

Campus Elections Commission

Voters Guide & Sample Ballot 2023

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NEW FEE: UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE

RECREATION CENTER OPERATIONS FEE

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$41.60 per undergraduate and graduate student per fall, winter, and spring quarters (\$27.74 in the summer) to fund the ongoing operations and maintenance of the Recreation Center and to replace the current Rec Cen I fee, which is expiring after summer 2023? (Breakdown: \$29.17 goes to the Rec Cen, \$10.39 is for return-to-aid, \$2.04 is for administrative assessment. In summer: \$19.45 goes to the Rec Cen, \$6.93 is for return-to-aid, \$1.36 is for administrative assessment.)

Recreation currently collects \$71.49 per undergraduate per quarter (fall, winter, spring; \$50.13 in summer) and \$41.50 per graduate student per quarter (fall, winter, spring; \$20.97 in summer), (current Rec Cen I fee has been omitted from these totals because it is ending before the proposed fee begins). The Recreation Center Operations Fee would be in addition to these existing quarterly fees.

Additionally, a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)* will be applied on a 5-year basis beginning fall 2030, and every five years after (i.e. fall 2035, fall 2040, fall 2045 and so on).

If approved, this fee will be subject to reaffirmation every four years, beginning in spring 2027.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

The Recreation Center Operations Fee will make a large impact for UCSB students on a daily basis. Through this fee, the Rec Cen would continue to be open around 15 hours a day, all days of the week. This gives students the flexibility needed to work out amidst busy schedules. My class schedules have been busy and hectic in the past, so knowing the Rec Cen is open long hours allows me to work out at a convenient time. Having that flexibility also helps students, including myself, to improve physical and mental health and work off stress. The fee will also provide opportunities for facilities to be upgraded with projects such as outdoor turf fitness area, and upgraded equipment. These new projects keep the Rec Cen an exciting place to work out. Ops also provides many opportunities for student employment. Working in Ops has helped to shape my undergraduate professional experience. Working closely with fellow students and professional staff alike has helped me develop and gain transferable skills to carry with me after I graduate. I strongly encourage you to vote yes for the Recreation Center Operations Fee, so students can continue to enjoy the vast benefits Recreation has to offer. - Vanessa Yeazel | Customer Service Specialist

The Recreation Center Operations Fee is critical to allow the department to continue to provide programs, services, and facilities that enrich student experiences at UCSB. These offerings promote an active, balanced lifestyle that enhances overall well-being. This makes an immense impact on maintaining a school-life balance. In addition to exploring personal interests, the Department of Recreation also allows for students to build community through programming, events, and working with like-minded students. This fee will allow the Rec Cen to remain open and accessible to all undergraduate and graduate students for over 100 hours a week. Membership, extensive hours, and always improving facilities/equipment are made possible by voting yes. Recreation prioritizes its 600+ student employees through professional development, extensive training, and the chance to get real world leadership experience. The department has always made it a priority to put students first in everything they do, and the Recreation Center Operations Fee will continue to make that possible. As I approach the end of my time at UCSB, I know the value that recreation has added to my experience, and I think it is essential that we enable future students to be able to experience recreation. The Recreation Center Operations Fee is needed to make that happen. VOTE YES! - Ramona Mizer | Political Science Undergraduate Student, Class of 2023

As a current student staff member at the Department of Recreation, the referendum for a Recreation Center Operations Fee is necessary. The Recreation Center Operations Fee would increase the possibility of better quality fitness equipment, enhanced conditions for fitness spaces, increased long-term fitness programming capabilities, and the ability to continue to hire student staff. I strongly encourage you to vote yes on the Recreation Center Operations Fee so these opportunities can continue to improve the experiences of UCSB students just like it has for me. - Richard Avila | Recreation Supervisor, Operations, Fitness Student Manager, Fitness & Wellness, Class of 2024

REAFFIRMATIONS: UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

CAREER SERVICES OPEN ACCESS FEE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$17.09 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer) to support Career Services?

Breakdown: \$12.82 is for Career Services and \$4.27 is for return-to-aid: of the \$12.82 for Career Services, a 3.69% administrative assessment is charged to all non-capital expenditures.

Per original passage of this fee, the fee will be subject to a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)* in fall 2025 and every five years after that.

