center is experiencing deterioration from constant 16 hours a day use. Current operating funds are insufficient to address the problems. The student majority Events Center Governance Board will prioritize projects on an annual basis and approve all Support Fee expenditures.

The total cost of current proposed projects is estimated at \$1,258,000. Estimated costs for particular projects are \$220,000 for HVAC, \$200,000 for bleachers, \$160,000 for public restroom renovation, \$135,000 for roof replacement, and \$20,000 for floor repairs. A complete list of estimated costs for other projects will be posted at the Events Center and the Office of Student Life.

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 16, 1998 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 to the Office of Student Life, SAASB 2201, by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 13, 1999. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 21.

UCSB VOTERS GUIDE

This voter information pamphlet has been produced by the UCSB Campus Elections Commission. The Commission, which is composed of students, faculty, and staff members, is a neutral body which 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.

CAMPUS TRACK REPAIR INITIATIVE

The Campus Track Repair Initiative is intended to return the track to NCAA competition standards and thus allow on-campus intercollegiate competition. Currently, the surface condition of the track is not suitable for intercollegiate meets and the team has been forced to compete at Santa Barbara City College for the last two years.

Do you approve a one-year only \$4.50 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory student-imposed fee beginning in the Fall, 1999 to upgrade the track?

YES _____ NO _____

The UCSB Track Team, under the auspices of the Student Athlete Advisory Board, sponsors this fee proposal. The Physical Activities and Recreation Department, in consultation with the Student Athlete Advisory Board, will administer funds collected. This one year only fee will generate approximately \$220,000.

The cost for upgrading the track is estimated at \$150,000-200,000. Should funds remain, they shall be applied toward lighting the track, continuing maintenance of the facility, or other track-related purposes.

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 (26.08 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 26.08 percent or higher, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass.

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