

Campus Elections Commission

Voters Guide & Sample Ballot 2026

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REAFFIRMATIONS: UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE

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 \$9.89 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 \$15.57 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 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: Each year, UCSB students get to experience the world's foremost artists and thinkers through Arts & Lectures' performances, concerts, and lectures. All of these events are deeply discounted for students, giving us the chance to explore new ideas, be inspired, and connect with the world beyond the classroom. Your support makes campus life richer and more engaging for everyone, and also helps A&L improve its mobile ticketing, making it easier to access, share, and enjoy tickets while keeping events sustainable and student-friendly. --Stella Frances, '26

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 \$0.87 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 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: Since its inception as the first green fee in the UC system, TGIF has been a cornerstone of campus sustainability. To date, we have supported nearly 300 projects that directly reduce our environmental footprint—from renewable energy and water efficiency to sustainable food systems and waste reduction. Reaffirming the \$3.47 quarterly fee allows us to continue this vital work. Beyond infrastructure, TGIF is an investment in you. A majority of our funding supports student internships, giving Gauchos the chance to lead innovative projects and gain career-ready skills. As one grant recipient noted, TGIF empowers students to take direct action and turn personal commitment into campus-wide change.

Support student innovation and professional growth. Vote YES to reaffirm TGIF - Jewel Persad, TGIF Grant Manager & Campus Sustainability Manager on behalf of the TGIF grant Making Committee

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS) SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$46.01 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (including summer), in order to support Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). (Breakdown: \$34.51 is for CAPS, \$11.50 is for return to aid)? Of the \$34.51 for CAPS, \$22.33 is subject to a 7% administrative assessment on all non-capital expenditures. Of the \$34.51 to CAPS, \$12.18 is subject to a 0.8% administrative assessment on all non-capital expenditures. The fee is also subject to a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* every five years and is next up for a COLA in fall 2030, then fall 2035, and so forth. The last COLA was applied to this fee in 2025.

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 \$48.70 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: Vote YES to reaffirm the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) fee and prioritize student wellbeing and timely access to care. CAPS provides crisis response, brief therapy, group counseling, ADHD evaluations, and 24/7 phone support for students facing stress, anxiety, depression, and life transitions. This fee helps reduce wait times, sustain a diverse and culturally responsive staff, and keep services accessible to students from all backgrounds. It also funds early intervention and suicide prevention—essential to a safe, healthy campus. Reaffirming the fee protects continuity of care and strengthens the support network students rely on to persist and succeed. Support student mental health. Vote YES. – CAPS Leadership

PRO: Vote Yes. Mental health is not optional. Demand for CAPS services has surged, and this funding is necessary to maintain clinical staffing and reduce wait times. CAPS provides 24/7 crisis phone counseling, therapy groups, and confidential individual counseling. Without adequate funding, the campus risks longer wait times and reduced availability of services that students depend on during some of the hardest moments of their lives. No one likes higher fees. But when a student is in crisis, CAPS needs to be there, immediately, not in six weeks. This fee makes that possible. Vote Yes. – Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

RECREATION PROGRAMMING FEE (FORMERLY 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 \$106.09 (\$77.87 in summer) per undergraduate and \$76.10 (\$48.71 in summer) 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 \$113.09 per undergraduate and \$83.10 per graduate student per quarter. If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: The Recreation Programming Fee is essential for the Department of Recreation's continued service to UCSB students. It funds Club Sports and Intramurals, which allow over 5,700 students the opportunity to participate in over 34 athletic programs outside of NCAA sports. It also funds Adventure Programs, allowing students to safely participate in outdoor activities with professionals in the field. Through these programs, students are able to explore their interests, exercise, and make new friends. All of this is accomplished at an affordable price because of the Recreation Programming Fee. It also provides funding to pay over 300 students employed at the Department of Recreation. Jobs at the Rec allow employees to develop skills in management, communication, conflict resolution, and healthcare. I strongly encourage you to vote YES on the Recreation Programming fee so the Department of Recreation can continue to serve UCSB through its programs, services, and facilities. – Jiana Williams, Intramurals Supervisor, Class of 2027

REAFFIRMATIONS: UNDERGRADUATE ONLY

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 \$2.90 per student per quarter (\$2.52 in summer) currently collected by Community Affairs Board through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$3.66 (3.28 in summer). If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

No Pro or Con Statements were received for this initiative.

CAMPUS LEARNING ASSISTANCE SERVICES (CLAS) ACADEMIC SERVICES FEE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$24.16 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) to maintain the current level of Campus Learning Assistance Services' group and drop-in tutorials (Breakdown: \$17.94 is for CLAS, \$6.04 is for return to aid, and \$0.18 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 2030, then fall 2035, and so forth. The last COLA was applied to this fee in 2025.