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

\$3.16 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer) through a separate campus lock-in fee, for a total of \$20.25 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter.

If reaffirmed, the Career Services Open Access fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation again in spring 2027.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

Career Services at UC Santa Barbara provides essential services and resources for Gauchos seeking to build a successful career path upon graduation. We support the professional growth of all Guachos by offering a wide range of resources and services including:

- Career counseling, coaching, & advising
- Job and internship search assistance
- Resume and cover letter review
- Opportunities to connect with recruiters from Fortune 500 companies
- Career fairs and networking events
- And much more!

Career Services helps students identify their strengths and interests, explore career and internship options, and develop the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to achieve their career goals. Moreover, Career Services at UC Santa Barbara is committed to providing inclusive and equitable access to all students, regardless of their background or major, ensuring that everyone has an equal chance to succeed in the job market. By supporting Career Services, you are making an active investment in not only YOUR future, but the future of all Gauchos to come. We encourage you to vote "YES" on the Career Services Open Access Fee. - Ignacio Gallardo | Executive Director, Career Services

COASTAL FUND INITIATIVE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (excluding summer) to fund sustainability projects and awareness for the campus-adjacent coast?

Additionally, Coastal Fund currently collects (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments): \$4.56 per undergraduate per quarter, through an A.S. lock-in fee, for a total of \$7.56 per undergraduate student per quarter.

If reaffirmed, the Coastal Fund Initiative would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2027.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

Coastal Fund is a critical funding source for UCSB projects and programs related to our coastal environment. We create paid, entry-level, and advanced opportunities in a variety of fields so students can gain career experience while helping our local coast. Coastal Fund's board carefully reviews every funding request and asks questions to ensure that all decisions are well-informed. When we cannot fund a proposal, we provide feedback and suggest alternate funding sources or modifications to improve a future submission. Once a proposal is funded, we hold check-ins to confirm progress and assist as needed. Coastal Fund's process is rigorous enough to ensure that fees are spent well, while also being accessible for first-time student applicants. It is frequently used as a model for other student-run funding programs, and we are extremely proud of the programs we support. Please vote to continue supporting Coastal Fund! - Anannya Deshmukh | Coastal Fund Chair

UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S CENTER SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer) to maintain UCSB student family tuition subsidies, funds for UCSB student employee wages, and to provide facility operating funds to support the Orfalea Family Children's Center (West Campus) and the University Children's Center at the Student Resource Building?

Additionally, the University Children's Centers currently collect (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments): \$7.56 per undergraduate per quarter (\$6.56 in summer) through an A.S. lock-in fee, and, \$3.00 per graduate student per quarter (\$2.00 in summer) through a GSA lock-in fee for a total of \$10.56 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$9.56 in summer) and \$6.00 per graduate student per quarter (\$5.00 in summer).

If reaffirmed, the University Children's Center Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2027.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

No pro/con statements were submitted for this fee.

REAFFIRMATIONS: UNDERGRADUATE ONLY

ARTS & LECTURES SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$6.24 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, to support Arts & Lectures (\$5.18 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$1.06 is for return-to-aid. Of the \$5.18, only \$3.18 is subject to a 6% administrative assessment charged on all non-capital expenditures)?

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

\$3.65 per undergraduate student per quarter through an A.S. lock-in fee, and \$5.68 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter through a separate campus lock-in fee, for a total of \$15.57 per undergraduate student per quarter.

If reaffirmed, the Arts & Lectures Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2027.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

Each year, UCSB Arts & Lectures (A&L) presents more than 100 performances, lectures, and films by leading artists and thinkers from around the world. Notable figures have included: Yo-Yo Ma, Carla Morrison, Tig Notaro, Alison Russell, Billy Strings, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, The Linda Lindas, Lang Lang, Banff Mountain Film Festival, and more! In addition to providing unique cultural experiences, these events support classroom learning, as many events are integrated into coursework. Most visiting artists engage in educational outreach for students through workshops, master classes, meet-the-artists, and demonstrations. This fee allows A&L to preserve and enhance the services it offers UCSB students including: significantly discounted tickets (~80% less than the general public); many events at no additional cost; student employment opportunities; educational outreach across various fields of study; and a diverse roster of today's influential thinkers, authors, performing artists, and films. - Meghan Bush | Associate Director, UCSB Arts & Lectures

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP (SEAL) SUPPORT FEE (FORMERLY OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE SUPPORT FEE)

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$1.75 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$1.00 in summer), for Student Engagement & Leadership (SEAL) (formerly the Office of Student Life, OSL)?

