

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 \$15.09 per undergraduate and \$13.24 per graduate student per quarter.

If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2030.

___ YES ___ NO ___ ABSTAIN

A&L is requesting student support in order to maintain the level of programming and student subsidies (up to 83% off of the top tier general ticket price) currently available to all UCSB students. These funds will also enable A&L to continue to support technology-based services, including a mobile-based ticket platform for ticket purchases.

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

This fee enables Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) to continue meeting the mental health needs of undergraduate and graduate students through crisis intervention, ongoing individual and group therapy, and other services that support psychological well-being across the campus community. It supports suicide prevention initiatives and 24/7 phone counseling, and allows CAPS to maintain adequate clinical, peer, and support staffing to reduce wait times and ensure services are accessible and responsive to the varied backgrounds, experiences, and needs of the campus population.

*Fees subject to a COLA remain stagnant for five years. After five years, the compound rate of inflation/deflation over the previous five years is calculated and applied cumulatively to the fee.

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

This fee allows continued funding for the operation of intramurals, club sports, adventure programs, student events, and open recreation programs. The fee reduces participation costs for all students and provides employment opportunities for over 300 students annually.

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

This fee allows TGIF to support sustainability projects that reduce UCSB's impact on the environment. Overseen by a student-majority committee, projects are selected based on their ability to measurably reduce greenhouse gas emissions, waste, energy, and water use, and/or improve access to clean water, air, and healthy food on campus. Projects involve student participation and include public outreach/education.

Since its inception in 2006, TGIF has funded over 260 projects, including: sustainable & equitable food systems, waste & water reduction projects, solar projects, energy efficiency & decarbonization, sustainable lab assessments, and student internships to support these projects.

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

The Community Volunteer (CoVo) Foundation Fee allows for funding for students and community members who are looking to develop a volunteer service project on campus or in the surrounding communities. Originally established in 2006, the A.S. CoVo Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of all UCSB students by providing opportunities for community service and exposure to community issues, such as supporting non-profits and internships in philanthropy, youth outreach programming and education, and direct educational experiences for undergraduate students working with K-12 students.

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

The CLAS academic services fee will allow CLAS to maintain its current level of service, ensuring equal access to academic tutoring, such as tutorial groups, drop-in centers, evening hours of operation, as well as academic skills and exam review sessions.

*Fees subject to a COLA remain stagnant for five years. After five years, the compound rate of inflation/deflation over the previous five years is calculated and applied cumulatively to the fee.

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 (\$5.60 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

The MCC Support Fee allows the MCC to provide a shared community space that prioritizes educational programming, student engagement, community outreach, and professional development opportunities for all students and career staff from our diverse campus community. This fee also supports the maintenance, improvement, and operating costs of the MCC, including its hours of operation and ability to offer student employment.

The MCC presents approximately 50+ programs per year that include lectures, films, panel discussions, readings, art exhibits, plays, and musical performances. Events are open to the public, most at no additional charge. In addition, MCC facilities are available for students to use as a study/lounge space, reserve for meetings and programs, and prepare food for their events. These resources and services foster a mutually supportive relationship between the MCC, students, and the campus at large, while also serving as a bridge to the surrounding community.

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

The UCen support fee allows for facilities maintenance and renovation as well as student and employee salaries. It maintains utilities, such as information technology and wireless access, for the UCen and its satellite facilities, including meeting rooms, student organization space, dining and lounge areas, the MultiCultural Center, Associated Students area, and the Graduate Students Association lounge. The fee also allows the UCen to maintain services such as expanded regular hours of operation, including late-night hours during finals, special event offerings at no additional charge, and employment opportunities for 400-450 students annually.

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 Orfalea 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: \$4.45 goes to the Children's Center, \$1.66 goes to return to aid, and \$0.50 for 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.

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

Over 300 children, ages 3 months to 5 years, attend the UCSB Children's Center in the Student Resource Building and the UCSB Orfalea Family Children's Center on West Campus year-round. The accredited Centers provide full-day, high quality, early care and education, and family support services. Approximately 35% of the parents are UCSB students. Fee revenue supports facility operating funds for the two children's centers and UCSB students in the following ways:

- The fee allows UCSB student parents to receive substantial discounts off the faculty, staff, and community family child care tuition rate.
- The fee allows the Centers to employ approximately 150 undergraduate students each quarter, who gain valuable work experience and knowledge in education and child development.
- The Centers directly support UCSB students through opportunities in undergraduate and graduate research, course projects and observation assignments, and volunteer positions.