This fee is in addition to the \$16.96 currently collected by CLAS through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$41.12 per undergraduate per quarter. If reaffirmed, the fee would continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: The CLAS Support Fee helps maintain tutorial groups, drop-in hours, and academic skills services. In the 2024-25 academic year, CLAS provided support for students in 383 different courses through 20,000+ student contacts and offered 669 tutorial groups for 30+ courses; 5,400 hours of drop-in tutoring; 2,512 appointment hours; and 121 workshops for 10 different skills topics. CLAS hires 75-125 undergraduates annually.

CLAS is entirely dependent on student fees to pay staff wages, maintain operations, and purchase supplies. If we are to retain services with ongoing inflation, we also must retain funding. For the cost of this fee, the average student receives 20-25 hours of tutorial services per quarter. In comparison, a student opting to hire a private tutor may pay \$60+ for a single hour of tutoring. Helping CLAS sustain its open door policy ensures that every student has equal access to academic tutoring. - CLAS Leadership

MULTICULTURAL CENTER (MCC) SUPPORT FEE

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of \$8.52 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$7.06 in summer) 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 \$5.31 (\$5.06 in summer) currently collected through other campus and student government fees for a total of \$13.83 (\$12.12 in summer). If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: The MCC Support Fee helps keep a shared community space where students can come together through educational programming, student engagement, community outreach, and professional development. It also supports facility upkeep, hours of operation, and student employment opportunities.

For over three decades, the MCC has been a go-to spot on campus for connection, dialogue, and shared learning. Each year, it hosts 50+ programs—including lectures, films, panels, art exhibits, and performances—open to all at no additional charge.

The MCC also provides students with spaces to study, host events, and build community. From educational programming and student jobs to event spaces and study jams, these resources foster student support and belonging.

Reaffirming the current fee is essential—without it, the proposed MCC Support Fee Increase cannot take effect. Voting yes on both ensures the MCC can continue and expand its impact.

-Thiana Aklikokou, Economics, '27, MCC Program Assistant & Renee Faulk, Political Science and Philosophy and Ethics of Public Policy, '26, MCC Council Chair

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 \$36.98 (\$24.31 in summer) per undergraduate student quarterly fee currently collected by the University Center for programming and facilities, for a total of \$45.98 (\$33.31 in summer). If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: The UCen is the heart of UCSB campus life, providing study spaces, dining, conference and meeting rooms for student organization, and event venues that bring the campus community together. Voting YES to reaffirm and increase this fee ensures these spaces remain safe, accessible and vibrant for all students.

The UCen supports 400-500 student jobs annually, offering meaningful employment and hands-on leadership experience. It also provides extended building hours, especially during midterms and finals, ensuring students have reliable spaces to study and succeed. In addition, the UCen hosts a wide range of programming, including live performances featuring artist like Jordan Wards, and indigo De Souza, as well as student-centered events like Gaucho Factor and POPS Orchestra, in collaboration with groups such as the Black Student Union, Hermanas Unidas and Trans Queer Commission.

Reaffirming this fee ensures continued employment opportunities, extended hours, access to conference and meeting spaces, facility improvements and diverse programming that define UCSB student life. - UCen Leadership

NEW FEES: UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S CENTER SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The University Children's Center Support Fee maintains UCSB student family childcare tuition subsidies, funds for UCSB student employee wages, and provides facility operating funds to support the Orfaea Family Children's Center (West Campus) and the UCSB Children's Center at the Student Resource Building. This fee has not been increased since 2006.

Do you approve a mandatory increase of \$3.61 (Breakdown: \$1.45 catch up to inflation, \$1.66 return to aid, and \$0.50 administrative assessment) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per summer, in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total University Children's Center Support Fee will be \$6.61 (Breakdown: \$4.95 goes to the Children's Center, \$1.66 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The UCSB Children's Centers currently collect (including all return-to-aid and administrative assessments) an additional \$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.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: Since 1988 UCSB students have been strong supporters of the Campus Children's Centers.

With your help we:

- Keep our University students in school - subsidizing child care tuition for UCSB student parents who often face serious financial hardship struggling to meet academic obligations and care for their family. Without these funds, many would be unable to attend UCSB or complete their academic obligations to graduate.
- Employ over 150 UCSB students quarterly as classroom teaching assistants: supported by on the job training, Peer Mentors, and professional development.
- Provide high quality early childhood care and learning for 400 children annually, 3 months to 5 years old. Approximately 30-35% of our parents are UCSB undergraduate or graduate students. We are a dynamic program and we are fiercely devoted to providing our UCSB community with exemplary care and education.

Please vote YES to Increase the Children's Centers Support Fees. - UCSB Children's Centers Leadership

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: RECREATION PROGRAMMING FEE INCREASE

The Recreation Programming Fee provides funding for operation of intramurals, club sports, adventure programs, events, open recreation, reduces participation costs, and provides employment for over 300 students annually. This fee has not been increased since 2006.

