

# 2013 Voters Guide & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Online Spring Election 2013

\*\* 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 verification 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.

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NEW FEES

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## ONLY UNDERGRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THIS INITIATIVE:

### Student Recreation Facilities Enhancement – “Flip the Switch for Student Recreation”

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$15.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to support the repair, renovation, restoration, and lighting of Robertson Gymnasium, Pauley Track, and Storke Field, (Breakdown: \$11.25 goes to the projects, \$3.75 is for return to aid)? Of the \$11.25 for the projects, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2013 and continue for 10 years without reaffirmation. At the end of ten years, the fee would convert to an on-going maintenance fee of \$2.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, plus then current return to aid and administrative assessment and would be subject to reaffirmation every four years thereafter.

#### Recreational Sports currently collects:

- \$5.25 per undergraduate per quarter (including summer) through an A.S. lock-in fee for intramurals,
- \$12.10 per undergraduate per quarter (including summer) through an A.S. lock-in fee for recreational sports,
- \$7.00 per undergraduate and graduate per quarter (including summer) through a campus lock-in fee for recreational sports

#### The Recreation Center currently collects:

- \$24.68 per undergraduate and graduate per quarter (including summer) through a campus lock-in fee for RecCen 1 & aquatic center,
  - \$34.50 per undergraduate and graduate per quarter (including summer) through a campus lock-in fee for RecCen 2,
- for a total of \$83.53 per undergraduate per quarter to support recreation and associated facilities.

The Recreation Facilities Enhancement fee would be in addition to the \$83.53 currently collected, and would bring the total collected by Recreation for facilities and programs to \$98.53 per undergraduate per quarter.

YES  NO  ABSTAIN

The fee will support the repair, renovation and restoration of aging campus facilities that provide hours of weekly opportunity for students to engage in myriad instructional, competitive and recreational classes and programs that enhance the quality of campus life. Specifically, the projects will be: 1) Robertson Gymnasium, to include new ceilings throughout, complete restoration of the main gym, paint,

floor refinishing and cosmetic upgrades throughout the building, 2) resurfacing of Pauley Track (with possible other enhancements, funds permitting), and 3) the addition of all-weather turf to the eastern edge of Storke Field (2 play fields). Pauley Track and Storke Field projects will include lighting to provide additional programming hours particularly during inclement weather and evenings. At the end of the ten-year collection period, a \$2.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, fee plus then current return-to-aid and administrative assessments will remain (to be reaffirmed every subsequent four years) to cover utilities and maintenance costs.

Each of the three projects will be scheduled in a pre-determined order and completed as funding is collected. Should phase 1 & 2 expenses exceed budget, the scope of the final phase of the project may be reduced to align with available funds.

#### Allocation & Phasing

1) Rob Gym	2013-2014*	\$500,000
2) Pauley Track	2014-2016*	\$2,000,000
3) Storke Field	2016-2020*	\$3,500,000

\*Timelines are approximate and projects may be completed earlier than anticipated pending additional funding from Student Affairs.

## UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE TWO INITIATIVES:

### Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity (WGSE, formerly known as the Women’s Center) Support Fee Increase

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$3.92 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to further support the Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity Department (WGSE, formerly known as the Women’s Center), (Breakdown: \$2.94 goes to WGSE, \$0.98 is for return to aid)? Of the \$2.94 for WGSE, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures.

The WGSE currently collects \$4.25 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), currently up for reaffirmation, through a campus lock-in fee.

If passed, the fee would begin fall 2013, be subject to joint reaffirmation (base fee of \$4.25, plus increase of \$3.92 = \$8.17) in spring 2017, and would raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fees for this service to \$8.17 (fall, winter, spring and summer).

Failure of the reaffirmation of the campus lock-in base fee of \$4.25 negates the increase whether or not the increase passes.

