

# 2004 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

## UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION On-line Spring Election 2004 April 20 - 22

*\*\* Passage of the referendum 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 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.*

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

### New Fee—Broida Bike Path Initiative

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, to construct a bicycle path through the Broida Plaza connecting Engineering & Chemistry to the Pardall/Library bicycle-path and Isla Vista? If passed, the fee would begin fall 2004 and continue through summer 2007 at which time the fee will end. This fee is not subject to reaffirmation. Construction will begin when either 1) a loan is secured for the full amount or 2) a sufficient amount is collected to begin construction in phases.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The Broida Bike path will provide an efficient and safe way for bicyclists to get from the east side of campus (Engineering & Chemistry) to the Pardall/Library bike path. This path will address the traffic and safety concerns caused by cyclists ignoring the absence of a path and riding through the pedestrian only sections around this part of campus. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$500,000. If a loan can be secured, construction will begin as soon as possible after all approvals are final. Otherwise, construction will begin in phases depending on the amount collected. In either case the fee will end after summer 2007. The fee is sponsored by Associated Students Bicycle Improvements Keep Everyone Safe (A.S.B.I.K.E.S.) Committee. However, the Broida Bike Path Fee will be collected and maintained separately from the current \$0.75 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter A.S. sponsored Bicycle Path Maintenance fee. Any funds remaining after construction will go to A.S.B.I.K.E.S. for bicycle-path improvement. A detailed cost analysis is available at the Associated Students and Graduate Students Association office.

### Reaffirmation—UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program

Do you approve the reaffirmation of the current \$9.38 per student per quarter mandatory fee (including summer) to fund the UCSB/Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Superticket Bus Program? Any fee increase will be indexed to the 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 per student per quarter transit fee for unlimited MTD bus service is \$9.38. In 1992 the initial base per quarter fee was determined by a formula that considered UCSB student ridership, the MTD general population fare, and credit for student transfers. The student transit fee is indexed to the MTD adult fare. If the MTD adult fare were to rise, the student transit fee would rise proportionately. For example, in winter 2004 MTD increased its adult fare from \$1.00 to \$1.25. The UCSB student transit fee was adjusted by the same percentage (25%)—\$7.50 to \$9.38.

**BUS ACCESS.** In lieu of a regular paid fare, MTD will continue to accept UCSB registration cards with a current quarter validation sticker. In winter and spring quarters, or the period of one week prior to the first day of classes, through the end of the second week of each 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. (This method of bus access at the start of each quarter may be changed for fall 2004.)

**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. Thus, students registered in all four quarters can enjoy year-round transportation.

**CONTRACT REAFFIRMATION.** If students reaffirm this fee, the contract will continue in effect until cancellation by either UCSB or MTD. However, a reaffirmation of this contract and fee by ballot voting will occur every four years.

**CONTRACT AND BUS SERVICE.** The current contract between UCSB and MTD does not specify the level 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 that affect Goleta, Isla Vista, and/or UCSB.

### 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 [navaarro-j@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:navaarro-j@sa.ucsb.edu), by 5 pm on Tuesday, April 6, 2004. Statements will appear in the Daily Nexus on Tuesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 14.

### 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 (29.16 percent for undergraduates, 28.51 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 29.16 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 28.51 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.

**These measures will be on the Associated Students ballot along with candidates for A.S. Offices and A.S. Fee Reaffirmation items. Graduate students will vote on separate ballot. Be sure to be a registered student by April 15, 2004 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.

**Voters Guide Web Site: <http://www.campuselections.ucsb.edu>**

**These two initiatives will be voted on by undergraduate students only.**

### New Fee—Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Support Fee

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$6.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, to maintain the current level of CLAS group and drop-in tutorials? If passed, the fee would begin in fall 2004 and be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2008.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) has taken a series of budget cuts due to the state budget crisis and has experienced increased tutorial costs. Demand for services remains strong across all disciplines. If we are to retain our current level of services without resorting to a fee-for-service model, CLAS must replace lost funds. All CLAS services are free to UCSB undergraduates. In comparison, a student opting to hire a private tutor may pay from \$20 to \$40 for a single hour of tutoring. Helping CLAS maintain its open door policy ensures that all students have equal access to academic tutoring.

The CLAS support fee would help pay for group and drop-in tutorials at the current level of services. CLAS serves nearly 7,000 undergraduates a year, logging in upwards of 127,000 student contact hours. CLAS serves students in all disciplines and at all class levels by operating 6 drop-in labs and offering nearly 600 tutorial groups. CLAS hires between 75-125 undergraduates annually. In the most recent Graduating Senior Survey (spring 2002) CLAS received one of the highest satisfaction ratings of all student services.

### New Fee—Student Health Service Support fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee of \$7.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to maintain the current level of student health services? The fee is in addition to the \$12.00 per student per quarter fee currently collected. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2004, be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2008, and raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fee to \$19 (fall, winter and spring) and \$15 for summer.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Student Health is designed specifically to serve UCSB students. All the following medical services are conveniently located on-campus:

- Same day appointments
- Urgent care
- Women's health
- Psychiatry
- Pharmacy (prescription and non-prescription medications)
- Laboratory and X-ray
- Physical therapy and orthopedics
- Dietitian
- Eye and Dental Clinic
- Immunizations for flu, hepatitis, meningitis, travel, etc.
- Wart and acne treatment
- Counseling in substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual health

Student Health also provides public health information as it pertains to college students. Recent topics include medical response to terrorist attacks, SARS and Avian Flu.

The health education component provides academic classes, internships and meaningful health information to RA's, athletes, Greeks, in-coming freshmen, etc. Topics include alcohol/other drugs, eating disorders, nutrition, sexual health and communication skills for healthy relationships. This health fee:

- has not been increased since initiated in 1991 even though medical costs have skyrocketed.
- will keep Student Health per visit fees reasonable.
- is incorporated into financial aid packages.

Without the \$7 increase, Student Health will need to raise per visit fees.

### THE ELECTION IS ON LINE!

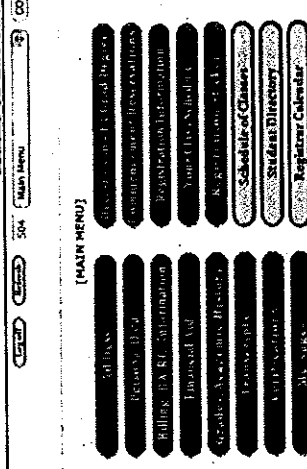
#### How to vote:

Go to the UCSB Gold system and follow the instructions after pressing the "Student Elections" button.

You may vote on any computer with internet access. Computer banks are located at the UCen, Davidson Library, and many residence halls.

Any difficulty voting should be reported to 893-4467.

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