Do you approve a mandatory increase of \$8.43 (Breakdown: \$3.41 catch up to inflation, \$3.86 return to aid, and \$1.16 administrative assessment) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, excluding summer, in order to catch the current Recreation Programming Fee of \$7.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, excluding summer, up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total Recreation Programming Fee will be \$15.43 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, excluding summer (Breakdown: \$11.57 goes to Recreation, \$3.86 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The fee is in addition to the \$71.59 (\$56.90 in summer) per undergraduate and \$41.60 (\$27.47 in summer) per graduate student per quarter currently collected by the Department of Recreation through other campus and student government fees for recreational programs and maintenance and \$34.50 (\$20.97 in summer) per undergraduate and graduate student for the Recreation Center 2 (Rec Cen 2) facility.

The Recreation Programming Fee is also up for reaffirmation. Failure to reaffirm the current fee negates the increase whether or not the increase passes.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: For twenty years the Recreation Programming Fee has been the same. During that period of time, things have continuously gotten more and more expensive. Whether it be the costs of wages or equipment, it is urgent that we as students acknowledge the importance of combating inflation by supporting this inflationary adjustment. Recreation offers tons of amazing programs and events that bring students together on a yearly basis. The best part about these programs? They're affordable. This is something that can be taken for granted very easily especially when the fee has not been changed since 2006. However, if we do not act now and vote in support of this, programs will simply become both less accessible and less affordable. Recreation supports thousands of students on a quarterly basis and if we want to continue that support, student support isn't optional, but necessary. - Jordan Paynter, Intramural Student Manager, Class of 2027

CON: Vote No. The Department of Recreation already collects over \$113/quarter from undergrads through existing fees, making it one of the most well-funded units on campus. This measure more than doubles the programming fee from \$7.00 to \$15.43. Intramurals, club sports, and adventure programs are great, but they should be funded through the massive budget the department already has. That \$113/quarter you're paying isn't enough? On top of the increase, you're also paying a 10% admin assessment and 25% return-to-aid, meaning only about \$7 of your \$15.43 actually funds recreation programs. Plus automatic COLA starting 2027. At what point do we stop layering fees on top of fees and start demanding that departments live within their means? Vote No. - Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

Save Student Services: The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) Increase

TGIF supports sustainability projects that reduce UCSB's impact on the environment. This fee has not been increased since 2006.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$2.26 (Breakdown: \$1.26 catch up to inflation, \$0.57 return to aid, and \$0.43 administrative assessment) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current TGIF fee of \$3.47 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and maintain return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total TGIF fee will be \$5.73 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (Breakdown: \$4.29 goes to TGIF, \$1.44 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The Green Initiative Fund is also up for reaffirmation. Failure to reaffirm the current fee negates the increase whether or not the increase passes.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain

PRO: Since 2006, the Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) has been the cornerstone of UCSB's environmental leadership. However, while sustainability costs have risen, the \$3.47 fee has remained frozen for nearly 20 years. To account for two decades of inflation and maintain our campus legacy, we are seeking a \$2.31 per quarter adjustment.

This "catch-up" adjustment—totaling less than a cup of coffee—restores TGIF's diminished purchasing power. TGIF has already empowered students to launch nearly 300 projects.

As climate funding fluctuates, investing in our local community is critical. Your vote protects student-led innovation and ensures UCSB remains one of the greenest universities in the nation.

Vote YES to protect student-led innovation. Let's ensure UCSB remains one of the greenest universities in the nation by giving TGIF the tools to meet today's environmental challenges. – Jewel Persad, On Behalf of the TGIF Grant Making Committee

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUAL EQUITY (WGSE) SUPPORT FEE INCREASE: CARE, RESOURCE CENTER FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY, WOMEN'S CENTER, AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT RESOURCES

The WGSE Support Fee provides funding to support CARE, the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD), the Non-Traditional Student Resource Center, and the Women's Center. This fee has not been increased since 2013.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$5.80 (Breakdown: \$2.44 catch up to inflation, \$2.52 return to aid, and \$0.84 administrative assessment) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$8.17 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total WGSE Support Fee will be \$13.97 (Breakdown: \$10.47 goes to WGSE, \$3.50 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter. Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the total fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

_____YES _____NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: The Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity Support Fee funds the work of four campus departments: CARE, Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD), Non-Traditional Student Resource Center, and Women's Center. These departments employ students, hold hundreds of events annually, and have lounges for students to study, organize, and build community. CARE provides confidential services to about 300 survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking every year. The RCSGD provides resources for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) students and their allies and trains hundreds of staff and students in educational seminars to create more inclusive learning environments. The Non-Traditional Student Resource Center handles applications for priority class registration and childcare grants for student parents. The Women's Center distributes wellness products and provides opportunities for students to network with scholars and activists. Due to rising costs, these departments have had to reduce student staff and programming. Vote YES on this fee to curb further reductions and continue providing these critical services to our diverse student community. - WGSE Departments' Leadership.

