

FALL 2002 VOTERS GUIDE

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
CAMPUS
ELECTIONS
COMMISSION

GUIDE &

Sample Ballot

SPECIAL ON-LINE ELECTION OCTOBER 8 - 10

**** Passage of the referendum on the ballot does not constitute final approval of the project or fee. The Chancellor and the University of California Office of the President must approve all referenda.**

In spring 2002 undergraduate voters passed a campus-wide fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 summers) per student per quarter to fund the Multicultural Center (MCC). The MCC already gets \$.75 per student per quarter (excluding summers) from an Associated Students' (A.S.) lock-in fee. Undergraduate voters reaffirmed the A.S. fee in 2001.

However, the 2002 campus-wide *Voters Guide* failed to mention the fact that the \$1.75 per student per quarter fee was *in addition to* the existing \$.75 and that the total fee collected from undergraduates for the MCC would be \$2.50 if the 2002 campus-wide fee passed.

Staff from the UC Office of the President, where all new fees and fee increases are approved, noted the omission and determined that the

electorate had not been fully informed of their total financial obligation regarding the MCC. Consequently, the new fee could not be approved. The decision was made to hold a special election, with full disclosure of all the fees students pay to the MCC.

Associated Students is also placing a measure on the ballot regarding A.S. membership fee.

This Special Election will be held **October 8-10, 2002** and will be conducted on line. Instructions for on-line voting follow, as well as a sample ballot for the fees and supplemental information regarding the fees.

◆◆ TO VOTE, GO TO GOLD, CLICK ON STUDENT ELECTIONS, AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS. IT'S THAT SIMPLE! ◆◆

****IF FOR ANY REASON YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS THE WEB-BASED ELECTION SITE FROM ANY COMPUTER, YOU MAY VOTE ON PAPER BALLOT AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS AND TIMES:**

- Office of Student Life (2201 SAASB), 9:00AM - 12N, 1 - 5:00PM Oct. 8-10
- Voter Assistance Table at UCen Lobby, 9:00AM to 5:00PM Oct. 8-10

Contact Joseph Navarro (893-4467) or Don Daves-Rougeaux (893-4141) if you have any questions or encounter any difficulties. THANK YOU FOR VOTING!

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS (A.S.) MEMBERSHIP FEE

Do you approve of a \$10.00 per student per quarter increase in the A.S. membership fee (Cited in Article II of the ASUCSB Constitution) for a total quarterly fee of \$19.10? The A.S. membership fee would be assessed all four quarters. If approved the retroactive \$10.00 fee increase for fall 2002 will be added to the winter 2003 fees.

_____ Yes _____ No

_____ Yes _____ No

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - A.S.

The Associated Students membership fee has not been increased in 30 years. The fee increase would provide needed funding and support for: student services such as KCSB, A.S. Bike Shop, A.S. Notetaking and Publications, A.S. Program Board and Community Affairs Board; student events and programs such as Extravaganza, Culture Weeks, Fight Night, Take Back the Night, continued performance concerts such as Bob Dylan and Jack Johnson, University of California Students Association, American Heroes Lecture Series, SCORE, and Reel Loud Film Festival; and student organizations such as the Environmental Club, Toastmasters Club, Herman/as Unido/as, Interfaith Student Fellowship, Students Stopping Rape, Kapatrang Pilipino (KP), Akanke and Amnesty International.

THE MULTICULTURAL CENTER (MCC) SUPPORT FEE

Do you approve a student-imposed, mandatory, undergraduate only, per student per quarter fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 summer quarter) to supplement the already existing \$.75 MultiCultural Center support fee? (Total MCC undergraduate per student per quarter fee would be \$2.50 for fall/winter/spring). If approved the \$1.75 retroactive fee for fall 2002 will be added to winter 2003 fees to establish a full year of funding. The fee will continue for a period of four years after which a reaffirmation vote will take place (spring 2006).

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - MCC

The MultiCultural Center presents approximately 100 programs that include lectures, films and videos, panel discussions, readings, art exhibits, music, dance, and dramatic performances. Events are open to anyone and most of them are free of charge. In addition, all of its facilities are available to students on campus. Students are therefore provided with a space to hold meetings, prepare food for receptions and banquets, and present their programs.

The MCC fee will help pay for the educational and mentoring components of the Center, maintenance of the space, and operating costs of the student areas. The Center will be able to provide better services to students, have longer operating hours, and hire more students to work. The fee will also allow the MCC to provide more educational programs that advocate for equality and to serve as a bridge towards creating a multicultural environment at UCSB.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the elections to be considered valid. The Campus Election Commission uses a sliding scale based on the 5 year average voter turnout (28.53 percent for undergraduates, 28.10 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 28.53

percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or, 28.10 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. Reaffirmation requires 60% + one to invalidate. The Associated Students fee must be passed with two-thirds favorable vote.

Campus Elections Web Site: <http://www.campuselections.ucsb.edu>

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