YES  NO  ABSTAIN

The Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity support fee increase will help maintain staff and programs including Campus Advocacy Resources and Education (formerly the Rape Prevention Education Program); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resources; Women’s Center programming; and Non-Traditional Student Services. The support fee will maintain the public spaces within the Women’s Center, Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, and Non-Traditional Student Resource Center (e.g., libraries, art galleries, meeting rooms) through the addition of new technology, library acquisitions, art gallery resources, and replacement of aging equipment. It will also help to improve current WGSE programs and services such as 1) the Campus Advocacy Resources and Education; 2) help for individuals in crisis; 3) support for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/intersex/ally communities; 4) student-initiated activities and events; 5) student employment opportunities; 6) student internships; and 7) educational programming.

### Health & Wellness Programs Fee

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$7.13 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to support Health & Wellness Programs, (Breakdown: \$5.35 goes to Health & Wellness, \$1.78 is for return to aid)? Of the \$5.35 for Health & Wellness, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2013 and would be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2017.

YES  NO  ABSTAIN

While best known for Dog Therapy Day and free massages, Health & Wellness offers many other research-based programs that reach over 90% of UCSB students. This fee will allow Health & Wellness to preserve the staff necessary to continue student-centered and student-requested programs on topics such as sex and relationships, healthy eating, drugs, stress-reduction techniques, and positive psychology. The Wellness class (ED 191W) and internship program provide professional training and leadership certification for more than 330 students per year. Annually, Health & Wellness interns facilitate over 90 workshops, 26 field trips, 120 healthy food demos and 20+ events such as Dog Therapy Day, HIV Testing, Love Your Body Day, Liquid Lab/DUI Prevention, Random Acts of Kindness, Sex Affair, and National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. An affirmation of this fee will also allow Health & Wellness to continue providing resources such as weekly massage, organic apples, and condoms to students at no additional cost. If this ballot measure does not pass, Health & Wellness will be forced to reduce and/or eliminate services and staff. This fee will preserve Health & Wellness services and help UCSB students to continue to thrive academically, physically, socially, and emotionally.

#### THE ELECTION IS ONLINE!

How to vote: Go to <http://www.as.ucsb.edu/vote>, and follow the directions. The link is also provided on the UCSB GOLD system when you log in. You may vote on any computer with Internet access. Public access computer banks are located at the SRB,

UCen, Davidson Library, and many residence halls. Any difficulty voting should be reported to [elections@survey.ucsb.edu](mailto:elections@survey.ucsb.edu). 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 19, 2013, to be eligible to vote!

#### 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 [suzanne.perkin@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:suzanne.perkin@sa.ucsb.edu) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Statements are limited to 350 words and will appear in the Daily Nexus on Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18.

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## REAFFIRMATIONS

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### ONLY UNDERGRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE TWO REAFFIRMATIONS:

#### Student Medical Emergencies Relief Fund (SMERF)

Do you reaffirm a mandatory fee of \$0.89 per undergraduate student 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 reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2017.

YES  NO  ABSTAIN

The fee augments the approximately \$2,500 per year generated from interest on the "Jack Canfield Chicken Soup Fund." The Canfield fund provides monetary assistance to a limited number of undergraduate students experiencing medical emergencies. The SMERF fee creates additional funds for students unable to cover the costs of emergency medical, dental, or optical care. The fund supplements existing insurance coverage and/or helps students meet costs of procedures not covered by insurance. The fund is governed by a board consisting of student members and career staff representing several student services on campus. The board meets with applicants once a week to review their requests. During the 2011-12 year, 29 students applied for a grant from the SMERF fund and received a total of \$50,890 toward their medical, dental and optical emergencies.

#### Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Student Services Fee

Do you reaffirm a mandatory fee of \$5.85 per undergraduate student per quarter (of which \$0.78 is for return to aid), including summer, in order to support EOP programs and services? The EOP student services fee would help to continue student-centered retention programs and services that are available to all UCSB students. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2017.

EOP currently collects an additional:

■ \$1.25 per undergraduate student per quarter (excluding summer), collected through Associated Students for an emergency grant fund, for a total of \$7.10 per undergraduate student per quarter for EOP services and grants.