CON: Vote No on the increase, not the services. CARE, the RCSGD, the Women's Center, and Non-Traditional Student Resources are important. But a \$5.80/quarter increase (71% jump) with a 10% admin assessment and automatic annual COLA is the wrong mechanism. Of your \$5.80, only \$2.44 catches up with inflation. The rest is return-to-aid (\$2.52) and admin fees (\$0.84).

Students are being asked to fund financial aid and administrative overhead through a fee labeled as supporting gender equity services. We should fund these programs, but through honest budgeting, not by layering surcharges on students who are already stretched thin. Vote No on the increase. - Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: ARTS & LECTURES EVENTS FEE INCREASE

The Arts & Lectures Events Fee provides funding to support student discount tickets and technology-based services. This fee has not been increased since 2014.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$2.37 (Breakdown: \$1.47 catch up to inflation, \$0.60 return to aid, and \$0.30 administrative assessment) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$5.68 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and maintain return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total Arts & Lectures Events Fee will be \$8.05 (Breakdown: \$6.03 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$2.02 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter. Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The fee is in addition to the \$9.89 per undergraduate student and \$7.56 per graduate student per quarter collected through campus and student government fees.

The Arts & Lectures Events Fee is also up for reaffirmation. Failure to reaffirm the current fee negates the increase whether or not the increase passes.

_____YES _____NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: Each year, UCSB students get to experience the world's foremost artists and thinkers through Arts & Lectures' performances, concerts, and lectures. All of these events are deeply discounted for students, giving us the chance to explore new ideas, be inspired, and connect with the world beyond the classroom. Your support makes campus life richer and more engaging for everyone, and also helps A&L improve its mobile ticketing, making it easier to access, share, and enjoy tickets while keeping events sustainable and student-friendly. --Stella Frances, '26

CON: Vote No on the increase. A&L provides great programming, but students already pay \$15.57/quarter through combined fees. This \$2.37 increase brings automatic COLA adjustments and the standard 10% admin assessment. Only \$1.47 of the \$2.37 actually covers inflation. The rest goes to return-to-aid and admin. A&L should explore sponsorship, grant funding, and dynamic ticket pricing before passing costs to students. Vote No on the increase. - Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS) & CAREER SERVICES SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The CAPS and Career Services Support Fee provides funds to maintain service levels for CAPS and Career Services. This fee has not been increased since 2015.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$5.47 (Breakdown: \$1.78 catch up to inflation, \$2.84 return to aid, and \$0.85 administrative assessment) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$5.85 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total CAPS and Career Services Support fee will be \$11.32 per undergraduate per quarter (Breakdown: \$8.48 goes to CAPS and Career (\$3.95 to CAPS and \$4.53 to Career), \$2.84 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The fee is in addition to the \$46.01 currently collected by CAPS and \$20.76 currently collected by Career Services through additional campus lock in fees.

_____YES _____NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: Vote YES to prioritize student mental health by increasing the CAPS fee. Demand for counseling and crisis support has surged since 2015, and capacity hasn't kept pace. This fee increase expands timely access to individual and group therapy, ADHD evaluations, and 24/7 crisis response, extended hours, and rapid triage to cut waitlists. It funds more culturally competent clinicians, proactive outreach to marginalized and underserved students, targeted workshops on coping, resilience, identity, and academic stress, and strengthened suicide prevention and early intervention efforts. Crucially, it guarantees free, quality mental health services for all students, removing financial barriers to care. Investing in robust mental health infrastructure protects academic success, retention, and overall campus wellbeing. Strong mental health services now mean healthier students and stronger futures. Vote YES to prioritize and protect student mental health. – CAPS Leadership

PRO: Career Services plays a vital role in supporting UCSB students' success during and after their time on campus. This fee increase will ensure access to essential resources, including a 12-month post-graduation grace period for advising appointments and career tools; ensuring students continue to receive guidance as they transition into the workforce. It will also sustain career fairs, supporting student access to employers and recruiting opportunities. Additionally, this funding will fortify the ongoing delivery of career programs, workshops, and networking opportunities. This investment directly supports your career readiness and long-term success. – Career Services Leadership

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAMS FEE INCREASE

The Health & Wellness Programs Fee provides funding that allows the Department of Health & Wellness to offer services and programs that help students thrive academically, physically, socially, and emotionally at no additional cost. This fee has not been increased since 2013.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$3.05 (Breakdown: \$1.89 catch up to inflation, \$0.77 return to aid, and \$0.39 administrative assessment) per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$7.13 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and maintain return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total Health & Wellness Programs Fee will be \$10.18 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer (Breakdown: \$7.63 goes to Health & Wellness, \$2.55 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: Health and Wellness introduces tools for students to explore their own wellbeing and connect with supportive communities. From professional development for peer educators to hundreds of free wellness opportunities, H&W provides a safety net that many can't find elsewhere. Join a meditation, learn about balanced eating through a cooking class, or train to become a safer sex peer, we provide a variety of diverse programming that supports all aspects of student wellness.

