

2011 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

April 18 - 21

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Online Spring Election 2011

*** 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.*

NEW FEES

Graduates and undergraduates vote on this measure:

Recreation Facility Enhancements

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$15.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to provide funds for installation and maintenance of all weather turf on approximately seven 100x60yard multiuse Storke play fields and a 1.5 acre Lacrosse field? The fee will also assist the campus in the repair of the Robertson Gymnasium roof. (\$11.25 goes to Recreational Sports, \$3.75 is for return to aid (out of the \$11.25 program fee to Recreational Sports, a 6% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures)) This new fee is in addition to the:

- \$5.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) collected through an A.S. lock-in fee for intramurals,
- \$11.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer) collected through an A.S. lock-in fee for recreational sports,
- \$7.00 per student per quarter (including summer) collected through a campus lock-in fee for recreational sports,
- \$24.68 per student per quarter (including summer) collected through a campus lock-in fee for RecCen 1 & aquatic center, and
- \$34.50 per student per quarter (including summer) collected through a campus lock-in fee for RecCen 2,

for a total of \$82.18 per undergraduate student per quarter and \$66.18 per graduate student per quarter, currently collected to support recreation and associated facilities.

If passed, the Recreation Facility Enhancements fee would begin fall 2011, be collected for 33 years without reaffirmation, and raise the total undergraduate and graduate per student quarterly fees for recreation and associated facilities to \$97.18 (for undergraduates) and \$81.18 (for graduates) (fall, winter, spring, and summer).

_____ Yes _____ No

The fee covers the debt service on the money borrowed to install the turf (a 30-year bond), and, for the first three years of collection, all planning, design and other costs associated with the project and a portion of the cost of repair of Robertson Gymnasium roof. It is anticipated that the Robertson Gymnasium roof repair will begin as soon as possible and that turf installation and lighting will be completed in the 2013/2014 academic year, with on-going restoration and maintenance (including replacement of worn turf in ~15 years) for the remainder of the term of the fee. A student advisory board will oversee all expenditures, scheduling and appropriations of the project.

Only undergraduates vote on these three measures:

University Center (UCen) Third Floor Student Study Space Renovation and Support Fee

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$14.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to renovate and create additional study space on the third floor of the UCen and supplement operating and maintenance costs of the entire UCen (\$10.50 goes to the UCen, \$3.50 is for return to aid (out of the \$10.50 program fee to the UCen, a 6% administrative assessment will be charged to all non-capital expenditures)) The fee is in addition to the:

- \$6.00 per student per quarter collected through a campus lock-in fee,
- \$20.02 per student per quarter collected through a campus lock-in fee,
- \$9.00 per student per quarter collected through a campus lock-in fee,
- \$6.00 per student per quarter collected through an A.S. lock-in fee,

for a total of \$41.02 per student per quarter, currently collected to support the University Center.

If passed, the University Center (UCen) Third Floor Study Space Renovation and Support Fee would begin fall 2011, be collected for 27 years (the length of the term of the bond) without reaffirmation, and raise the total per student per quarter undergraduate fees to support the University Center to \$55.02 (fall, winter, spring, and summer).

_____ Yes _____ No

The area to be renovated would include the area above the main lobby ("The Loft"). It will contain computer and study lounges, small meeting rooms for group study, student organization storage and work space, restroom renovations, and a roof-top patio overlooking the lagoon and ocean. If the project passes, the UCen will commit additional existing funds to once again open the UCen on Sundays and keep it open until midnight throughout the week with Nicoletti's again available to serve late night studiers. Only minor changes in plans for this space may be made and are subject to the approval of the student-majority University Center Governance Board to ensure that the project stays within the original scope and intent.

D.A.R.E. (Developing Athletics Resources and Facilities Enhancement)

Do you approve a mandatory fee of \$44.50 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to develop and enhance campus athletics facilities (\$33.37 goes to Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA), \$11.13 is for return to aid (out of the \$33.37 program fee to ICA, a 6% administrative assessment will be charged on all non-capital expenditures)) The fee is in addition to the: \$34.30 per undergraduate student per quarter (fall, winter and spring) and \$22.50 for summer currently collected through a campus lock-in fee. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2011, be collected for 30 years (the length of the term of the bond) without reaffirmation, and raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fees for ICA and athletic facility enhancements to \$78.80 (fall, winter and spring) and \$67.00 for summer.

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The fee will provide funding to replace the existing Campus Pool with phase one of a new 65-meter competition aquatics center, including pool, decking, operating system, fencing, seating and replacement of basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, tennis courts and playground equipment which will be relocated to accommodate the pool. Additionally, the fee will fund minor capital improvements and annual maintenance projects to multi-use venues such as, but not limited to: Pauley Track, Caesar Uyesaka Stadium, UCSB Softball Stadium, Robertson Gym, and Harder Stadium.

