

VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS
ELECTIONS
COMMISSION

Spring Election 2002

Undergraduate Students • April 23 - 24

Graduate Students • April 17 - 24

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 one capital project listed below is 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.*

2002 SAMPLE BALLOT

REAFFIRMATIONS: The following three ballot measures represent fees that are currently assessed. They are now up for "reaffirmation" meaning that you have a chance to vote on whether or not the fee should continue for another four years. 60% plus one negative votes removes the fee. Failure to get a 20% voter turnout continues the fee.

Only undergraduates vote on these two measures:

Graduate students and undergraduates vote on this measure:

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you wish to continue a \$9.00 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory fee to fund existing NCAA athletic scholarships for UCSB student athletes? If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2006.

Yes No

UNIVERSITY CENTER SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a \$9.00 per student per quarter (including summer) mandatory fee to help meet operating and facility costs of the UCen? If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2006.

Yes No

RECREATIONAL SPORTS FEE

Do you wish to continue a \$7.00 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory fee to fund Recreational Sports? If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2006.

Yes No

NEW FEES: Only undergraduates vote on these three measures:

THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER SUPPORT FEE

Do you approve a student-imposed, mandatory, undergraduate only, per student, per quarter fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 summer quarter) to help meet operating and facility costs of the MultiCultural Center? The fee will begin Fall, 2002 and continue for a period of four years after which a reaffirmation vote will take place.

Yes No

SPORTS AND ACTIVITY FACILITY FEE

Do you approve a student-imposed, mandatory, undergraduate only, per student, per quarter fee to improve general use play fields and sports facilities and to construct new aquatics and tennis facilities accessible to all students?

The fee will be \$33.83 (including summer quarter) for the first four years beginning Fall 2002 and increase to \$48.83 (including summer quarter) starting Fall 2006 for the next twenty-seven years. At that time the fee will be reduced to cover deferred maintenance, operations, and utilities.

Yes No

THE WOMEN'S CENTER SUPPORT FEE

Do you approve a student-imposed, mandatory, undergraduate only, per student, per quarter fee of \$1.75 (including summer quarter) to help meet operating and facility costs of the Women's Center and the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity? The fee will begin Fall Quarter 2002 and continue for a period of four years after which a reaffirmation vote will take place.

Yes No

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Only undergraduates vote on this measure:

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships funded by this initiative are administered by the Athletic Department and are distributed equitably by the Intercollegiate Athletic Director in consultation with the Student Athletic Advisory Board according to all applicable legal requirements.

Only undergraduates vote on this measure:

UNIVERSITY CENTER SUPPORT FEE

The UCen support fee will continue to help pay for the operating costs of the public space areas of the UCen: lounges, meeting rooms, student organization space, Multicultural Center, etc.

The fee will also allow the UCen to maintain and enhance its services and facilities, e.g., 1) lounge seating, 2) late night study lounge and coffee house area, 3) high-speed internet access with free computer use, 4) special event offerings, 5) post office hours, and 6) student employee wages. Without this fee support the UCen is faced with severely restricted hours of operation, fewer services, reduced student jobs, possibly increased prices, and major maintenance problems.

Graduate students and undergraduates vote on this measure:

RECREATIONAL SPORTS FEE

The Recreational Sports Fee helps fund the overall operation of Intramurals, Club Sports, Adventure Programs, and Open Recreation Programs. The fee reduces participation costs for all students (approximately 15,000 participants per year) and provides employment opportunities for over 300 students annually.

Only undergraduates vote on this measure:

THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER SUPPORT FEE

The MCC presents approximately 100 programs per year that include lectures, films and videos, panel discussions, readings, art exhibits, music, dance, and dramatic performances. Events are open to anyone and most of them are free of charge. In addition, all of its facilities are available to students on campus. Students are therefore provided with a space to hold meetings, prepare food for receptions and banquets, and present their programs.

The MCC fee will help pay for the educational and mentoring components of the Center, maintenance of the space, and operating costs of the student areas. The Center will be able to provide better services to students, have longer operating hours, and hire more students to work. The fee will also allow the MCC to provide more educational programs that advocate for equality and to serve as a bridge towards creating a multicultural environment at UCSB.

