

VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Spring Election 2001

Undergraduate Students • April 24 - 25

Graduate Students • April 17 - 25

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 only by undergraduate students.

These two initiatives will be voted on by undergraduate and graduate students.

STUDENT ATHLETICS FEE INITIATIVE

The Student Athletics Fee Initiative covers the renovation and maintenance of the major student use fields as well as construction of a new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex. The goal is to provide students and student athletes premier sporting facilities that will enhance their participation and safety. Renovation/maintenance areas include Pauley Track, Storke Field, Robertson Field, Harder Stadium, Robertson Gym, the baseball field, and the softball field. (Renovation and maintenance of Robertson Field will be in coordination with the proposed Recreational Sports Fee Initiative.) The fee also covers construction of a new restroom facility between the baseball and softball fields and includes funds to maintain all the fields once the renovations are completed. In addition, the fee will fund the development of a new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex planned for the area adjacent to Robertson Field and Pauley Track.

To fund this facility construction and these field improvements, the Student Athletics Fee Initiative proposes a student-imposed mandatory fee of \$29.56 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$17.74 Summer Quarter) beginning in Fall 2001 and continuing through Summer 2005. The fee will increase as of Fall 2005 to \$39.56 (\$23.74 Summer Quarter) for the repayment of principal and interest and to cover the maintenance of the Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex and the renovated fields. 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 on going costs and submitted to a student vote for approval. Do you approve the assessment of these fees?

_____ YES _____ NO

The "Student Athletics Fee Initiative" is sponsored by the Student Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) in response to student desires to enhance and upgrade UCSB's facilities for all sporting and recreating students.

Project Cost Schedule (estimates):

Renovations & Field Improvements (Projects completed over the next four years):	
Pauley Track and Field upgrades	\$ 540,000
Robertson Field renovations	\$ 940,000
Storke Field renovations	\$ 940,000
Harder Stadium Field renovation	\$ 890,000
Robertson Gym Lockers & Gymnastics upgrade	\$ 440,000
Baseball field improvements	\$ 690,000
Softball field improvements	\$ 940,000
Baseball/Softball restrooms	\$ 920,000
Sub Total	\$ 6,300,000
New Construction (Completed in Summer 2005):	
Aquatics & Tennis Complex	\$15,810,000
Total Referendum Project Costs	\$22,110,000

Fee schedule for Renovation & Field improvement projects (Fall 2001 through Summer 2005):

Over this time period, the renovation work will occur for Pauley Track and Field Improvement, Robertson Field upgrade, Storke Field upgrade, Harder Stadium Field upgrade, Robertson Gym Locker-room renovations, Robertson Gym Gymnastics refurbishments, baseball facility upgrades, softball facility upgrades, and the installation of restroom facilities between the baseball and softball fields. Over this four-year period, the quarterly fee to be assessed will be \$29.56 (\$17.74 Summer Quarter) per student per quarter, which is estimated to generate \$1,596,000 annually and \$6,300,000 over the four years. All the projects will be funded from the annual proceeds, and this portion of the referendum will have no associated debt financing. Please note that scheduling priorities, maintenance, and general student body access to these facilities will continue to be managed by Physical Activities and Recreation using existing user guidelines.

Fee Schedule for Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex & Field Maintenance (Fee Assessed beginning Fall 2005):

The new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex is planned to be completed by summer of 2005 with the fee being assessed beginning in Fall 2005. The total project costs for the new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex are estimated to be \$15,810,000. Beginning in Fall 2005, the mandatory fee will increase to \$39.56 (\$23.74 Summer Quarter) per quarter to cover the annual principal, interest, and debt requirements of \$1,571,000 for the Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex and will cover the costs of the on-going operations and maintenance of these facilities, estimated at \$294,000 per year. The fee will also cover the anticipated costs of maintaining the renovated fields, estimated at \$270,000 annually. The total annual cost for the referendum is \$2,135,000 per year for a maximum period of 30 years. The general student population will be given access to the facilities when Intercollegiate Athletics use is not scheduled. Please note that scheduling priorities, maintenance and general student body access to the new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex will be managed by Physical Activities and Recreation using existing user guidelines. Should enrollments unexpectedly decline, the Regents will assess a fee sufficient to cover the planned annual expenses of \$2,135,000.

