

VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Spring Election 2000

Undergraduate Students • April 25 - 26

Graduate Students • April 19 - 26

These initiatives are NOT sponsored by Associated Students and, if passed, will not be paid to A.S.

** Passage of the referenda on the ballot 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 19,270 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.

This initiative will be voted on by undergraduate and graduate students.

RECREATION CENTER EXPANSION INITIATIVE

Expansion of the Recreation Center (Rec Cen) is planned to include:

- Doubling current weight training/cardio space
- Doubling current locker room space
- New cardio and strength training equipment
- Large three-court multi-activity complex which should accommodate
 - In-line skating
 - Indoor soccer, basketball, volleyball
 - Hockey
 - Climbing wall
 - General recreational activities, including dances and special events.

Do you approve a mandatory student-imposed fee to support construction and maintenance of an expanded Recreation Center? The debt portion of the fee will continue for approximately thirty years (depending on availability of financing terms) after which the per student/per quarter amount collected will be reduced to cover maintenance and ongoing costs.

Yes No

If this measure passes, which of the following payment options do you endorse?

\$34.50 per quarter beginning in Fall of 2003

\$37.75 per quarter beginning fall of 2004

This initiative is sponsored by the Recreation Center Governance Board in response to the growing demand for additional recreation facilities. Rec Cen 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 \$16,945,000. Total annual costs are estimated at \$2,308,795 which includes payments, interest and ongoing staffing and maintenance costs (estimated annual staffing and maintenance is \$624,401). If fee collection begins in 2003, rather than 2004, the quarterly per student fee is \$3.25 lower for the duration of the bond. Facilities will be completed in stages and available as they are completed; total completion is scheduled for 2004. 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.

This initiative will be voted on by undergraduate and graduate students.

UCSB/MTD SUPERTICKET

BUS PROGRAM SPRING QUARTER 2000

Do you approve the reaffirmation of a \$7.50 per student per quarter mandatory fee (for four quarters including summer) to fund the UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program? Any fee increase will be indexed to the current MTD adult fare. The contract will be subject to reaffirmation by ballot voting every four years.

Yes No

TRANSIT SYSTEM FEE AND ADULT FARE INDEX

The current \$7.50 per student per quarter transit fee for unlimited MTD bus service would continue indefinitely barring any unforeseen circumstances. The \$7.50 per quarter fee is based on a fare methodology which takes into account UCSB student ridership, the MTD general population fare, and a credit for student transfers. The student transit fee is indexed to the MTD adult fare. This means that should MTD decide to increase their adult fare (currently \$1.00), the UCSB student transit fee would be adjusted by the same percentage.

This initiative will be voted on only by undergraduate students.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

STUDENT SUPPORT FACILITY REFERENDUM

Construction of an Intercollegiate Athletics Student Support Facility is planned to provide a permanent home for Intercollegiate Athletics on campus and to enhance UCSB's athletic programs. The Facility will include training and academic support facilities for student-athletes, meeting space for Athletic satellite student groups (including the Gaucho Locos, Band, and Cheer), a Hall of Fame, an Assembly Hall, and administrative space for UCSB's athletic programs. The facility will also display UCSB's athletic traditions in an attempt to aid recruitment.

Do you approve a mandatory student-imposed fee of \$34.03 per quarter for undergraduate students to begin Fall, 2003 to support construction and maintenance for the Intercollegiate Athletics Student Support Facility? The debt portion of the fee will continue for approximately thirty years (depending on availability of financing terms) after which the per student/per quarter amount collected will be reduced to cover maintenance and ongoing costs.

Yes No

The initiative is sponsored by the Student-Athlete Advisory Board, in response to student desires to enhance and upgrade UCSB's Intercollegiate Athletic Program and to bring all ICA operations together in a central location.

The capital cost of this project is estimated at \$13,472,000. Total annual costs are estimated at \$1,732,876 which includes payments, interest and maintenance costs. Upon passage of this referendum, the Student-Athlete Advisory Board will participate in the planning and construction of the facility as well as future governance. Additional information regarding the facility may be viewed at Robertson Gym.

BUS ACCESS

In lieu of a regular paid fare, MTD will continue to accept UCSB registration cards with a current quarter validation sticker. For the period of one week prior to the first day of classes, in Winter and Spring quarters, continuing through the end of the second week of classes of that quarter, MTD will also accept a registration card validated for the previous quarter. In any quarter, a UCSB "Temporary ID Card" in conjunction with a photo ID will be accepted by MTD from one week prior to the start of a quarter through the second week of classes for that quarter.

SUMMER ACCESS

Students who are registered for Summer Session will continue to have unlimited ridership with MTD from one week prior to the start of Summer Session to the beginning of Fall Quarter by showing their registration card with the valid Summer Session sticker. For students registered in all four quarters, this results in year-round transportation.

CONTRACT REAFFIRMATION

If students reaffirm this fee the contract shall continue in effect unless cancelled by either UCSB or MTD. However, this contract will be subject to reaffirmation by ballot voting every four years.

CONTRACT AND BUS SERVICE

The current contract between UCSB and MTD does not specify the degree of bus service, e.g., number of bus lines or hours. The contract does state that MTD must notify UCSB of any proposed service changes and hold a public forum at a location convenient to UCSB community. These public forums must be advertised in the *Daily Nexus*. MTD will also notify the Presidents of Associated Students and Graduate Students Association when changes have been implemented which effect Goleta, Isla Vista, and/or UCSB.

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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 11, 2000. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 18 and Wednesday, April 19.

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 (26.75 percent for undergraduates, 26.37 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 26.75 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 26.37 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and graduate students, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass. Reaffirmation requires 60% + one negative votes to invalidate.

UNDERGRADUATE POLLING LOCATIONS

Undergraduate Students: There will be six polling locations by: the University Center, the Arbor Mall/Library, Chemistry/Buchanan Hall, Campbell Hall, Humanities Building, and Broida/Engineering. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26.

GRADUATE STUDENTS VOTING

Graduate students vote electronically or by picking up a ballot at the Graduate Students Association office. Call 893-3824 for information. GSA Website: <http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu>

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 17 through Monday, April 24, 2000.

**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 14, 2000 to be eligible to vote!

This voter information pamphlet has been produced by the 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. The Campus Elections Commission is NOT affiliated with Associated Students Elections. Fees approved through this process are not assessed by A.S.

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