Our lounge provides a safe space for students, whether they are studying or need a break from it. From grabbing free fruit on the way to class, stocking up on condoms and menstrual supplies, to decompressing with a cup of tea- these services can make a big difference in the daily grind. Unfortunately with inflation, our current funding isn't stretching as far as it used to. A "Yes" vote ensures we keep these resources free and accessible for everyone—vote YES! - H&W Student Staff

NEW FEES: UNDERGRADUATE ONLY

REEF FUND

Do you wish to approve a \$5.00 mandatory fee per undergraduate per quarter to maintain and expand The REEF's current services including undergraduate training, experiential learning, and employment in outreach programs (Breakdown: \$3.75 goes to REEF, \$1.25 goes to return-to-aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures)? Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If approved, this fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in 2030.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: Make a Difference! Save UCSB's REEF! Calling all UCSB undergraduates! Vote YES for The REEFund. For less than the cost of a cup of coffee, this quarterly fee will save The REEF!

The Research Experience & Education Facility is UCSB's teaching aquarium at Campus Point, bringing marine science to life through interactive touch tanks/aquaria. The REEF empowers UCSB undergraduates with paid, hands-on experiences as marine science guides, aquarists and coordinators, connecting its visitors with cutting-edge research.

ALWAYS free!

- A resource for UCSB Undergraduates for over 20 years
- Has hosted ~360,000 visitors from UCSB, our community and beyond!
- Employs ~20 UNDERGRADS/year to lead programs
- ~1,500 UCSB undergraduates use for projects/courses annually
- ~10,000 local students attend annually through K-12 programs

Provides marine science training/research opportunities for:

- Undergraduates
- Environmental educators
- Camp counselors
- Local/National K-12 STEM teachers

Less than the cost of one cup of coffee/quarter! – REEF Leadership

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: STUDENT MEDICAL EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (SMERF) INCREASE

The Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF) provides grant funding for students who are unable to cover the costs of medical procedures. This fee has not been increased since 2005.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$1.15 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer (Breakdown: \$0.49 catch up to inflation, \$0.51 return to aid, and \$0.15 administrative assessment), on top of the current SMERF fee of \$0.89 per quarter (including summer) to keep pace with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total SMERF fee will be \$2.04 per undergraduate per quarter (Breakdown: \$1.53 goes to the SMERF fund; \$0.51 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: The Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund (SMERF) provides direct financial assistance for students experiencing medical, dental, and mental health emergencies. We believe that UCSB students should never have to choose between paying for medical services and continuing their education. Over the years, the SMERF grant has helped hundreds of UCSB students facing unexpected medical emergencies to continue their path to graduation without the added stress of overdue medical bills. Reaffirming this fee helps retain a resource that provides necessary support for students like you when they need it most. 100% of lock-in-fee funding provided to the SMERF grant is awarded to students in need. There is no overhead cost for this program. – SMERF Leadership

PRO: Vote Yes. This is one of the few fee measures that's actually worth it. The SMERF increase is \$1.15/quarter, modest by any standard, for a fund that provides emergency grants to students who can't afford critical medical, dental, or mental health procedures. In 2024–25, 134 students received over \$86,000 in assistance from this fund. Medical emergencies don't check your bank account. SMERF makes sure no Gaucho has to choose between their health and their education. This is student fees working exactly the way they should: small contributions from everyone creating a safety net for anyone. Vote Yes. – Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: STUDENT HEALTH SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The Student Health Support Fee helps maintain current hours of operation and provides a wide range of medical services for students at UCSB Student Health Service. This fee has not been increased since 2006.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$8.43 (Breakdown: \$3.41 catch up to inflation, \$3.86 return to aid, and \$1.16 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$7.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total Student Health Support Fee will be \$15.43 per undergraduate per quarter (Breakdown: \$11.57 goes to Student Health, \$3.86 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The fee is in addition to the \$28.45 per undergraduate student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$24.45 for summer currently collected by Student Health through an Associated Students lock-in fee.

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Abstain

PRO: Lock-in fees provide Student Health with funds that support Social Work, Nursing visits for triage, and Alcohol and Drug Program services (now known as Addictive Behaviors & Recovery offered at Health & Wellness and CAPS). Social Work offers treatment for stress and mental health needs including crisis intervention, clinical assessments, counseling, and linkage to supportive resources. Nursing triage offers evaluation and guidance for basic health concerns and referrals to appropriate care, when needed. Addictive Behaviors & Recovery services including assessment, counseling, education, harm reduction supplies (such as Narcan and fentanyl test strips), and safety focused information related to alcohol, cannabis, nicotine, other substances, gaming, gambling, device or screen management, pornography, other addictive behaviors, and recovery supportive service. – SHS Staff

