

## UCSB Campus Elections will take place April 19-22, 2021!

### The election is online!

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](mailto:votehelp@as.ucsb.edu).

### Pro/Con Statements

All registered students are invited to submit written statements of support or opposition for distribution to campus. Pro/con statements must include the author's name and be submitted electronically to [emmgparker@ucsb.edu](mailto:emmgparker@ucsb.edu) by 5:00 PM on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Statements are limited to 150 words and will be distributed in Week 3.

### Voter Turnout Requirements

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

## Only Undergraduates will vote on these two measures:

### Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Student Services Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$5.85 per undergraduate student per quarter (of which \$0.78 is for return to aid), including summer, in order to support EOP programs and services? The EOP student services fee would help continue student-centered retention programs and services that are available to all UCSB students. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2025.

EOP currently collects an additional: \$1.25 per undergraduate student per quarter (excluding summer), collected through Associated Students for an emergency grant fund, for a total of \$7.10 per undergraduate student per quarter for EOP services and grants.

For over 50 years, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) has offered a student-centered holistic retention service that has assisted students in their transition to the university, pursuit of completing a baccalaureate degree, and advancement towards attaining a professional or graduate degree.

While EOP focuses on first-generation and/or low-income students, our advising and counseling services as well as cultural resource center programming and services are open to all undergraduate students.

This EOP student services fee currently supports out-of-class learning experiences accessible to all students by:

- 1) Providing one-on-one and group mentoring by our counselors and student staff;
- 2) Maintaining student employment opportunities through our peer-to-peer and cultural services programs;
- 3) Sustaining and increasing academic, career, and leadership development opportunities;
- 4) Co-sponsoring student-initiated programs and events that facilitate collaboration between students, the administration, faculty, and the surrounding UCSB community; and
- 5) Strengthening campus-wide programming that addresses issues such as the low rates of recruitment, retention, and graduation of first-generation and/or low-income students within the university system.

Budget permitting, a reaffirmation of this fee will allow EOP to continue academic, social, and cultural programming for the general campus and student-centered retention efforts.

### Student Medical Emergencies Relief Fund (SMERF)

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$0.89 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to provide funding for the Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF) for students who are not able to cover the costs of medical procedures? If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2025.

The fee augments the approximately \$2,500 per year generated from interest on the "Jack Canfield Chicken Soup Fund." The Canfield fund provides monetary assistance to a limited number of students experiencing medical emergencies. The SMERF fee creates additional funds for students unable to cover the costs of emergency medical, dental, or optical care. The fund supplements existing insurance coverage and/or helps students meet costs of procedures not covered by insurance. The fund is governed by a board consisting of student members and career staff representing several student services on campus. The board meets with applicants once a week to review their requests. During the 2019-20 year, 67 students applied for a grant from the SMERF fund and received a total of \$72,002.43 toward their medical, dental, and optical emergencies.

## Undergraduate and Graduate Students will vote on these three measures

### Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS, formerly Counseling Services) and Career Services Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$5.85 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to provide funds to maintain service levels for Counseling & Psychological Services and Career Services (\$2.69 goes to CAPS, \$3.16 goes to Career Services)? If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2025.

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) currently collects an additional: \$40.58 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), collected through a campus lock-in fee, for a total of \$43.27 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter to support CAPS.

Career Services currently collects an additional: \$17.09 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), collected through a campus lock-in fee, for a total of \$20.25 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter to support Career Services.

Counseling & Psychological Services receives \$2.69 (of the \$5.85 fee) to see graduate and undergraduate students who are seeking Mental Health services or are in emotional distress. Along with providing confidential individual counseling, groups, workshops, and other services, we work with roommates, friends, parents, teaching assistants, faculty, and staff to help get counseling for someone in need. Students also now have access to counseling 24/7 through our phone consultation services.