Arts & Lectures Support Fee Increase

Do you approve a mandatory fee increase of \$4.24 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to support Arts & Lectures (\$3.18 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$1.06 is for return to aid (out of the \$3.18 program fee to Arts & Lectures, a 6% administrative assessment will be charged on all non-capital expenditures)) The fee is in addition to the:

- \$2.00 per student per quarter collected through a campus lock-in fee (currently up for reaffirmation), and
- \$2.00 per student per quarter collected through an A.S. lock-in fee,

for a total of \$4.00 per student per quarter, currently collected to support Arts & Lectures.

If passed, the fee would begin fall 2011, be subject to joint reaffirmation (base fee of \$2.00 collected through a campus lock-in fee, plus increase of \$4.24 = \$6.24) in spring 2015, and raise the total undergraduate per student quarterly fees for this service to \$8.24 (fall, winter, spring and summer). Failure of the reaffirmation of the campus lock-in base fee of \$2.00 negates the increase whether or not the increase passes.

_____ Yes _____ No

For the spring 2011 election, Arts & Lectures is requesting additional student support to ensure the livelihood of our program and to maintain its accessibility to UCSB students. Each year, Arts & Lectures presents over 150 films, lectures, and performances by world-class artists and influential speakers to the campus community, including such notable figures as His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Steve Martin, Ziggy Marley, John Cleese, Yo-Yo Ma, Jack Johnson, Jon Stewart, and Bill Nye the Science Guy. Over the past several years, Arts & Lectures has consistently kept student ticket prices low even though artist and speaker fees and event costs have risen dramatically. For this election, Arts & Lectures is requesting an increase in student support to directly subsidize student benefits related to programming.

With this additional support, Arts & Lectures can continue to offer 1) an exceptional array of events to students with significantly discounted ticket prices (up to 65% of the general ticket price); 2) a selection of free performances, lectures and films (up to 20 events a year); 3) student employment opportunities; 4) classroom visits, master classes, meet-the-artists discussions and workshops with visiting artists and lecturers; and 5) student access to some of the world's best artists and speakers. The fee support also means that UCSB students have exclusive access to low UCSB student ticket prices and free UCSB student events.

THE ELECTION IS ONLINE!

How to vote: Go to <https://survey.ucsb.edu/elections/>, and follow the directions. The link is also provided on the UCSB GOLD system when you log in. You may vote on any computer with Internet access. Public access computer banks are located at the SRB, UCen, Davidson Library, and many residence halls. Any difficulty voting should be reported to elections@survey.ucsb.edu.

These campus-wide measures will be on the ballot along with candidates for A.S. offices and A.S. fee reaffirmation items. Graduate students will vote on a separate ballot. Be sure to be a registered student by April 15, 2011, to be eligible to vote!

REAFFIRMATIONS

Only undergraduates vote on these three measures:

Arts & Lectures Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$2.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, mandatory fee that will enable Arts & Lectures to maintain the current programs and discounts it provides to UCSB students? This fee is in addition to the \$2.67 (\$2.00 goes to Arts & Lectures, \$0.67 is for return to aid) per undergraduate student per quarter collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee will be collected for four years and be subject to reaffirmation in 2015.

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Each year, Arts & Lectures presents over 150 films, lectures, and performances by world-class artists and influential speakers to the campus community. Past notable figures have included: His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Steve Martin, Ziggy Marley, John Cleese, Yo-Yo Ma, Jack Johnson, Jon Stewart, and Bill Nye the Science Guy. This fee support also allows Arts & Lectures to advance and enrich our mission of creating an environment in which cultural creativity and scholastic exchange can flourish in our community and on campus.

Over the past several years, Arts & Lectures has consistently kept student ticket prices low even though artist and speaker fees and event costs have risen dramatically. This mandatory fee will directly subsidize student benefits related to programming and allow A&L to continue to provide: 1) an exceptional array of events to students with significantly discounted ticket prices (up to 65% of the general ticket price); 2) a selection of free performances, lectures and films (up to 20 events a year); 3) student employment opportunities; 4) classroom visits, master classes, meet-the-artists discussions and workshops with visiting artists and lecturers; and 5) student access to some of the world's best artists and speakers. The fee support also means that UCSB students have exclusive access to low UCSB student ticket prices and free UCSB student events.

Events Center Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$4.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory fee to help meet the ongoing maintenance and facility improvement costs of the Events Center? This fee is in addition to the \$4.00 (\$3.00 goes to the Events Center, \$1.00 is for return to aid) per undergraduate per quarter, including summer, collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee will be collected for four years and be subject to reaffirmation in 2015.

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The Events Center, better known as the "Thunderdome", is the largest indoor venue available on the central coast. It was built in 1979 and requires on-going upkeep and improvement. The support fee has provided funding for: a new sound system, new backboards/rims, interior/exterior painting, new ticket booth, ADA restrooms, and partial replacement of heating and ventilation systems. If renewed, future projects may include: replacement of existing hardwood playing courts, installation of large-screen video boards, improved seating, expanded restrooms and further replacement of heating and ventilation systems. The Events Center also hosts a variety of activities including: intramurals, Exercise & Sport Studies classes, intercollegiate basketball/volleyball and Associated Students Program Board concerts. Renewal of this support fee will continue to help pay for student salaries, 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 represent 75% of the annual Events Center budget.

