

2014 Voters Guide & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Online Spring Election 2014

** 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 THESE TWO INITIATIVES:

MultiCultural Center (MCC) Support Fee Increase

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$6.77 (\$6.06 in summer) per undergraduate student per quarter, in order to further support the MultiCultural Center, (Breakdown: Fall/Winter/Spring: \$5.08 goes to the MCC, \$1.69 is for return to aid; Summer: \$4.55 is for the MCC, \$1.51 is for return to aid)? Of the \$5.08 for the MCC (\$4.55 in summer), a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures.

The MCC currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$4.42 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$4.17 in summer), through an AS lock-in fee; and
- \$1.75 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$1.00 in summer), through a campus lock-in fee.

If passed, the fee increase would begin fall 2014, be subject to joint reaffirmation (base fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 in summer), plus increase of \$6.77 = \$8.52 (\$7.06 in summer) in spring 2018, and would raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fees for this service to \$12.94 (\$11.23 in summer).

The current base fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 in summer) is up for reaffirmation this election. Failure of the reaffirmation of the campus lock-in base fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 in summer) negates the increase, whether or not the increase passes.

YES NO ABSTAIN

The additional funding for programs and services will go towards: 1) costs associated with bringing lecturers, filmmakers, artists, and community activists to the MCC; 2) supporting retention activities for first generation college students; 3) creating a series of programs aimed at educating students on the importance of religious awareness and its connection to cultural diversity; and 4) increasing staff support and financial support for student organization activities and programs related to race, equity, and social justice.

Student Life Program Fee Increase

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$7.13 (including summer) per undergraduate student per quarter, in order to further support the Office of Student Life (OSL), (Breakdown: \$5.35 goes to OSL, \$1.78 is for return to aid)? Of the \$5.35 for OSL, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures.

The Office of Student Life currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$2.20 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), through an AS lock-in fee; and
- \$1.75 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$1.00 in summer), through a campus lock-in fee.

If passed, the fee increase would begin fall 2014, be subject to joint reaffirmation (base fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 in summer), plus increase of \$7.13 = \$8.88 (\$8.13 in summer) in spring 2018, and would raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fees for this service to \$11.08 (\$10.33 in summer).

YES NO ABSTAIN

The fee increase will provide funding for one full-time staff position, the Student Programs Coordinator, and general budgets for operations and programming in various areas such as: After Dark (alternative social programming), Registered Campus Organizations, First-Year Student Initiatives, Greek Life (fraternities and sororities), Leadership Development, and other Student Life programs.

UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE TWO INITIATIVES:

Arts & Lectures (A&L) Events Fee

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$5.68 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to support Arts & Lectures, (Breakdown: \$4.26 goes to A&L, \$1.42 is for return to aid)? Of the \$4.26 for A&L, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures.

Arts & Lectures currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$2.93 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) through an AS lock-in fee;
- \$6.24 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) through a campus lock-in fee; &
- \$7.56 per graduate student per quarter (including summer) through a GSA lock-in fee.

If passed, the Arts & Lectures Event Fee would begin fall 2014, be subject to reaffirmation in spring 2018, and raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fee to \$14.85 and the total graduate per student quarterly fee to \$13.24.

YES NO ABSTAIN

These funds will enable A&L to continue the significant ticket discounts currently available to all UCSB students and support new technology-based services, including a mobile-based ticket platform for ticket purchases. A&L is requesting additional student support in order to maintain the level of

programming and student subsidies (up to 83% off of the top tier general ticket price).

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Support Fee Increase

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$21.39 (including summer) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, in order to further support Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), (Breakdown: \$16.05 goes to CAPS, \$5.34 is for return to aid)? Of the \$16.05 for CAPS, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures.

CAPS currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$10.85 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter through a campus lock-in fee; and
- \$2.69 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter through a campus lock-in fee.

