

2008 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION On-line Spring Election 2008 April 21 - 24

**** Passage of the referenda 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.**

These two REAFFIRMATIONS will be voted on by undergraduate and graduate students

University Children's Center Support Fee (Undergraduate ballot)

Do you approve the reaffirmation of a mandatory supplemental fee of \$3.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to provide UCSB student families continued subsidies for child care tuition and to provide facility operating funds to support the Orfalea Family Children's Center (West Campus) and the University Children's Center at the Student Resource Building? The fee is in addition to the \$5.50 per undergraduate per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$4.50 for summer currently collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue fall 2008 and maintain the total undergraduate per student quarterly fee at \$8.50 (fall, winter and spring) and \$7.50 for summer. If passed, the \$3.00 supplement is subject to reaffirmation in spring 2011.

Yes _____ No _____

University Children's Center Support Fee (Graduate ballot)

Do you approve the reaffirmation of a mandatory supplemental fee of \$3.00 per graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to provide UCSB student families continued subsidies for child care tuition and to provide facility operating funds to support the Orfalea Family Children's Center (West Campus) and the University Children's Center at the Student Resource Building? The fee is in addition to the \$3.00 per graduate student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$2.00 for summer currently collected. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue fall 2008 and maintain the total graduate per student quarterly fee at \$6.00 (fall, winter and spring) and \$5.00 for summer. If passed, the \$3.00 supplement is subject to reaffirmation in spring 2011.

Yes _____ No _____

Fee revenue supports two children's centers on the Santa Barbara campus. Nearly 180 children, ages 3 months to 5 years, can 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. Approximately 50% of the families served by the Center are UCSB undergraduate and graduate students and approximately 50% are UCSB staff and faculty families. The University Children's Center satellite, located in the Student Resource Building, includes 4 classrooms for infants and toddlers, providing families on-campus child care. In addition, the center serves the general UCSB student community as an employer of approximately 100 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 supplemental fee results in significantly lower rates for student families. For example, the monthly infant rate is \$1050 for non-UCSB community families, \$985 for faculty/staff, and \$550 for student families. Monthly rate for preschool enrollment is \$780 for non-UCSB community families, \$695 for faculty/staff, and \$375 for student families.

UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program

Do you approve the reaffirmation of the current \$9.38 per undergraduate and graduate 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 in spring 2012.

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 classes 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.

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 have access to 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.

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 18, 2008 to be eligible to vote!

These two INITIATIVES will be voted on by undergraduate students only.

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Support Fee

Do you approve the reaffirmation of 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? The fee is in addition to a supplemental fee of \$6.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue fall 2008 and maintain the total undergraduate per student quarterly fee at \$12.00 (fall, winter, spring, and summer). This \$6.00 portion of the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2012.

Yes _____ No _____

The CLAS support fee would help maintain group instruction, drop-in tutorials, and academic skills services at the current level. Specifically, CLAS serves over 7,500 undergraduates a year, logging in upwards of 169,000 student contact hours. CLAS serves students in all disciplines by offering 5 drop-in centers, nearly 660 tutorial groups, and many skills workshops and consultation appointments. CLAS hires between 75-125 undergraduates annually. In spring 2007, CLAS received the William J. Villa Departmental Service to Students Award.

CLAS has taken a series of budget cuts due to the state budget crisis and has experienced increased growth and tutorial costs. Demand for services remains strong across all disciplines. If we are to retain our current level of services, and continue to grow to meet changing student needs, CLAS must maintain funding. All CLAS services are free to UCSB undergraduates. On average, students using CLAS receive 20 hours of group instruction and 4 hours of drop-in services per quarter. In comparison, a student opting to hire a private tutor may pay from \$20 to \$60 for a single hour of tutoring. Helping CLAS maintain its open door policy ensures that all students have equal access to academic tutoring.

Student Health Service Support Fee

Do you approve the reaffirmation of a \$7.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, mandatory fee in order to maintain the current level of student health services? The fee is in addition to the \$21.00 per student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$17.00 for summer currently collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue fall 2008, and maintain the total undergraduate per student quarterly fee at \$28.00 (fall, winter and spring) and \$24.00 for summer. The \$7.00 portion of the fee is subject to reaffirmation in 2012.

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
- Advice nurse
- Women's health
- Men's health
- Psychiatry
- Laboratory and X-ray
- Massage therapy
- Dietitian
- Eye and dental clinic
- Wart and acne treatment
- Physical therapy and orthopedics
- Pharmacy (prescription and non-prescription medications)
- Immunizations for flu, hepatitis, meningitis, travel, etc.
- Counseling in substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual health

Student Health also provides public health information as it pertains to college students. The health education component offers academic classes, internships and meaningful health information to RAs, 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:

- Will help Student Health to maintain a wide range of medical services with an extensive staff of doctors, nurses, therapists, counselors, pharmacists, lab scientists, x-ray technologists, dentists, hygienists, and optometrists working to address the needs of our campus community.
- Will help maintain current hours of operation and offset rising costs.

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.

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 joseph.navarro@sa.ucsb.edu, by 5 pm on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. Statements will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16.

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 (28.65 percent for undergraduates, 28.16 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 28.65 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 28.16 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.