CON: Vote No. This measure adds \$8.43/quarter on top of the \$7.00 you already pay through this fee AND the \$28.45/quarter you pay through the separate AS lock-in fee for Student Health. If this passes, you're paying over \$43/quarter in supplemental Student Health fees, on top of UC SHIP or private insurance premiums you're already carrying. That's triple-dipping. The administration should be able to maintain services within the existing fee structure, which already provides substantial funding. And here's the kicker: once passed, this fee gets automatic annual COLA increases starting 2027. Your costs go up every single year without another vote. We should be asking why Student Health can't operate within its current budget before we agree to permanently escalating fees. Vote No. – Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP (SEAL) SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The SEAL Support Fee provides funding for one full-time staff position and programming money to 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. This fee has not been increased since 2006.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$2.10 (Breakdown: \$0.84 catch up to inflation, \$0.97 return to aid, and \$0.29 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, \$1.20 in summer (Breakdown: \$0.48 catch up to inflation, \$0.55 return to aid, and \$0.17 administrative assessment), on top of the current fee of \$1.75 (\$1.00 in summer), per undergraduate student per quarter in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total SEAL Support Fee will be \$3.85 (Breakdown: \$2.59 goes to the SEAL, \$0.97 goes to return to aid, and \$0.29 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment) per undergraduate per quarter, \$2.20 in summer (Breakdown: \$1.48 goes to SEAL, \$0.55 is for return to aid, and \$0.17 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

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.

_____ YES _____ NO ____ ABSTAIN

PRO: Student Engagement and Leadership (S.E.A.L) hosts over 550+ Registered Campus Organizations (RCOs) including Fraternities and Sororities to enrich the campus co-curricular experience. An increase of \$2.10 per quarter of the SEAL support fee is crucial to the robust variety of opportunities that student leaders can take advantage of. SEAL hosts an annual Student Leadership Retreat for RCO leaders to learn about campus resources and regulations and meet other RCO officers to foster intergroup interactions. All campus-ran events are verified through SEAL, along with campus partners. SEAL has the privilege to provide funding to offset costs for students to promote campus culture through cross-culture collaborations, performances, art and more. Without an increase in support fees, SEAL will not be able to contribute to the co-curricular opportunities and propel student leaders for future positions, which will create a campus culture that struggles to engage students outside of academia. – Makayla Wilson, SEAL Co-Lead Intern

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: EVENTS CENTER SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The Events Center fee supports the maintenance of, and improvements and upgrades to the Events Center and is administered by a student-majority governance board. The fee has not been increased since 2006.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$4.81 (Breakdown: \$1.94 catch up to inflation, \$2.21 return to aid, and \$0.66 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, excluding summer, on top of the current fee of \$4.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, excluding summer, in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total Events Center Support Fee will be \$8.81 per undergraduate per quarter, excluding summer (Breakdown: \$6.60 goes to the Events Center, \$2.21 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

This fee is in addition to the \$5.49 per undergraduate student per quarter currently collected by the Events Center through an AS lock-in fee.

_____ YES _____ NO ____ ABSTAIN

PRO: The Event Center, UCSB's largest indoor venue, has been a hub for campus life since 1979, hosting basketball and volleyball games, concerts, career fairs, and major student events. Voting Yes to reaffirm and increase this fee ensures the ECen remains a safe, modern, and accessible space for all Gauchos. The ECen provides the venue for large-scale performances and campus traditions, including concerts featuring artist such as Big Sean, Vince Staples, Childing Gambino, and Delirium lineups with Fitz and the Tantrums, Snoop Dogg, and DJ Mustard as well as notable exhibition like the Harlem Globetrotters. This fee supports essential infrastructure and maintenance, including ADA improvements, upgraded sound systems, and safety systems, while offering student hands-on employment experience in event operations.

Reaffirming this fee preserves a space that fosters school spirit, community engagement, and unforgettable student experiences each year. – Events Center Leadership

CON: Vote No. This measure more than doubles the Events Center support fee from \$4.00 to \$8.81, on top of the \$5.49/quarter already collected through an AS lock-in. Interior painting, new scoreboards, and building renovations are infrastructure costs that the university and Athletics department should cover through their own revenue, not through permanently escalating student fees. The Thunderdome hosts career fairs, concerts, and athletic events that generate revenue. Where does that money go? With the automatic COLA starting 2027, this fee only grows from here. Students shouldn't be the permanent bank for building maintenance that the university is responsible for. Vote No. – Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: UNIVERSITY CENTER SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The University Center Support fee provides funding for facilities maintenance, renovations, and student and staff salaries at the University Center. This fee has not been increased since 2006.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$18.05 (Breakdown: \$7.30 catch up to inflation, \$8.27 return to aid, and \$2.48 administrative assessment), \$10.84 in summer (Breakdown: \$4.39 catch up to inflation, \$4.96 return to aid, and \$1.49 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, on top of the current fee of \$15.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$9.00 in summer), in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total University Center Support Fee will be \$33.05 per undergraduate per quarter (Breakdown: \$24.78 goes to the University Center, \$8.27 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures) and \$19.84 in summer (Breakdown: \$14.88 goes to the University Center, \$4.96 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

This fee is in addition to the \$10.96 per undergraduate student quarterly fee currently collected by the University Center for programs and maintenance, and \$20.02 per undergraduate per quarter (\$13.35 in summer) for the University Center facility.

