

2016 Voters Guide & Sample Ballot

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION – Online Spring Election 2016

** 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.

NEW FEES

UNDERGRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THIS ONE NEW INITIATIVE:

Daily Nexus Independent Student Journalism Support

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$2.93 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, to support The Daily Nexus?

Breakdown of the increase: \$2.20 is for The Daily Nexus; \$0.73 is for return to aid; of the \$2.20 for The Daily Nexus, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged on all non-capital expenditures.

The Daily Nexus currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments): \$3.85 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$1.00 in summer) through an AS lock-in fee.

The Daily Nexus Independent Student Journalism Support fee would be in addition to the \$3.85 (\$1.00 in summer) per undergraduate per quarter currently collected, and would bring the total to \$6.78 (\$3.93 in summer) per

undergraduate student per quarter.

YES NO ABSTAIN

The Daily Nexus is an independent, student-run, daily online news source with a weekly print edition that provides news of interest to the UCSB community relating to: political events, crime, business, sports, as well as arts and entertainment. The Daily Nexus also provides students with real-life journalism experience to express their opinions and report on current events.

The fee will be used to help maintain the daily operating costs of hiring and training student staff members, strengthening their professional development (such as annual media conferences), initiating summer online coverage, and sponsoring travel for students to report on critical news. The fee will also be used to purchase new equipment to create and distribute news through web, social media, print, podcast, and video presentation.

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REAFFIRMATIONS

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ONLY UNDERGRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE TWO REAFFIRMATIONS:

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$6.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, to help maintain the current level of CLAS group instruction, drop-in tutorials, and academic skills services?

Additionally, CLAS currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments):

- \$6.60 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, collected as an Associated Students lock-in fee, and
 - \$17.37 (\$12.90 is for CLAS, \$4.34 is for to return to aid, and \$0.13 is for administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, collected as a campus lock-in fee,
- for a total per undergraduate student per quarter fee of \$29.97 (fall, winter, spring, and summer).

If reaffirmed, the \$6.00 fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2020.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

The CLAS Support Fee helps maintain group instruction, drop-in tutorials, and academic skills services at their current level. Over 9,000 students utilize CLAS services, logging over 200,000 contact hours each year. Annually, CLAS serves students of all disciplines by offering an average of 640 tutorial groups, 5 drop-in centers, 336 academic skills workshops, as well as individual study skills consultation appointments. CLAS also hires 75-125 undergraduates annually. In order to retain the current level of services and continue to grow to meet changing student needs, CLAS must maintain this fee. For the cost of the CLAS support fee, the average student using CLAS receives 20-25 hours of tutorial services per quarter.

Student Health Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$7.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to maintain the current level of student health services?

Additionally, Student Health currently collects:

- \$21.90 per undergraduate student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$17.90 for summer currently collected through an Associated Students lock-in fee, for a total undergraduate student per quarter fee of \$28.90 (fall, winter, spring) and \$24.90 (summer).

If reaffirmed, the \$7.00 portion of the fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2020.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

Student Health is designed specifically to serve UCSB students to support their success. This health fee:

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

All the following medical services are conveniently located on-campus:

- Same-day appointments
- Urgent care
- General medicine
- Advice nurse
- Women's health
- Men's health
- Psychiatry
- Specialists in Orthopedics and Dermatology
- Pharmacy (prescription and non-prescription medications)
- Laboratory and X-ray
- Physical therapy
- Massage therapy
- Dietitian
- Eye and dental clinics
- Immunizations for flu, tetanus, hepatitis, meningitis, travel, etc.
- Wart and acne treatment
- Counseling in substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual health

Student Health also provides public health information as it pertains to college students.

UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THIS REAFFIRMATION:

UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$13.13 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer) to fund the UCSB/Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Superticket Bus Program? Any fee increase will be indexed to the MTD adult fare. If reaffirmed, the UCSB/MTD Superticket Bus Program fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2020, unless cancelled by UCSB or MTD.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

TRANSIT SYSTEM FEE AND ADULT FARE INDEX: The current per student per quarter transit fee for unlimited MTD bus service is \$13.13. 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.

BUS ACCESS: MTD will continue to accept UCSB registration cards with a current quarter validation sticker. In winter and spring quarters, or for 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.

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.

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VOTING OPEN APRIL 18-21, 2016

THE ELECTION IS ONLINE!

How to vote: Go to <https://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, the Library, and many residence halls. Any difficulty voting should be reported to votehelp@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 15, 2016, 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 5, 2016. Statements are limited to 150 words and will appear in the Daily Nexus during week three.

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 (37.73 percent for undergraduates, 35.96 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 35.96 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and graduate students, or 37.73 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 surcharge 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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