

# 2006 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

## UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION On-line Spring Election 2006 April 24 - 27

*\*\* 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 17,895 students per fall, winter, and spring quarters and \$,006 for summer. Should enrollment drop unexpectedly, the mandatory student-imposed fees may have to be increased in order to maintain financing at a level to meet bond financing (loan repayment) requirements.*

### REAFFIRMATIONS:

**Only undergraduate students vote on these three measures:**

#### Intercollegiate Athletic Scholarships Fee

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 2010.

Yes  No

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.

#### The Multicultural Center (MCC) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$1.75 (\$1.00 summer) per student per quarter mandatory fee to support the MCC's operating and programming costs? This fee supplements the already existing \$.75 per student per quarter (\$.50 summer) M.C.C.A.S. lock-in fee for a total MCC undergraduate per student per quarter fee of \$2.50 for fall/winter/spring, \$1.50 summer. If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2010.

Yes  No

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.

#### University Center (UCen) 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 2010.

Yes  No

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.

**Undergraduate and graduate students vote on this measure:**

#### 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 2010.

Yes  No

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 and provides employment opportunities for over 300 students annually.

#### 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 11, 2006. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 18 and Wednesday, April 19.

#### 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 893-8824.

#### 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 (29.40 percent for undergraduates, 28.82 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 29.40 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 28.82 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 campus-wide measures will be on the ballot along with candidates for A.S. Officers and A.S. Fee Reaffirmation items. Graduate students will vote on a separate ballot. Be sure to be a registered student by April 21, 2006 to be eligible to vote!**

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

### NEW FEES:

Beginning this year, the University is required to add a "return to aid" (RTA) surcharge to every campus-based, student initiated, mandatory new fee and increase to an existing fee. The surcharge is used by the campus to cover need-based financial aid for UCSB students whose financial aid awards would not otherwise cover student-imposed mandatory campus fees. The fee applies to undergraduate and graduate student fees.

The minimum University required RTA surcharge is 25% of the total fee after the surcharge is added to the base fee. An alternate percentage of 33% RTA has been recommended by the University of California Student Association (UCSA), among others, to meet expected Regental commitments and to cover the campus's existing need-based financial aid, future unforeseen needs, and new need-based grants as funds allow.

You have the opportunity to approve either a 25% or 33% RTA surcharge. The percentage receiving the most votes shall be applied to all new and increased campus-based student fees beginning with the 2006 election. (The RTA will apply to student-initiated fees as well as to Chancellor-initiated fees intended for special circumstances such as emergencies and to meet legal requirements). The chart below illustrates the effect of a 25% and 33% RTA on this year's new fees.

	Proposed Fee	RTA 33% of Total	TOTAL with RTA	RTA 25% of Total	TOTAL with RTA
New Fee					
CAB Volunteer Support	\$0.57	\$0.28	\$0.85	\$0.19	\$0.76
TGIF	\$2.60	\$1.30	\$3.90	\$0.87	\$3.47

Vote on one of these three options then continue to the new fee portion of the ballot. The fee amount shown on the new fee ballot excludes the RTA surcharge. The surcharge will be added to the fee based on the majority vote between 25% and 33% RTA

I support a 25% return to aid

I support a 33% return to aid

I have read the section on RTA and I abstain

The percentage option receiving the most votes will apply to both undergraduate and graduate new and increases to existing fees.

**Only Undergraduates vote on this measure:**

#### Associated Students Community Affairs Board (A.S. CAB) Volunteer Support Fee

Do you approve of a \$ 0.57 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, mandatory fee to create a fund available to students and student groups to finance volunteer campus and community projects? If passed, the fee would begin fall 2006 and be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2010. There will be a return to aid surcharge added to the fee based on the RTA percentage receiving the most votes.

Yes  No

The Volunteer Support Fee would establish a foundation with funds available to students who are looking to create or develop a volunteer service project on campus or in the surrounding communities. The A.S. CAB is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of all UCSB students by providing opportunities for community service and exposure to community issues. Through diversity of programming, CAB seeks to bridge the gap between UCSB students and the surrounding community.

In the past, the CAB foundation was able to fund additional volunteer projects. Some of the previous foundation's most successful programs included the Family Literacy Program, Best Buddies, and Camp Ronald McDonald Run for Good Times. However, budget cuts over the past few years curtailed our ability to create new projects and support project growth. The foundation had to be discontinued. This fee will help us bring it back.

The fee will be accounted for separately from the \$1.15 per student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$0.77 for summer currently collected by CAB as an A.S. lock-in fee. This new fee would raise the total A.S. CAB per student quarterly fee to \$1.72 (fall, winter and spring) and \$ 1.34 for summer (excluding the RTA surcharge).

**Undergraduate and graduate students vote on this measure:**

#### The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

Do you approve of a \$2.60 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, mandatory fee in order to support The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)? TGIF will provide funding for projects intended to reduce the University's impact on the environment. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2006 and be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2010. There will be a return to aid surcharge added to the fee based on the RTA percentage receiving the most votes.

Yes  No

Pollution and waste generated by the University contribute to major environmental problems such as global warming, climate change, and the degradation of air and water quality. In 2004, the University released 143,293,685 lbs of CO2 into the atmosphere by using energy created by burning coal, oil, or gas.

In an Associated Students survey of over 3,000 students 82% of respondents felt that it was the responsibility of UCSB to reduce its green house gas emissions. UCSB has for the past few years worked to assess its environmental impact and to bring staff, faculty, and students together to determine what steps need to be taken.

The TGIF will be controlled by a student-majority grant allocation committee. Projects will likely include renewable energy and energy conservation such as installing solar panels on roofs and energy efficient equipment in labs, student housing retrofits, energy efficiency, and waste reduction. As an example, by replacing the sidewalk lamps around campus, UCSB would save \$100+/yr per light.

Other projects will likely focus on water conservation through the use of waterless urinals in bathrooms and using reclaimed water on university landscaping. In addition, 20% of the fund will be allocated by the grant committee for student internships and education.