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: \$10.41 goes to Recreation, \$3.86 goes to return to aid, and \$1.16 is for 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.

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

This fee allows continued funding for the operation of intramurals, club sports, adventure programs, student events, and open recreation programs. The fee reduces participation costs for all students and provides employment opportunities for over 300 students annually.

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: \$3.86 goes to the TGIF fund: \$1.44 goes to return to aid, and \$0.43 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.

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

This fee allows TGIF to support sustainability projects that reduce UCSB's impact on the environment. Overseen by a student-majority committee, projects are selected based on their ability to measurably reduce emissions, waste, energy, and water use, and/or improve access to clean water, air, and healthy food on campus. Projects involve student participation and include public outreach/education.

Since its inception in 2006, TGIF has funded over 260 projects, including: sustainable & equitable food systems, waste reduction projects, solar projects, greenhouse gas emissions reduction efforts, sustainable lab assessments, and student internships to support these projects.

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: \$9.42 goes to the WGSE, \$3.50 goes to return to aid, and \$1.05 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment) 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

The Women, Gender, and Sexual Equity (WGSE) Support Fee helps maintain staff and programs provided by Campus Advocacy Resources and Education (CARE), the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD), the Women's Center, and Non-Traditional Student Services.

The fee helps maintain public spaces and online services and programs provided by these departments (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.

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: \$5.43 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$2.02 goes to return to aid, and \$0.60 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment) 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 fee is in addition to the \$5.68 per undergraduate student per quarter collected through campus fees.

_____YES _____NO _____ ABSTAIN

These funds will enable A&L to continue the significant ticket discounts currently available to all UCSB students and support technology-based services, including a mobile-based ticket platform for ticket purchases. A&L is requesting student support in order to maintain the level of programming and student subsidies (up to 83% off of the top tier general ticket price).

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: \$1.79 catch up to inflation, \$2.83 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: \$7.64 goes to the CAPS and Career (\$3.55 to CAPS and \$4.08 to Career), \$2.83 goes to return to aid, and \$0.85 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.

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

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) supports undergraduate and graduate students experiencing emotional distress or seeking personal support. Demand for services has increased significantly, and this funding helps maintain timely access to care and overall campus wellbeing. CAPS provides confidential individual counseling, therapy groups, workshops, crisis response, and brief consultations. Beyond direct care, CAPS partners with roommates, friends, parents, faculty, and staff to identify concerns early and connect students to appropriate resources. Students also have access to 24/7 phone consultation and crisis support, ensuring help is available anytime.

Career Services assists students with career, major, and graduate/professional school exploration; to manage Handshake to support student access to jobs and internships; and to provide access to professional skill-building workshops and connections to recruiting employers through information sessions, and career fairs. Specifically, these fees support one career counselor/coach, one employer outreach manager, a budget for marketing new online career tools (ex. Handshake), and the free 12-month grace period for students after graduation.

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: \$6.87 goes to Health & Wellness, \$2.55 goes to return to aid, and \$0.76 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.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

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 wellness topics such as stress management, sleep hygiene, nutrition and body image, positive psychology, and sexual health.

Health & Wellness staff and interns facilitate over 90 programs per quarter. These programs include skill building for healthy living, body image, and eating disorder awareness, ensuring access to sexual health education, and teaching/practicing meditation. If passed, this increase will allow Health & Wellness to continue providing access to weekly programming (e.g., massages, fruit baskets, condoms) to all students at no additional cost. This fee preserves Health & Wellness services and helps UCSB students continue to thrive academically, physically, socially, and emotionally.

