

2007 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION On-line Spring Election 2007 April 23 - 26

*** 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 capital projects are based on an average undergraduate enrollment. 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.*

REAFFIRMATIONS:

UNDERGRADUATES ONLY VOTE ON THESE 3 FEES

ARTS & LECTURES SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a \$2.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, mandatory fee that will enable Arts & Lectures to maintain and expand the current programs and discounts it provides to UCSB students? This fee is in addition to an Associated Students quarterly fee, including summer, of \$2.67 (\$0.67 of which is return to aid). If the fee passes, the total would be \$4.67 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer and return to aid. The \$2.00 portion of the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2011

Yes _____ No _____

Each year UCSB Arts & Lectures (A&L) presents over 100 films, lectures, writers' readings and performances by musicians, dancers and theater artists from around the world. These events support classroom learning with many UCSB students attending as part of their course requirements. Many others attend simply to enjoy a unique cultural experience.

The mandatory fee will permit Arts & Lectures to preserve and enhance the services it offers to UCSB students. It will allow A&L to continue to [1] offer significantly discounted UCSB student tickets (up to 65% less than performance tickets sold to the general public as calculated by current season prices), [2] offer free events, [3] provide student employment opportunities and internships, [4] arrange intimate student-artist contacts including classroom visits, master classes, workshops, and meet-the-artist discussions, and [5] bring to students a diverse selection of high caliber performing artists, writers, thinkers and public figures as well as unique films from around the world.

Since this support fee was last approved, Arts & Lectures has implemented a 24-hour online ticket buying system; increased the number of free events (25 last season, 40 this season including special lecture series that focus on critical global issues); and increased employment opportunities for students (5 new paid and 1 new internship this year).

EVENTS CENTER SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a \$4.00 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory student-imposed fee to help meet the ongoing maintenance and facility improvement costs of the Events Center? This fee is in addition to an Associated Students quarterly fee, including summer, of \$4.00 (\$1.00 of which is return to aid). If the fee passes, the total would be \$8.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (fall, winter, spring), \$4.00 summer, including return to aid. The \$4.00 (fall, winter, spring) portion of the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2011.

YES _____ NO _____

The Events Center is also known as the "Thunderdome." This support fee will help pay for ongoing maintenance costs, student salaries, facility renewal and capital improvements for the Events Center. The student majority Events Center Governance Board will establish priorities for projects on an annual basis and approve all Support Fee expenditures.

Projects may include repairing/replacing: the heating/ventilation and cooling system (HVAC), arena sound system, bleachers (seating), hardwood floors, exterior painting, intramural basketball goals, the arena lighting system, and additional acoustical ceiling panels to improve concert sound. Projects already completed include a new exterior roof, interior painting, remodeled locker rooms, new ticket booth, refinished playing floors, new merchandise stand, new lobby flooring, motorized divider curtains, remodeled restrooms, and new Thunderdome sign.

STUDENT LIFE PROGRAM FEE

Do you wish to continue a \$1.75 per undergraduate student per quarter mandatory fee (fall, winter, and spring), and \$1.00 for summer quarter, for the Office of Student Life (OSL)? This fee would support student leadership development and education opportunities, student-initiated social events, and first-year student programs. All programs would be open to all students. This fee is in addition to an Associated Students quarterly fee, including summer, of \$2.00 (\$0.50 of which is return to aid). If the fee passes, the total would be \$3.75 per undergraduate student per quarter (fall, winter, spring), \$3.00 summer, including return to aid. The \$1.75/\$1.00 portion of the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2011

Yes _____ No _____

The fee would allow OSL to maintain and enhance first-year and leadership education programs offered to all students. These include the annual student leadership conference which offers 20+ leadership development workshops; 5-10 quarterly leadership workshops open to all students on a variety of topics; the annual OSL student leadership retreat, the Leadership Certificate Program (LCP), Interdisciplinary Studies 20 (Introduction to the University Experience) course; the Women's and Men's Programs, which offer programming, advising, and mentoring to 4 UCSB residence hall floors; and the Student Mentor Team which provides every UCSB student with a monthly e-newsletter of resources and programs as well as one-to-one advising and mentoring. This funding would enable OSL to continue to fund more student-initiated, non-alcohol centered social events and support student group programming. Currently, 50% of the OSL Student Life fee goes to the student-run After Dark Programming committee, which allocates funds to student groups that are providing late night programming.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS VOTE ON THIS FEE

SHORELINE INITIATIVE

Do you wish to continue a \$3.00 per student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory student-imposed fee to help preserve the three miles of campus-adjacent shoreline? This fee is in addition to an Associated Students quarterly fee, including summer, of \$3.33 (\$0.83 of which is return to aid). If the fee passes, the total would be \$6.33 per student per quarter, \$3.33 summer, including return to aid. The \$3.00 portion of the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2011.

Yes _____ No _____

First passed in 1999, this initiative funds Shoreline Preservation Fund (SPF) proposals to preserve, protect, and enhance the terrestrial and marine habitats associated with the shoreline of UCSB through preservation, education, open access, research, and restoration. Campus organizations, community groups, individual students, and departments are able to submit quarterly proposals to the all-student SPF board of directors. Proposals are approved by the SPF board of directors based on the merits of the projects, benefits to the student and campus community, and consistency to the mission statement. The Fund is administered under the auspices of Associated Students with the oversight of the A.S. Legislative Council.

Examples of expenditures have included funding local water quality monitoring and urban runoff water pollution filtration systems, quarterly stipends for student interns, large scale local coastal restoration projects, development and installation of coastal related interpretive signs, and capital improvements such as coastal access stairways and pathways. Funding also provides money to student organizations each year for participation in the Coastal Service Program doing beach and street clean ups, restoration and tree planting. This initiative will continue to address unmet needs consistent with the Coastal Act and UCSB's Long Range Development Plan.

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 10, 2007. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18.

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. Reaffirmation requires 60% + one to invalidate. A sliding scale based on the 5 year average voter turnout (30.83 percent for undergraduates, 30.42 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 30.83 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or, 30.42 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.

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 20, 2007 to be eligible to vote!

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