Office Of Student Life Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$1.75 per undergraduate student per quarter mandatory fee (\$1.00 in summer), for the Office of Student Life (OSL)? This fee supports a variety of campus activities open to all students, including: First-Year Programs, Leadership Development, Registered Campus Organizations (including Fraternities and Sororities), After Dark (student-initiated, non-alcohol centered, social programming), and University Awards. This fee is in addition to the \$2.00 (\$1.50 goes to OSL, \$0.50 is for return to aid) per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee will be collected for four years and be subject to reaffirmation in 2015.

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This fee provides funding for one full-time staff position and programming money to support the above listed services which are open to all students. The Office of First-Year Programs assists freshmen, transfers and new graduate students in making a successful transition to university life at UCSB. Leadership Development provides theoretical and practical leadership development opportunities for students pursuing a life of professional, social and personal leadership. OSL provides advising and administrative support to more than 350 registered groups (including clubs, sororities and fraternities). After Dark's Late Nite Social Programming Fund\$ awards grants to groups who host student-initiated alternative social programs.

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. 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 fee applies to undergraduate and graduate student fees.

Definition of ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT: The administrative assessment, 6% 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. The assessment is used by the campus to cover the administrative costs of collecting, accounting, and disbursing the student-imposed mandatory campus fees. The assessment applies to undergraduate and graduate student fees.

Graduates and undergraduates vote on these two measures:

University Children's Center Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, mandatory fee to provide UCSB student families continued subsidies for child care tuition and to provide facility operating funds to support the Orfalea Family Children's Center (West Campus) and the University Children's Center at the Student Resource Building? The fee is in addition to the \$5.50 per undergraduate student per quarter (\$4.50 in summer) and \$3.00 per graduate student per quarter (\$2.00 in summer) collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee will be collected for four years and be subject to reaffirmation in 2015.

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Fee revenue supports two children's centers on the UCSB campus. Nearly 180 children, ages 3 months to 5 years, attend the Orfalea Family Children's Center on West Campus and over 50 infants and toddlers are served at The University Children's Center, located in the Student Resource Building. The centers, open year round, are accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs and are committed to providing high quality early care and education.

- Approximately 45% of the families served by the Center are UCSB undergraduate and graduate students and approximately 50% are UCSB staff and faculty families.
- In addition, the centers serve the general UCSB student community as an employer of more than 100 undergraduate students each quarter who gain work experience and knowledge, especially in the areas of education and child development. The centers also support the University's academic mission by providing a site for research and observation projects.
- The supplemental fee results in significantly lower rates for student families, supporting affordability of this service. For example, the monthly infant rate is \$1375 for non-UCSB community families, \$1230 for faculty/staff, and \$750 for student families. Monthly rates for preschool enrollment are \$1020 for non-UCSB community families, \$915 for faculty/staff, and \$495 for student families.

Coastal Fund Initiative

Do you wish to continue a \$3.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter (excluding summer) mandatory fee to help promote sustainability and awareness of the campus-adjacent coast? This fee is in addition to the \$3.33 (\$2.50 goes to the Coastal Fund, \$0.83 is for return to aid) per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, collected through Associated Students. If reaffirmed, the fee would be collected for four years and be subject to reaffirmation in 2015.

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First passed in 1999, this initiative supports Coastal Fund proposals to preserve, protect, and enhance the terrestrial and marine habitats associated with the shoreline of UCSB through preservation, education, open access, research, and restoration. Campus organizations, community groups, individual students, and departments are able to submit quarterly proposals to the all-student Coastal Fund board of directors for funding. Proposals are approved based on the merits of the projects, benefits to the student and campus community, and consistency with the mission statement. The Coastal Fund is administered under the auspices of Associated Students with the oversight of the A.S. Legislative Council.

Examples of expenditures have included funding local water quality monitoring and urban runoff water pollution filtration systems; quarterly stipends for student interns working with local, large scale coastal restoration projects; development and installation of coastal related interpretive signs; and capital improvements such as coastal access stairways and coastal trail pathways such as the West Campus Bluffs at UCSB. Funding also provides funds each quarter to student organizations for participation in the Coastal Service Program for coastal community service such as beach and street clean ups, restoration, and tree planting activities. This initiative will continue to address unmet needs consistent with the Coastal Act and UCSB's Long Range Development Plan.

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

All registered students are invited to submit written statements of support or opposition for publication in the *Daily Nexus*. Pro/Con statements must include the author's name and be submitted electronically to suzanne.perkin@sa.ucsb.edu by 5 pm on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Statements are limited to 350 words and will appear in the *Daily Nexus* on Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the election to be considered valid. A reaffirmation fails if 60% + one of the voters vote "no." A sliding scale based on the 5-year average voter turnout (30.84 percent for undergraduates, 29.82 percent for undergraduates and graduate students combined) is used to determine whether an initiative passes. If there is a 20 percent voter turnout, two thirds of those voting must support the measure. If the turnout is 30.84 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 29.82 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and graduate students, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass.

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