

2018 Voters Guide & Sample Ballot

April 23-26, 2018

REAFFIRMATIONS

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ONLY UNDERGRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE FOUR MEASURES:

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

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$0.76 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), to continue a fund available to students and student groups to finance volunteer campus and community projects (**Breakdown**: \$0.57 is for Community Volunteer Foundation and \$0.19 is for return to aid)? This fee is in addition to the \$4.05 per student per quarter (\$3.67 in summer) currently collected by Community Affairs Board through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$4.81 (\$4.43 in summer). If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2022.

YES NO ABSTAIN

Originally established in 2006, the Community Volunteer (CoVo) 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. CoVo Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of all UCSB students by providing opportunities for community service and exposure to community issues.

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Academic Services Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$17.37 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), to maintain the current level of Campus Learning Assistance Services' group and drop-in tutorials (**Breakdown**: \$12.90 is for CLAS, \$4.34 is for return to aid, and \$0.13 is for administrative fee)? The fee also includes a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* every five years and is next scheduled for adjustment in fall 2020, then fall 2025, and so forth.

This fee is in addition to the \$15.51 currently collected by CLAS through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$32.88 per undergraduate per quarter. If reaffirmed, the fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2022.

YES NO ABSTAIN

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, as well as academic skills and exam review sessions.

***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.**

University Center (UCen) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$9.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) to help meet operating and facility costs of the UCen? This fee is in addition to the \$35.53 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 2022.

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: laptop ports, 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 employment opportunities for 400-450 students annually.

MultiCultural Center (MCC) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$8.52 (\$7.06 in summer) per undergraduate student per quarter to support the MultiCultural Center's (MCC) operating and programming costs, (**Breakdown**: fall/winter/spring: \$6.83 is for the MCC, \$1.69 is for return to aid; summer \$5.55 is for the MCC, \$1.51 is for return to aid)? Of \$5.08 of the \$6.83 for the MCC (\$4.55 of the \$7.06 in summer), a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures.

This fee is in addition to the \$5.46 (\$5.21 in summer) currently collected through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$13.98 (\$12.27 in summer). If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in 2022.

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, longer operating hours, and hire student employees. The fee allows the MCC to provide educational programs that advocate for equality and serve as a bridge towards creating a multicultural environment at UCSB, such as retention activities for first-generation college students and religious awareness programs.

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.

UNDERGRADUATES AND GRADUATES WILL VOTE ON THESE FOUR MEASURES:

Arts & Lectures (A&L) Events Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$5.68 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), in order to support Arts & Lectures (**Breakdown**: \$4.26 is for 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. The fee is in addition to the \$9.41 per undergraduate and \$7.56 per graduate student per quarter currently collected through other campus and student government fees to support A&L programming for a total of \$15.09 per undergraduate and \$13.24 per graduate student per quarter.

If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2022.

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 student support in order to maintain the level of programming and student subsidies (up to 83% off of the top tier general ticket price).

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), in order to support The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) (**Breakdown**: \$2.60 is for TGIF and \$0.97 is for return to aid)? 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 2022.

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 twelve years ago, TGIF has supported over 140 projects, including: hydration stations, sustainable food systems, solar projects, LED lighting, sustainable lab assessments, and student internships to support these projects. UCSB has committed to reducing its net greenhouse gas operating emissions to zero by 2025, and the projects funded by TGIF assist the campus in achieving this goal.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$33.07 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), in order to support Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), (**Breakdown**: \$23.60 is for CAPS, \$8.26 is for return to aid, and \$1.21 is for administrative assessment)? The fee is also subject to a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* every five years and is next up for a COLA in fall 2020, then fall 2025, and so forth.

The fee is in addition to the \$2.69 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter currently collected by CAPS through other campus and student government fees to support their services, for a total of \$35.76 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in 2022.

YES NO ABSTAIN

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) supports students through the promotion of psychological well-being for individuals and the campus community. This fee allows CAPS to continue to respond to undergraduate and graduate students' need for crisis intervention, ongoing therapy, and therapy groups. It also funds suicide prevention efforts (such as the #saysomething campaign), 24/7 phone counseling, and has allowed CAPS to provide clinicians, mental health peers and support staff to reduce wait times, and enhance linguistic and cultural diversity of the CAPS staff.

***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.**

Recreational Sports Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$7.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (excluding summer) to fund Recreational Sports? The fee is in addition to the \$97.78 per undergraduate and \$59.18 per graduate student per quarter currently collected by the Department of Recreation through other campus and student government fees to support recreational programs and associated facilities, for a total of \$104.78 per undergraduate and \$66.18 per graduate student per quarter. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in 2022.

YES NO ABSTAIN

The Recreational Sports Fee helps fund the operation of intramurals, club sports, adventure programs, student events, and open recreation programs. The fee reduces participation costs for all students and provides employment opportunities for over 300 students annually.

VOTING OPEN APRIL 23-26, 2018

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION— Online Spring Election 2018

**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 increases in order to maintain funding at a level to meet bond financing (loan repayment) requirements.

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. Public access computer banks are located at SRB, 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. new fees and fee reaffirmation items. Graduate students will vote on a separate ballot. Be sure to be a registered student by April 20, 2018 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 Thursday, April 12, 2018. 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 passes is 50% + one of the voters vote "yes."

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 originally passed 2006 or later. 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 originally passed 2009 or later. The assessment issued 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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