

2005 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION On-line Spring Election 2005 April 18 - 21

*** Passage of the referendum on the ballot does not constitute final approval of the project. The Chancellor and the University of California Office of the President 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 project listed below are based on an average undergraduate enrollment of 17,695 students per fall, winter, and spring quarters and 8,006 for summer. 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.*

Only undergraduate students will vote on these four initiatives:

Associated Students Community Affairs Board (CAB) Service fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee increase of \$0.85 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to continue support for the Community Affairs Board Volunteer and Learning Service Center? The fee is in addition to the existing \$1.15 per student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$.77 for summer currently collected. If passed, the fee will begin fall 2005 and raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fee to \$2.00 (fall, winter and spring) and \$1.33 for summer. If passed, the \$0.85 increase is subject to reaffirmation in spring 2009

Yes _____ No _____

A.S. Community Affairs Board's Volunteer and Learning Service Center is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of all UCSB students by providing information and easy access to community service. Through a diverse range of projects and community outreach, CAB seeks to augment classroom experiences, create leadership opportunities for career exploration, connect UCSB to the community in a meaningful way, and promote the ethics of public service.

Each year the CAB members coordinate projects and programs in which students participate. Examples of two major projects are:

- Family Literacy Program: a tutoring program in which students help elementary school children improve their reading skills.
- Camp Ronald McDonald Walk for Good Times: a charitable walk during spring quarter that enables children with cancer to attend summer camp.

Two (out of more than 300) local major non-profits that CAB works with are:

- Direct Relief: a program that strives to improve the quality of life for people in need during times of disaster.
- Make A Wish: a program granting children with life-threatening medical conditions their final wish.

The Community Affairs Board is a student-funded, student-run center that has never had a fee increase since its initial 1993 Associated Students lock-in. The proposed \$.85 increase will be used to maintain the volunteer action center and the services that CAB provides.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Student Services Fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee of \$2.75 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to support EOP programs and services? The EOP student services fee would help to reinstate student-centered retention programs and services that would be available to all UCSB students. If passed, the fee will begin fall 2005 and be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2009.

Yes _____ No _____

For over 30 years, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) has offered a student-centered retention service that has assisted students in their transition to the university, in their pursuit of completing a baccalaureate degree, and in their advancement towards attaining a professional or doctoral degree. While EOP focuses on first generation and/or low-income students, some services, such as the Summer Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP), peer advisors, Chancellor's Scholars, and cultural services, extend to the full participation of the general campus community.

Currently, there is an EOP/Associated Students Lock-In Fee of \$1.25 which provides funding to EOP financial aid recipients only for emergencies associated with the educational costs of attending UCSB. The separate EOP student services fee now will support out-of-class learning experiences accessible to all students by: [1] providing one-to-one and group mentoring by our counselors and student staff; [2] maintaining student employment opportunities through our peer-to-peer and cultural services programs; [3] sustaining and increasing academic, career and leadership development opportunities to comparable levels prior to our budget cuts; [4] co-sponsoring student-initiated programs and events that facilitate collaboration between students, the administration, faculty and the surrounding UCSB community; and [5] strengthening campus-wide programming that addresses issues such as the low rates of recruitment, retention and graduation of first generation and/or low income students within the university system.

Recreation Fields Enhancement Initiative

Do you approve of a mandatory fee of \$4.50 for Phase I, increasing to \$9.00 in Phase II, per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to build, light, fence and maintain all-weather, synthetic turf fields? If passed, the Phase I planning process will begin fall 2005. The Phase II fee rate of \$9.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, will begin fall 2008. The exact number of fields to be constructed, lighted, maintained, and/or replaced in Phase II depends on the future cost of the proposed projects and available funding. If passed, the fee is subject to reaffirmation in spring 2009 at the \$9.00 per student per quarter rate.

Yes _____ No _____

The goal of this initiative is to build, maintain, and replace as needed, all-weather, synthetic turf fields at UCSB. Upon passing of the initiative one field will be built, lighted and fenced. In approximately three years, as progress on the San Clemente housing project allows, additional fields (approximately four) will be installed (including lighting and fencing as appropriate). The exact number of fields to be constructed, lighted, maintained, and/or replaced depends on the future cost of the proposed projects and available funding.

The fields will benefit students by providing safe, all-weather facilities. UCSB student recreation will have top priority for usage of fields. The student-majority governance board will create open recreation time slots in addition to advance scheduling of fields.

Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF)

Do you approve of a mandatory fee of \$0.89 per undergraduate per quarter, including summer, in order to provide funding for the Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF) for students who are not able to cover the costs of medical procedures? If passed, the fee will begin fall 2005 and be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2009.