If passed, the fee increase would begin fall 2014, be subject to joint reaffirmation (base fee of \$10.85, plus increase of \$21.39 = \$32.24) in spring 2018, and would raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fees for this service to \$34.93.

The current fee includes a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* which takes place every five years and is scheduled for adjustment in fall 2015. Should this increase pass, the COLA will be assessed on the base fee only in fall 2015, and then upon next scheduled COLA (fall 2020), and all subsequent COLAs, it will be assessed on the entire fee (base fee + increase of \$21.39).

The current base fee of \$10.85 is also up for reaffirmation this election. Failure of the reaffirmation of the campus lock-in base fee of \$10.85 negates the increase, whether or not the increase passes.

YES NO ABSTAIN

*Fees subject to a COLA remain stagnant for five years. After five years, the rate of inflation/deflation over the previous five years is calculated based on the Consumer Price Index and applied cumulatively to the fee, e.g. fees beginning fall 2010 (as is the case for this base fee) will be subject to a COLA for fall 2015, fall 2020, fall 2025, and so forth.

This increase will continue to fund suicide prevention efforts (such as the #saysomething campaign), 24/7 phone counseling, and allow CAPS to add additional psychologists, mental health peers and support staff. Additional psychologists are needed to increase crisis coverage for the student community and reduce wait times for appointments, as well as enhance the linguistic and cultural diversity of the CAPS staff.

THE ELECTION IS ONLINE!

How to vote: Go to <http://vote.as.ucsb.edu>, 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 problems@as.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 18, 2014, 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 by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Statements are limited to 150 words and will appear in the Daily Nexus during week three.

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Recreational Sports Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$7.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (excluding summer), originally established in 1997, to fund Recreational Sports? The fee is in addition to the \$96.48 per undergraduate and \$59.18 per graduate student per quarter currently collected by Recreation through other campus and student government fees to support recreational programs and associated facilities for a total of \$103.48 per undergraduate and \$66.18 per graduate student. If passed, the fee will be subject to reaffirmation in 2018.

YES NO ABSTAIN

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.

Career Services Open Access Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$5.55 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to preserve open access to Career Services and retain current service levels (\$4.12 goes to Career Services, \$1.39 is for return to aid, and \$0.04 is for administrative fee)? This fee is in addition to the \$3.16 per student per quarter currently collected by Career Services through other campus and student government fees, for a total of \$8.71. If reaffirmed, the fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2018.

The fee also includes a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* which takes place every five years and is scheduled for adjustment in fall 2015.

YES NO ABSTAIN

*Fees subject to a COLA remain stagnant for five years. After five years, the rate of inflation/deflation over the previous five years is calculated and applied cumulatively to the fee, e.g. fees beginning fall 2010 will be subject to a COLA for fall 2015, fall 2020, fall 2025, and so forth.

With this fee, Career Services is able to continue service at its current level. These services include: access to major and career exploration resources; connection to local and national internship opportunities; as well as access to the full range of services for students seeking employment after graduation--career fairs, on-campus interviews, and employer networking opportunities.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$10.85 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to allow Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to respond to graduate and undergraduate students' needs for crisis intervention, ongoing therapy, and therapy groups (\$8.06 goes to CAPS, \$2.71 is for return to aid, and \$.08 is for administrative fee)? This fee is in addition to the \$2.69 per undergraduate and graduate student quarterly fee currently collected by CAPS through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$13.54. If reaffirmed, the fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2018.

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YES NO ABSTAIN

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The continuation of this fee will allow CAPS to support students and the campus community through the promotion of psychological well-being. Over the past four years, crisis appointments have increased by 43% and appointment requests have increased nearly 10%. CAPS has continued to meet this demand because of this fee.

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$3.47 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, originally established in 2006, in order to support The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) (\$0.97 is for return to aid and \$2.60 goes to TGIF)? TGIF provides funding for projects intended to reduce the University's impact on the environment. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2018.