Reaffirmation of this fee will allow us to continue to support psychologist positions, support staff, various services, and budget permitting, avoid co-payments and reduced hours. A yes vote for this reaffirmation will ensure that we are able to continue offering these essential services to graduate and undergraduate students in need.

Career Services receives \$3.16 (of the \$5.85 fee) to assist students with career, major, and graduate/professional school exploration; manage Handshake to support student access to jobs and internships; and access to professional skill-building workshops and connections to recruiting employers through information sessions, career fairs, and virtual interview assistance. Specifically, these fees support one career counselor/coach, one employer outreach manager, a budget for marketing new online career tools (ex. Handshake, Big Interview, Vmock, etc.), and the free 12-month grace period for students after graduation.

Reaffirming this fee will support employer outreach and engagement, professional career counseling/coaching services, and financial resources that enable us to maintain and expand our current service levels. By reaffirming this fee, you are helping to ensure Career Services will continue to support your career counseling needs by offering quality in-person and virtual services.

### Health and Wellness Program Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$7.13 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to support Health & Wellness Programs (Breakdown: \$5.35 goes to Health & Wellness, \$1.78 is for return to aid)? Of the \$5.35 for Health & Wellness, a 7% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures. If reaffirmed, the fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2025.

Health & Wellness offers many research-based programs that reach a substantial number of UCSB students. This fee allows Health & Wellness to fund the staff necessary to continue student-centered and student-requested programs on topics such as sex and relationships, healthy eating, drugs, stress-reduction techniques (including mindfulness practice), sleep, and positive psychology. The internship and advocate program provide professional training and leadership certification for as many as 330 students each year. Annually, Health & Wellness staff and interns facilitate over 90 workshops per quarter. These workshops include: food and cooking workshops (Food, Nutrition and Basic Skills, UCSB Cooks, and cooking coaches) for more than 300 students, distribution of healthy snacks, and other events such as Dog Therapy Day, HIV Testing, Sleep Challenge, Rejuvenation Station, Random Acts of Kindness, Sex Advice, and National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. A reaffirmation of this fee will allow Health & Wellness to continue providing resources such as weekly massages, apples, and condoms to students at no additional cost. This fee preserves Health & Wellness services and helps UCSB students continue to thrive academically, physically, socially, and emotionally.

### Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity (WGSE) Support Fee, formerly known as the Women's Center Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$8.17 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to support the Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity Department (WGSE)? Breakdown: \$7.19 goes to WGSE, \$0.98 is for return to aid. Of the \$7.19 for WGSE, \$2.94 is subject to a 7% administrative assessment on all non-capital expenditures.

If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2025.

The Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity (WGSE) Support Fee helps maintain staff and programs including Campus Advocacy Resources and Education (CARE); Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resources (RCSGD); Women's Center programming; and Non-Traditional Student Services.

The fee helps maintain public spaces and online services and programs within the Women's Center, CARE, Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD), and Non-Traditional Student Resource Center (e.g., libraries, study spaces, meeting rooms) through the addition of new technology, library acquisitions, and replacement of aging equipment. It also helps improve current WGSE programs and services such as:

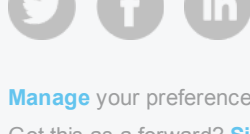
- 1) Intervention, prevention, and healing services for survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking.
- 2) 24-hour hotline for individuals in crisis;
- 3) Advocacy, resources, and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, nonbinary, intersex, and ally communities;
- 4) Student-initiated activities and events;
- 5) Student internships and employment opportunities;
- 6) Educational programming; and
- 7) Health and wellness resources including menstrual and safer-sex products.

*This voter information guide has been produced by the Campus Elections Commission. The commission, which is composed of students, faculty, and staff members, is a neutral body that advises the chancellor (or designee) on all matters pertaining to campus-wide elections and conducts elections in such a way that the interests of the voters and the institution are well served through the process. The Campus Elections Commission is NOT affiliated with Associated Students or Graduate Students Association elections.*

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