The University Center Support Fee is also up for reaffirmation. Failure to reaffirm the current fee negates the increase whether or not the increase passes.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

CON: Vote No on the increase. The UCen support fee reaffirmation is reasonable, continuing existing funding is fair. But the \$18.05/quarter increase is not. This is the single largest fee hike on the ballot and it includes a 10% admin assessment (\$2.48/quarter goes straight to campus administration) plus 25% return-to-aid. Only \$7.30 of the \$18.05 actually catches up with inflation. The rest goes to admin and financial aid, both worthy causes, but not what students are being told they're voting for. Read the breakdown. Vote No on the increase.

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP) STUDENT SERVICES FEE INCREASE

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Student Services Fee provides funding for holistic retention services that assist students in earning their degree and moving on to graduate or professional school or career. This fee has not been increased since 2009.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$4.86 (Breakdown: \$2.16 catch up to inflation, \$1.90 return to aid, and \$0.80 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$5.85 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total EOP Student Services fee will be \$10.71 per undergraduate per quarter (Breakdown: \$8.03 goes to EOP, \$2.68 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

EOP currently collects an additional \$3.05 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$2.50 in summer), through Associated Students for an emergency grant fund.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: For 60 years, the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) has provided holistic retention services to help students transition to UCSB, earn degrees, and pursue graduate studies. Our counseling and cultural resource centers serve ALL undergraduates, with a focus on first-generation and low-income students. The EOP student services fee supports out-of-class learning by:

1. Providing one-on-one counseling and group mentoring.
2. Maintaining student employment through peer-to-peer support and cultural programs.
3. Increasing academic, career, and leadership opportunities.
4. Co-sponsoring student-initiated events that connect students with faculty and the campus community.
5. Strengthening campus-wide programming to improve recruitment and graduation rates for underrepresented populations.

This fee ensures EOP can continue these essential academic, social, and cultural efforts for the entire campus community. Through dedicated advocacy and student-centered support, we remain committed to fostering an environment where every Gaucho can thrive. – EOP Leadership

CON: Vote No on the increase, not the program. EOP has served students for nearly 60 years and provides critical retention services. But a \$4.86/quarter increase (83% jump) with automatic annual COLA is a heavy ask. Of the \$4.86, only \$2.16 catches up with inflation, the rest is return-to-aid and admin overhead. These services matter, but the university should be finding ways to fund EOP through institutional budgets, not by escalating mandatory student fees year after year. Vote No. – Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: MULTICULTURAL CENTER (MCC) SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The MCC Support Fee provides funding for the maintenance, improvement, and operating costs of the MCC, including student employment and extended hours of operation. This fee has not been increased since 2014.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$4.49 (Breakdown: \$2.30 catch up to inflation, \$1.57 return to aid, and \$0.62 administrative assessment), \$3.50 in summer (Breakdown: \$1.90 catch up to inflation, \$1.13 return to aid, and \$0.47 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, on top of the current fee of \$8.52 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$7.06 in summer), in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total MCC Support Fee will be \$13.01 (Breakdown: \$9.75 goes to the MCC, \$3.26 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures) per undergraduate per quarter, \$10.56 in summer (Breakdown: \$7.92 goes to the MCC, \$2.64 goes to RTA, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

This fee is in addition to the \$5.31 (\$5.06 in summer) per undergraduate student quarterly fee currently collected by the MCC through an AS lock in fee.

The MCC Support Fee is also up for reaffirmation. Failure to reaffirm the current fee negates the increase whether or not the increase passes.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: The MCC Support Fee Increase, alongside reaffirming the current MCC Support Fee, helps sustain a shared community space where students can come together through educational programming, student engagement, community outreach, and professional development. It also supports facility upkeep, hours of operation, and student employment opportunities.

For over three decades, the MCC has been a go-to spot on campus for connection, dialogue, and shared learning. Each year, it hosts 50+ programs—including lectures, films, panels, art exhibits, and performances—open to all at no additional charge.

Reaffirming the current fee is essential—without it, the proposed increase cannot take effect. Supporting both ensures the MCC can continue and expand its impact.

The MCC provides students with spaces to study, host events, and build community. Voting yes on both measures helps the MCC keep showing up for students and strengthening a connected campus community.