YES NO ABSTAIN

TGIF supports individual sustainability projects that reduce UCSB's impact on the environment. Overseen by a student majority committee, projects are selected based on their ability to measurably reduce emissions, waste, energy, and water use on campus. Projects involve student participation and include public outreach/education.

Since the fund began eight years ago, TGIF has supported approximately 90 projects, including: hydration stations; the UCSB farmer's market; solar projects; LED lighting; water conservation; waste reduction; laboratory projects such as sustainable lab assessments; and student internships to support these projects. UCSB has committed to reducing its net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050, and the projects funded by TGIF assist the campus in achieving this goal.

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Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Academic Services Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$16.16 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), to maintain the current level of Campus Learning Assistance Services' group and drop-in tutorials? (\$12.00 goes to CLAS, \$4.04 is for return to aid, and \$0.12 is for administrative fee). This fee is in addition to the \$14.80 currently collected by CLAS through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$30.96. If reaffirmed, the fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2018.

The fee also includes a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* which takes place every five years and is scheduled for adjustment in fall 2015.

YES NO ABSTAIN

*Fees subject to a COLA will remain stagnant for five years. After five years, the rate of inflation/deflation over the previous five years will be calculated and applied cumulatively to the fee. Fees beginning fall 2010 will be subject to a COLA for fall 2015, fall 2020, fall 2025, and so forth.

The CLAS academic services fee will allow CLAS to continue to maintain its current level of service, and ensure equal access to academic tutoring, such as: tutorial groups; drop-in centers; evening hours of operation; and academic skills and exam review sessions.

University Center (UCen) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$9.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), originally established in 1998, to help meet operating and facility costs of the UCen? This fee is in addition to the \$34.82 per undergraduate student quarterly fee currently collected by the University Center for programming and facilities, for a total of \$43.82. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2018.

YES NO ABSTAIN

The UCen support fee helps pay for the operating costs (custodial, maintenance, renovation, and utilities) of the public space areas of the UCen and its satellite facilities: computer lounges, meeting rooms, student organization space, dining and lounge areas, MultiCultural Center, Associated Students area, Graduate Students Association area, etc. The fee also allows the UCen to maintain services such as late-night hours during finals, expanded regular hours of operation, special event offerings at no additional charge, and provides employment opportunities to 400-450 students annually.

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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 (38.94 percent for undergraduates, 36.77 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 36.77 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and

graduate students, or 38.94 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.

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Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 summer) per undergraduate student per quarter, originally established in 2002, to support the MultiCultural Center's (MCC) operating and programming costs? This fee is in addition to the \$4.42 per student per quarter (\$4.17 summer) currently collected through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$6.17 (\$5.17 in summer). If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2018.

YES **NO** **ABSTAIN**

The MCC fee helps pay for the educational and mentoring components of the MCC, maintenance of the space, and operating costs. With this fee, the MCC is able to maintain services to students, maintain longer operating hours, and hire student employees. The fee also allows the MCC to provide additional educational programs that advocate for equality and serve as a bridge towards creating a multicultural environment at UCSB. The MCC presents approximately 100 programs per year that include lectures, films, panel discussions, readings, art exhibits, music, dance, and dramatic performances. Events are open to the public and most require no additional fee. In addition, all MCC facilities are available to students to hold meetings, prepare food for receptions and banquets, and present programs.

Associated Students Community Affairs Board (AS CAB) Foundation (formerly AS CAB Volunteer Support Fee)

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$ 0.76 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), originally established in 2006, to continue a fund available to students and student groups to finance volunteer campus and community projects (\$0.57 goes to CAB and \$0.19 is for return to aid)? This fee is in addition to the \$2.25 per student per quarter (\$1.87 in summer) currently collected by CAB through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$3.01 (\$2.63 in summer). If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2018.

YES **NO** **ABSTAIN**

The CAB Foundation Fee would continue to make funds available to students and community members who are looking to develop a volunteer service project on campus or in the surrounding communities. Through a diversity of programming, the A.S. CAB Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of all UCSB students by providing opportunities for community service and exposure to community issues.

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