Estimated Annual Costs (Fall 2005 through 2035):

Principal, Interest & Debt requirements	\$1,571,000
Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 294,000
Renovated Field Maintenance	\$ 270,000
Total Annual Costs Phase	\$2,135,000

RECREATIONAL SPORTS FEE INITIATIVE

Do you approve a student-imposed mandatory per student per quarter fee increase of \$12 (to augment the current \$7 per student per quarter mandatory fee) for a total of \$19 per student per quarter (including summer) to support Recreational Sports (Intramurals, Open Recreation, Sport Clubs and Adventure Programs)? A portion of the \$12 fee increase will be used to help renovate and maintain Robertson Field in coordination with the proposed Students Athletics Fee Initiative. The fee will begin Fall, 2001 and continue for a period of four years after which a reaffirmation vote will take place.

Do you approve the \$12 increase? _____ YES _____ NO

NOTE: This proposed fee increase is not related to the Recreation Center fee voted on last spring. That fee will be used to expand the facilities and services of the Recreation Center.

Students currently pay \$7.00 per quarter to support the four recreational sports programs. The \$12.00 quarterly enhancement fee will cover escalating costs, allowing for increasing student participation and program expansion and improve the quality of campus play fields.

UCSB Recreational Sports consists of four student programs: Intramurals, Sport Clubs, Adventure Programs and Open Recreation. As many as 13,000 students comprise as many as 890 Intramural teams in 14 sports per quarter. Over 600 athletes make up the 19 Sport Club teams that compete nationally on an intercollegiate level. 3000 participants are involved in over 200 Adventure Program trips and classes. Thousands of students partake in Open Recreation and over 500 student job opportunities are provided through Recreational Sports. In order to maintain this level of service and enhance the general condition of Robertson Field, a mandatory fee increase of \$12.00 is proposed. Costs associated with the renovation and maintenance of Robertson Field will also be funded by a portion of the Intercollegiate Athletics fee referendum on the 2001 ballot.

Allocation of fees:	Existing	Additional	Total
Fields Enhancement & Maintenance	\$0.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Recreational Sports (all programs)	\$2.50	\$3.50	\$6.00
Adventure Programs	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$1.00
Sport Clubs	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$8.00

STUDENT RESOURCE BUILDING FEE INITIATIVE

The Student Resource Building will provide new and improved space for key student support services such as Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Greek Affairs, Women's Center, Graduate Division satellite, Orfalea Family Children's Center satellite (OFCC), Education Program for Culture Awareness (EPCA), Office of Student Life (OSL), Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS), and Early Academic Outreach (EAO). By supporting the Student Resource Building you will have access to new student space that includes meeting rooms, student lounges and offices, an open-access computer lab (approximately 40 computers), a smaller writing tutorial lab, a performance/practice hall, multipurpose rooms, kitchen facilities, and a library/information center.

Do you approve a student-imposed mandatory per student per quarter fee of \$33.33 (\$21.49 summer quarter) to begin in fall of 2004 to fund a new Student Resource Building as described above? 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 and submitted to a student vote for approval.

_____ YES _____ NO

NOTE: Over the next thirty years, if outside fundraising for the building is successful, the fee assessed to students may be reduced.

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 and substandard facilities) and link them to one other and to new space dedicated to student activities.

The capital cost to students for this project is \$21,540,000. Total annual costs are estimated at \$2,353,000 which includes principal payments, interest, and some ongoing staffing and maintenance (estimated annual staffing and maintenance is \$580,000). 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. Should enrollments unexpectedly decline, the Regents will assess a fee sufficient to cover the planned annual expenses of \$2,353,000.

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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 10, 2001. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18.

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 (29.22 percent for undergraduates, 28.47 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 29.22 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 28.47 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 to invalidate.

UNDERGRADUATE POLLING LOCATIONS

Undergraduate Students: There will be six polling locations by: the University Center, the Arbor Mall/Library, Ellison/Buchanan Halls, North Hall/Bus Loop, HSSB, and Broida/Engineering. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25.

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 Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20, 2001.

**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 13, 2001 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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