FOR THE SIX BALLOT MEASURES

Only undergraduates vote on this measure:

SPORTS AND ACTIVITY FACILITY

FEE

Students for the Advancement of Sports and Activities (SASA) seek to enhance and expand existing play fields and to construct new aquatics and tennis facilities.

Presently, UCSB's play fields are unsafe & difficult to properly maintain. Sports facilities are growing old, in need of repair or simply antiquated and unable to meet national competition standards. If approved, this referendum will ensure safe, well-maintained quality turf surfaces that will be able to be used in all climate conditions. Further, new and upgraded sports facilities will meet competition standards and enhance sports and recreation opportunities for the entire campus community.

The capital cost to students for this project is \$26,057,000. Total annual costs are estimated at \$2,661,528 which includes principal payments, interest, and some ongoing staffing and maintenance. Upon passage of this referendum, a student-majority committee will be formed to participate in the planning of the upgrades and construction of the facilities. Upon completion of construction, a student-majority governance board will be established to oversee the new facilities and the maintenance of upgraded fields and facilities. Should enrollments unexpectedly decline, the Regents will assess a fee sufficient to cover the planned annual expenses of \$2,661,528.

Physical Activities, Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramural Sports, Sport Clubs, and the general student body will share facilities usage, in keeping with existing scheduling policies and procedures (see current Physical Activities and Recreation Scheduling Manual.) Current priorities will remain the same. The new and improved fields and facilities will increase student availability regardless of weather conditions, especially during winter months when campus fields are frequently closed because of poor and dangerous field conditions.

If approved, the referendum will provide funding to:

- Install new, all-weather, year-round synthetic sports turf on Rob Field, the lacrosse field, and Storke Field (partial)
- Upgrade to match quality, Harder Stadium field and the baseball field using natural turf.
- Enhance the Pauley Track facility by renovating the infield, replacing old seating and installing a new synthetic track.
- Construct new aquatic and tennis court complexes with viewing stands and a locker room/athletics rehab facility.
- Enhance the softball stadium and locker room facilities at Harder Stadium and construct locker rooms and public restrooms serving the baseball and softball stadiums.
- Cover the costs of on-going maintenance of these facilities and fields.

Only undergraduates vote on this measure:

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

SUPPORT FEE

The Women's Center and the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) provides advocacy, resources and education regarding rape and sexual harassment prevention, parenting and gender issues for women and men. The Women's Center Support Fee would establish new educational programs, and would provide paid internships to help students both with education and work experience. The fee would also assist in the maintenance and operating costs of those Women's Center public spaces that are open for student use, such as the library, art gallery, kitchen, re-entry and non-traditional student lounge, meeting rooms, and our satellite office, the RCSGD.

Historically, the Women's Center has not been able to support a comprehensive outreach program. This support fee would remedy that and enable all students to be aware of our services.

This fee would also help the Women's Center improve student services, for example it would: 1) ensure the continuation of sexual harassment prevention education, and rape prevention education; 2) advocacy for individuals; 3) provide a venue for faculty and student lectures and symposium; 4) provide lesbian/gay/bisexual /transgender/intersex/ally (lgbtia) support; 5) fund new materials and increase functionality of the library/gallery space, and provide the supplies necessary to operate a professional gallery space to feature student artists' exhibitions; 6) increase operating hours by providing more student staff allocations; 7) upgrade kitchen appliances and accessories to better support student group activities and receptions; 8) upgrade the computers at our net stations which are currently unable to access many contemporary websites due to limited capabilities; 9) to purchase updated books, magazine subscriptions, and videotapes for our research/lending library on women's and lgbtia issues; 10) provide paid internship opportunities for students who are interested in working experience on women's and lgbtia issues.

Without this support fee, the Women's Center and the RCSGD could be faced with reduction in operating hours, limitation of services provided, decrease in availability of student employment opportunities, and the continued postponement of maintenance issues.

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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 electronically to the Office of Student Life, SAASB 2201, by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 9, 2002. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 17.

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, 28.48 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, 28.48 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, Buchanan Hall, Bus Loop, HSSB, and the Rec Cen. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24.

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 16 through Friday, April 19, 2002.

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 12, 2002 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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