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: \$3.37 goes to REEF, \$0.38 for administrative assessment, and \$1.25 for return-to-aid). 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

This campaign would secure long-term, critically needed financial support for UCSB's Research Experience & Education Facility or "The REEF". Previously, The Reef was supported through private philanthropy, and federal and UC funding. Due to the loss of these funding avenues, The REEF is at risk of closing. Located at Campus Point, The REEF is a teaching aquarium and UCSB highlight, with a mission to connect the ocean to people from all backgrounds and to train our future leaders in marine science and conservation. Annually, The REEF provides educational resources to ~3,000 undergraduates through diverse course offerings and welcomes an additional ~2,000 visitors, from the wider Santa Barbara community, to experience the ocean through our free "Open Door" program.

Since 2004, The REEF has provided experiential learning for students across campus, with employment positions for UCSB undergraduates and docents. Each year, dozens of undergraduates gain valuable training in marine and aquarium science, educational outreach, animal husbandry, and operational management. These paid positions give our trainees skills that lead to success in graduate and professional school admissions and job applications in K-12 STEM education, environmental non-profits, and major public aquariums.

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 inflation adjustment, \$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: \$1.38 goes to the SMERF fund; \$0.51 goes to return to aid, and \$.015 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.

_____ YES _____ NO _____ ABSTAIN

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, mental health, 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 career staff representing several student services on campus (UCSB Financial Aid, Social Work, Student Mental Health Coordination Services, EOP, Disabled Students Program). The board meets bi-weekly to review student requests. During the 2024/25 academic year, 134 students applied for a grant from the SMERF fund and received a total of \$86,355 toward their medical, dental, mental health, and optical emergencies.

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: \$10.41 goes to Student Health, \$3.86 goes to return to aid, and \$1.16 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.

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

Student Health Service (SHS) is designed specifically to serve UCSB students to support their success. This fee helps maintain current hours of operation and offset rising costs of healthcare and provide a wide range of medical services, including: primary care, clinical nurse consultation, various medical specialists, psychiatry, pharmacy, laboratory and x-ray, immunizations, and social work. This fee also allows students to access the advice nurse, addictive behaviors and recovery, and social work services, regardless of insurance type.

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

This fee provides funding for a variety of programming benefitting all students. First-year programs assist freshmen, transfers, new graduate students in making a successful transition to university life at UCSB. Leadership development provides theoretical and practical leadership development opportunities for students. SEAL provides advising and administrative support to more than 550 Registered Campus Organizations and fraternity and sorority chapters. Funds from After Dark are awarded to groups who host student-initiated, non-alcohol centered, alternative social programs. University Awards were established to recognize graduating seniors and graduate students who have demonstrated excellence during their time at UCSB.

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: \$5.94 goes to the Events Center, \$2.21 goes to return to aid, and \$0.66 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.

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

The Events Center, better known as the “Thunderdome,” is the largest indoor venue available on the Central Coast and hosts a variety of activities including intramural sports, Exercise & Sport Studies classes, intercollegiate basketball/volleyball, career fairs, and Associated Students Program Board concerts.

It was built in 1979 and requires ongoing upkeep and improvement. The support fee has provided funding for a new sound system, a new scoreboard and video board, interior/exterior painting, a new ticket booth, ADA-compliant restrooms, replacement of the main hardwood playing floor, replacement of the fire alarm system, termite treatment of wood structures, and an almost full replacement of heating and ventilation systems. If reaffirmed, future projects may include the replacement of existing upper hardwood playing courts, renovation of restrooms, and improved seating. Reaffirmation of this support fee will continue to help pay for facility upgrades, capital improvements, and ongoing maintenance costs. The student-majority Events Center Governance Board approves all support fee expenditures.

The Events Center fee collected through Associated Students and this Events Center Support Fee collectively represent 75% of the annual Events Center budget.

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: \$22.30 goes to the University Center, \$8.27 goes to return to aid, and \$2.48 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment) and \$19.84 in summer (Breakdown: \$13.39 goes to the University Center, \$4.96 goes to return to aid, and \$1.49 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.

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

The UCen support fee allows for facilities maintenance and renovation as well as student and employee salaries at the University Center. It maintains utilities, such as information technology and wireless access, for the UCen and its satellite facilities, including meeting rooms, student organization space, dining and lounge areas, the MultiCultural Center, Associated Students area, and the Graduate Students Association lounge. The fee also allows the UCen to maintain services such as expanded regular hours of operation, including late-night hours during finals, special event offerings at no additional charge, and employment opportunities for 400-450 students annually.