-Thiana Aklirikou, Economics, '27, MCC Program Assistant & Renee Faulk, Political Science and Philosophy and Ethics of Public Policy, '26 MCC Council Chair

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: ARTS & LECTURES SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The Arts & Lectures Support Fee provides funding to support student discount tickets, student employment opportunities, classroom visits and master classes. This fee has not been increased since 2014.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$3.72 (Breakdown: \$1.72 catch up to inflation, \$1.44 return to aid, and \$0.56 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$6.24 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and add return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total Arts & Lectures Support Fee will be \$9.96 (Breakdown: \$7.46 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$2.50 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures) per undergraduate student per quarter. Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The fee is in addition to the \$5.68 per undergraduate student per quarter collected through campus fees.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

PRO: Arts & Lectures presents more than 150 events annually and makes them accessible to UCSB students through deeply discounted tickets, classroom visits, masterclasses, and workshops. These events not only provide the UCSB student body with unique cultural experiences but also support classroom learning.

A YES vote invests in the student experience by preserving and enhancing these services, allowing us to: 1) offer deeply discounted student tickets (typically 80% less than general public prices); 2) provide a wide variety of events at no extra cost; 3) offer student employment opportunities and internships for over 80 UCSB students annually; 4) foster meaningful student-artist interactions through educational outreach; and 5) bring influential thinkers, authors, and artists to campus, providing students with unique learning opportunities beyond the classroom. –Arts & Lectures

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: DAILY NEXUS INDEPENDENT STUDENT JOURNALISM SUPPORT FEE INCREASE

The Daily Nexus Independent Student Journalism Support Fee helps maintain the daily operating costs of hiring and training student staff, maintaining online coverage, and equipment costs of web, social media, print, podcast, and video news. This fee has not been increased since 2016.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$1.06 (Breakdown: \$0.64 catch up to inflation, \$0.27 return to aid, and \$0.15 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, on top of the current fee of \$2.93 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to catch up with inflation and maintain return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total Daily Nexus Independent Student Journalism Support fee will be \$3.99 per undergraduate per quarter (Breakdown: \$2.99 goes to the Nexus, \$1.00 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

The fee is in addition to the \$3.85 (\$1.00 in summer) per undergraduate per quarter currently collected through an AS lock-in fee.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

PRO: Vote Yes. The Nexus increase is \$1.06/quarter, pocket change for the most important accountability mechanism on this campus. The Daily Nexus is student-run, editorially independent, and covers the stories that the administration would rather you didn't read. This modest increase catches up with inflation since 2016 and helps maintain student staff hiring, equipment, and summer coverage. A campus without independent journalism is a campus where nobody's watching. Fund the watchdog. Vote Yes. – Sam Safahi, Undergraduate Student

SAVE STUDENT SERVICES: ISLA VISTA ARTS (IV ARTS) PROGRAMMING FEE

The Isla Vista Arts (IV Arts) Programming Fee allows IV Arts to offer free and low-cost student admission to plays, films, comedy shows, art exhibitions, and cultural opportunities. This fee has not been increased since 2010, though it was passed through the Campus Elections Commission process in 2024 at the same level it was discontinued through Associated Students.

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$1.05 (Breakdown: 0.65 catch up to inflation, \$0.27 return to aid, and \$0.13 administrative assessment) per undergraduate student per quarter, \$0.34 in summer (\$0.21 catch up to inflation, \$0.08 return to aid, and \$0.05 administrative assessment), on top of the current fee of \$2.14 per undergraduate student per quarter, \$0.70 in summer, in order to catch up with inflation and maintain return to aid?

If the increase passes, the total IV Arts Programming Fee fee will be \$3.19 per undergraduate per quarter (Breakdown: \$2.39 goes to IV Arts, \$0.80 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures) and \$1.04 in summer (Breakdown: \$0.78 goes to IV Arts, \$0.26 goes to return to aid, and a 10% administrative assessment will be charged on expenditures). Starting in fall 2027, the fee will be adjusted annually by COLA to keep pace with inflation. If passed, the entire fee will continue to be assessed until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ____ ABSTAIN

PRO: For more than twenty years, IV Arts has been at the heart of Isla Vista's cultural life. On Thursday and Monday nights, Magic Lantern Films brings students together for a mix of blockbuster hits, art films, and cult favorites like The Rocky Horror Picture Show with a live shadow cast. Fridays support IV Live, and a weekly comedy show by the Improvability student troupe, with themes ranging from The Anti-Valentine's Day Show to the 24 Hour Improv Marathon.

WORD Magazine, a triannual publication, showcases bold design and original stories drawn from across Isla Vista. IV Arts also presents rotating exhibitions in The Box at IV Theater, highlighting UCSB artists, and supports Nuestra Voz, a live theater program for Isla Vista teens mentored by UCSB students.

These programs create spaces for creativity, connection, and community. Your vote helps keep them accessible, student-driven, and thriving. Please support IV Arts. We'll keep Isla Vista lively. – IV Arts Leadership

VOTING OPEN APRIL 20-23, 2026

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 15, 2026, 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 (21.66% for undergraduates, 21.70% for graduates, and 21.66% for combined fees) 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 21.66% or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates or measures voted on by both graduates and undergraduates, 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 10% 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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