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

\$2.73 per undergraduate student per quarter through an A.S. lock-in fee, for a total of \$4.48 per undergraduate per quarter (\$3.73 in summer).

If reaffirmed, Student Engagement & Leadership Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2027.

_____ YES _____ NO ____ ABSTAIN

SEAL not only acts as a central and vital component of the university, but is also the groundwork for creating opportunities for students to build, cultivate, and grow communities on campus for all students. As an active member of numerous registered campus organizations (RCOs), such as Kesem UCSB and Women in Media, and also a current SEAL Student Life intern, I have witnessed the incredible cross-curricular development programs, opportunities, and resources that support a variety of campus activities open to all students, including first-year programs, leadership development, Registered Campus Organizations (including fraternities and sororities), After Dark, and University Awards. SEAL strives to ensure success, excellence, and inclusivity for all students. As a SEAL intern, I see all levels of students create organizations of their own, plan and execute campus-wide events, and even attend programs to enhance my own leadership values. Without this fee, it would be incredibly difficult for students to continue to successfully host student-led events and conferences. This small fee, which will not increase our current student fees, also helps support transfer student initiatives and student employment opportunities. I wholeheartedly support the reaffirmation of this fee so that Student Engagement and Leadership can continue to foster all members of the UCSB community for years to come. - Lauren Kim | Class of 2024

I support the SEAL Support Fee because this will provide opportunities for students to stay engaged on campus and allow SEAL to continue to support the growth of students' leadership development. SEAL is the only department on campus that directly works with student organizations. They provide accreditation for student organizations to operate legally, funding sources to host successful events, and connections that students may otherwise not be able to create on their own. SEAL funds various opportunities for student organizations such as CommUnity Grants, SIOP, and After Dark. Without this financial help, many student organizations would not have the opportunity to host events for the greater UCSB community. The office also provides leadership and professional development through positions created in campus organizations, the student-led SharkTank presentations, and by offering through job opportunities for students. The staff is dedicated to creating equitable and inclusive spaces for all students to find their home away from home and assisting students in creating new organizations and initiatives. This department also oversees, supports, and educates all members of Greek-lettered organizations, which has been a substantial part of my college experience. This is a very small fee that will NOT increase our student dues and is only a small price to pay for the greater good of the UCSB community. - Stephanie Raya | Class of 2024

As a student intern at SEAL the support we provide for on campus clubs and organizations is vital to the success of the UCSB community. In this department, we have used funds for a wide variety of assistance including After Dark and the CommUnity Grants for student events. This has allows student groups who may be financially challenged to still host large scale events. Furthermore, Student Engagement and Leadership organizes events catered to support incoming freshmen and transfer students. SEAL also provides employment opportunities within the Division of Student Affairs. This lock-in fee will not increase tuition costs as this is already included in our student fees, and it will continue to support the services SEAL performs on a yearly basis. - Christian Zuniga | Class of 2023

EVENTS CENTER SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$4.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (excluding summer) to help meet the ongoing maintenance and facility improvement costs of the Events Center (“The Thunderdome”)?

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

\$5.49 per undergraduate per quarter through an A.S. lock-in fee, for a total of \$9.49 per undergraduate student per quarter.

If reaffirmed, the Events Center Support Fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2027.

_____ YES _____ NO ___ ABSTAIN

No pro/con statements were submitted for this fee.

VOTING OPEN APRIL 24-27, 2023

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. 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 19, 2023, to be eligible to vote!

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20% voter turnout is required in order for the election to be considered valid. A reaffirmation passes if 50% + one of the voters vote “yes.”

A sliding scale based on the 5-year average voter turnout (28.45% for undergraduates and graduate students combined) is used to determine whether a new initiative passes. If there is a 20% voter turnout, two thirds of those voting must support the measure. If the turnout is 28.45% or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and graduate students, a 50% + 1 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 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 is 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.

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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