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: \$7.23 goes to the EOP, \$2.68 goes to return to aid, and \$0.80 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.

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

For almost 60 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, advising and counseling services as well as cultural resource center programming and services are open to all undergraduate students.

The 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 counselors and student staff; 2) Maintaining student employment opportunities through peer-to-peer and cultural services programs; 3) Sustaining and increasing academic, career, and leadership development 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.

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: \$8.77 goes to the MCC, \$3.26 goes to return to aid, and \$0.98 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment) per undergraduate per quarter, \$10.56 in summer (Breakdown: \$7.13 goes to the MCC, \$2.64 goes to RTA, and \$0.79 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.

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

The MCC Support Fee allows the MCC to provide a shared community space that prioritizes educational programming, student engagement, community outreach, and professional development opportunities for all students and career staff from a diverse group of marginalized communities. This fee also supports the maintenance, improvement, and operating costs of the MCC, including its hours of operation and ability to offer student employment.

The MCC presents approximately 50+ programs per year that include lectures, films, panel discussions, readings, art exhibits, plays, and musical performances. Events are open to the public, and most incur no additional charges. In addition, MCC facilities are available for students to use as a study/lounge space, reserve for meetings and programs, and prepare food for their events. These resources and services foster a mutually supportive relationship between the MCC, students, and the campus at large, while also serving as a bridge to the surrounding community.

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: \$6.71 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$2.50 goes to return to aid, and \$0.75 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment) 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

Each year, Arts & Lectures presents over 150 events including films, lectures, residency workshops, and performances by world-class artists and influential speakers. Notable figures have included: Joe Biden, Jake Shimabukuro, Trevor Noah, Yo-Yo Ma, Jeff Goldblum, Tarana Burke, and Samantha Bee.

With continued support, Arts & Lectures can maintain: an array of events to students with discounted ticket prices (up to 65% off the general ticket price); a selection of performances, lectures, and films (approximately 20 events a year) at no additional cost to students; student employment opportunities; and classroom visits, master classes, meet-the-artists discussions, and workshops with visiting artists and lecturers.

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: \$2.69 goes to the Nexus, \$1.00 goes to return to aid, and \$0.30 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.

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

The Daily Nexus is an independent, student-run, daily online news source with a weekly print edition that provides news of interest to the UCSB community relating to political events, crime, business, sports, as well as arts and entertainment. The Daily Nexus also provides students with real-life journalism experience to express their opinions and report on current events.

The fee will be used to help maintain the daily operating costs of hiring and training student staff members, strengthening their professional development (such as annual media conferences), maintaining summer online coverage, and sponsoring travel for students to report on critical news. The fee will also be used to purchase new equipment to create and distribute news through web, social media, print, podcast, and video presentation.

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, less the administrative assessment, of \$2.14 per undergraduate student per quarter, \$0.67 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: \$2.15 goes to IV Arts, \$0.80 goes to return to aid, and \$0.24 goes to the campus as an administrative assessment) and \$1.04 in summer (Breakdown: \$0.70 goes to IV Arts, \$0.26 goes to return to aid, and \$0.08 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.

___ YES ___ NO ____ ABSTAIN

Since 2004, Isla Vista Arts has been sponsoring plays, films, live comedy shows, creative publications, art exhibitions, and other cultural opportunities to provide a vibrant cultural life for UCSB students and local community members. Funding from this ballot initiative will allow IV Arts to continue to offer free and low-cost student admission to all IV Arts programs, including, but not limited to: Magic Lantern Films (including the popular Rocky Horror Picture Show), WORD: Isla Vista Arts & Culture Magazine, IV Live, Shakespeare in the Park, and the summer theater camp Nuestra Voz. Funding will also support the production expenses of IV Arts programming as well as its staff positions.

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!

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

All registered students are invited to submit written statements of support or opposition for publication during Week 3. Pro/Con statements must include the author's name and be submitted electronically to emmaparker@ucsb.edu by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Statements are limited to 150 words and will be distributed via e-mail, on the Campus Elections Commission Website, and elsewhere on campus.

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.

This voter information guide has been produced by the Campus Elections Commission. The commission, which comprises 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 Student or Graduate Students Association elections.