YES  NO  ABSTAIN

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 programs, such as the Summer Transitional Enrichment Program (STEP), peer advisors, and cultural services, are open to all

undergraduate students.

This EOP student services fee currently supports out-of-class learning experiences accessible to all students by: 1) providing one-on-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.

Budget permitting, a reaffirmation of this fee will allow EOP to continue academic, social and cultural programming for the general campus and student-centered retention efforts.

### UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE TWO REAFFIRMATIONS:

#### Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS, formerly Counseling Services) and Career Services Support Fee

Do you reaffirm 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 & Psychological Services and Career Services (\$2.69 goes to CAPS, \$3.16 goes to Career Services)? If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2017.

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) currently collects an additional:

■ \$10.85 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), collected through a campus lock-in fee, for a total of \$13.54 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter to support CAPS.

Career Services currently collects an additional:

■ \$5.55 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), collected through a campus lock-in fee, for a total of \$8.71 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter to support Career Services.

YES  NO  ABSTAIN

Counseling & Psychological Services receives \$2.69 (of the \$5.85 fee) to see graduate and undergraduate students who are in emotional distress. Along with providing confidential individual counseling, we work with roommates, friends, parents, teaching assistants, faculty, and staff to help them get counseling for someone in need. Students also now have access to counseling 24/7 through our phone consultation services.

Reaffirmation of this fee will allow us to continue to support psychologist positions, and budget permitting, avoid co-payments and reduced hours. A yes vote for this reaffirmation will ensure that we are able to continue to offer these essential services to all graduate and undergraduate students in need.

Career Services receives \$3.16 (of the \$5.85 fee) to assist approximately 10,000 students per year with career-related issues such as major and career selection; access to internships and part- and full-time jobs; assistance with graduate school applications; provision of job search tools such as workshops, employer information sessions, job fairs, and on-campus interviews assistance. Specifically, these monies support one career counselor, one job developer and related marketing efforts, and the free three-month grace period for students after graduation.

Reaffirming this fee will support employer development, outreach, career counseling staff, and budget permitting, enable us to avoid reducing hours and instituting or increasing fees for testing, job fairs, and workshops. By reaffirming this fee, you ensure Career Services will continue to be available for your career counseling needs and continue to offer quality services.

#### Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity (WGSE, formerly the Women's Center) Support Fee

Do you reaffirm a mandatory fee of \$4.25 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to enable the Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity Department to maintain programs and staff positions? If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2017.

YES  NO  ABSTAIN

The Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity support fee will help maintain staff and programs within the Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity department such as the Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education program (formerly the Rape Prevention Education Program); the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD); and the Non-Traditional Student Services. Due to budget reductions over the past few years, the department has had to cut back staff and services. Even with the support fee, current and projected budget cuts could lead to further reductions in staff and services.

In addition to maintaining staff and services, the support fee will help with operating costs of the public spaces within the Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity department (e.g., the libraries, art gallery, meeting rooms, re-entry and non-traditional student lounge, Women's Center, and Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity). It will also help to improve current WGSE programs and services such as 1) the Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education program; 2) help for individuals in crisis; 3) support for lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/intersex/ally communities; 4) student-initiated activities and events; 5) current operating hours by maintaining student staff; 6) student internships; and 7) workshops, lectures, films and other educational programming.

#### VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the election to be considered valid. A reaffirmation fails if 60% + one of the voters vote "no." A sliding scale based on the 5-year average voter turnout (36.69 percent for undergraduates, 34.82 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 34.82 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and

graduate students, or 36.69 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass.

**Definition of RETURN TO AID:** The return-to-aid surcharge, 25% of the total fee charged, is assessed to every campus-based, student-initiated, new mandatory 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.

#### Definition of ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT:

The administrative assessment, currently 7% of the base fee charged, is assessed to non-capital expenditures for every campus-based, student-initiated, new mandatory fee and increase to an existing fee. The assessment is used by the campus to cover the administrative costs of collecting, accounting for, and disbursing the student-imposed

mandatory campus fees. The assessment applies to undergraduate and graduate student fees.

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