Yes _____ No _____

The fee will augment the approx. \$2,500 per year generated from interest on the "Jack Canfield Chicken Soup Fund." The fund (an endowment which is not student fee supported) provides assistance to undergraduate and graduate students experiencing medical emergencies. The SMERF fee will provide more money for students for medical emergencies. By increasing the money in the fund, more interest can be generated which will increase the availability of funds for students in need. The University Insurance Plan does not cover all medical procedures. Most students do not discover this until they face a specific injury or are in need of a specific procedure. The fund would supplement existing insurance coverage or help students meet costs of procedures not covered by insurance. The fund is governed by a board of professionals with a student majority.

Undergraduate and graduate students will vote on these three initiatives:

University Children's Center Support Fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee increase of \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to provide UCSB undergraduate and graduate student families increased subsidies for child care tuition, and to provide additional facility operating funds to support the Center's upcoming expansion? The fee is in addition to the \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$2.00 for summer currently collected. If passed, the fee will begin fall 2005 and raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fee to \$6.00 (fall, winter and spring) and \$5.00 for summer. If passed, the \$3.00 increase is subject to reaffirmation in spring 2008.

Yes _____ No _____

One-hundred seventy-five children, ages 3 months to 5 years, attend the Orfalea Family Children's Center on West Campus. The center is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and is committed to providing high quality early care and education. Fifty percent of the families served by the Center are UCSB undergraduate and graduate students and 50% are UCSB staff and faculty families. The Student Resource Building (currently under construction) will include 4 classrooms for infants and toddlers, increasing availability and on-campus access for 50 more families. In addition, the center serves the general UCSB student community as an employer of approximately 60 undergraduate students each quarter who gain work experience and knowledge, especially in the areas of education and child development. The center also supports the university's academic mission by providing a site for research and observation projects.

The increased fee will provide operating funds to support the hiring of an additional 30 UCSB student classroom assistants each quarter (increasing the per quarter student work force to 90). The actual cost of providing quality care is higher than most student families can afford. The increased fee will allow the Center to lower the cost to student families and maintain quality as the program expands.

Counseling and Career Services (C&CS) Fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee of \$5.85 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to provide funds to maintain service levels for Counseling and Career Services? If passed, the fee will begin fall 2005 and be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2009.

Yes _____ No _____

C&CS assists up to 10,000 students per year with major selection, internships, jobs, graduate school, applications, crisis intervention and psychological support services. C&CS has had a series of budget cuts due to the state budget crisis, experiencing a 25% loss of funding. These cuts resulted in a 15% loss of career and student staff, including a job developer and a career counselor. In addition, cuts have forced the cancellation of many free workshops and services. Despite these losses, student demand has remained the same.

The C&CS fee will help avert the loss of more career staff and psychologists; co-payments for counseling services; increases in fees for testing, job fair, and workshops; and reduced hours of operation. The money will allow replacement of positions lost and reinstatement of services. By voting for this fee C&CS will continue to be available for students' career and personal counseling needs and continue to offer quality services at its current level.

Women's Center Support Fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee increase of \$2.50 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to enable the Women's Center to maintain programs and restore staff positions? The fee is in addition to the \$1.75 per student per quarter (fall, winter, spring, and summer) currently collected. If passed, the fee will begin fall 2005 and raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fee to \$4.25 (fall, winter, spring, and summer). If passed, the total fee is subject to reaffirmation in spring 2009.

Yes _____ No _____

The Women's Center support fee would support programs such as the Rape Prevention Education Program (RPEP) and the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender diversity (RCSGD). Due to budget reductions over the past few years, both programs have had to cut back staff and services. The support fee would also help with operating costs of the public spaces within the Women's Center (e.g., the library, art gallery, meeting rooms, kitchen, re-entry and non-traditional student lounge).

Additionally the support fee would help to improve Women's Center programs and services such as 1) the rape and sexual harassment prevention education programs; 2) help for individuals in crisis; 3) support for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/intersex/ally communities; 4) student-initiated activities and events; 5) facilities improvements; 6) expanded operating hours by hiring more student staff; 7) student internships; and 8) outreach and publicity programs.

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 navarro-j@sa.ucsb.edu, by 5 pm on Tuesday, April 5, 2004. Statements will appear in the Daily Nexus on Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13.

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 (30.15 percent for undergraduates, 29.41 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 30.15 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or, 29.41 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.

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 U/Cen, Davidson Library, and many residence halls.

Any difficulty voting should be reported to 893-8824.

These campus-wide measures will be on the ballot along with candidates for A.S. Offices and A.S. Fee Reaffirmation items. Graduate students will vote on a separate ballot. Be sure to be a registered student by April 14, 2005 to be eligible to vote!

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