

Campus Elections

Spring 2004 Campus Election Fee Measures

MEASURE 12: Student Voice and Empowerment Fee

QUESTION:

Shall the undergraduates of UCSC assess themselves \$.50 per quarter permanently through the Student Voice and Empowerment Fee to fund the Student Committee on Committees (SCOC). This will enable SCOC to ensure student representation and voice on major campus committees, ensure communication with and between student representatives on committees, and facilitate campuswide outreach for available positions?

SUMMARY POINTS:

- Establishes a new undergraduate compulsory fee of \$.50 per quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2004, permanent fee (no ending date).
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in the fall, winter and spring quarters, and to undergraduates enrolled in State-funded summer programs.
- Fee will generate approximately \$19,630 in 2004-2005.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly.

DISCUSSION:

The Student Committee on Committees (SCOC) is a committee of the UCSC undergraduate student government, the Student Union Assembly (SUA). The SCOC council is composed of eleven members. One member is the SUA Internal Vice Chair (IVC), who is elected during campuswide elections. The other ten members are appointed by the college student governments; one member comes from each student government.

The Student Committee on Committees presently receives a small amount of funding through the SUA budget and through registration fees. This budget is insufficient to carry out our mission of student voice and empowerment through committee representation. Additionally, the SUA budget and registration fee budgets are expected to decrease next year, which would result in a reduction in SCOC's budget. If this fee increase is approved, \$.50 per quarter will go to the Student Committee on Committees to augment the existing budget and ensure that students are represented on all major decision-making and advisory committees to:

- 16% Fund campuswide outreach, recruitment, and operational costs of the SCOC;
- Provide small stipend to committee representatives, provided they account and verify all time spent in committee meetings. These representatives would be required to attend all meetings of their committee, respond promptly to student inquiries about their committee, attend the quarterly Cross Committee Communication Caucus (C^4) meetings, make regular reports about the activities of their committee, participate in SUA and SCOC committees relating to their committee's subjects, and maintain a detailed binder about their committee's work in the SUA office. This money can also be spent on general SCOC outreach if not needed for stipends;
- 6% Facilitate the operation of the C^4 so that representatives can have fora to share issues and concerns with other students on committees and with campus student governments;
- 47% Fund stipends for SCOC officers, interns, and council and to coordinate the internal business of the SCOC; and

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