

MEASURE 26: Recreation Programs

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for a variety of UCSC Recreation Programs (including trips, clubs, vehicles, the Fall Festival, holistic health, and leadership) by establishing a new, permanent fee of \$4.00 per student, per quarter, beginning Fall 2006?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$4.00 per student per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (or \$1.00 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2006 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$180,000 (of which \$45,000 will go to Financial Aid).
- The fee income will go to the Recreation Department under the management of the Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS).
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association.

BALLOT STATEMENT

The Recreation Programs fee will provide funding for (but not limited to) the following:

- Increase scholarships, because every student deserves to participate in Recreation Programs regardless of her or his financial circumstances.
- Provide co-sponsored trips for Registered Campus Organizations, Residential Life, Graduate Student Association, and International Living Center.
- Replace current 15-passenger vans with a sustainable fleet of safe, bio-diesel vans.
- Preserve the tradition of Fall Festival, which is attended by over 3,000 students and benefits over 170 student organizations.
- Support 20 student recreation clubs by providing student scholarships and helping clubs sponsor special events, clinics, and campus for students.
- Expand the Holistic Health classes and certification program in response to student demand.
- Reinstate the Outdoor Leadership Program to offer classes,

workshops, and internships for students to develop technical and interpersonal skills necessary for leading and facilitation groups.

ENDORSEMENTS

Campus Sustainability Council
The Graduate Student Association (GSA)
Sierra Institute

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

As a senior looking back on my college experience three events stand out as life changing... Wilderness Orientation, the Grand Canyon and Escalante spring break trips. The Recreation Program has given me the confidence in myself to know that I will succeed outside of UCSC. Thank you Rec. Department, and thank you rec. leaders and all who have helped me see the joy in life. Sorry for the cheesy message, but its from the heart.

Brad Anderson
Student

Because of the Recreation department I feel like I have taken full advantage of my freshman year. Through activities like Wilderness Orientation and the variety of classes such as surfing and adventure trips I have gained friends, experience, confidence, and, overall, perspective. The Recreation Department helps show me more of the beauty of Santa Cruz. I really believe it's the heart of UCSC. The Rec. creates the possibility to try new things, explore new places, and get to know amazing people along the way. The people involved with the Rec. create a wonderful sense of community where you can share a love for the outdoors.

Lisa Gerencher
Freshman

As a volunteer in the Rec Office this year I've come to appreciate the spirit of adventure that motivates all the hard work and planning that goes into every trip and class. The attitude that the staff brings to all of their activities makes them really special, not just field trips but real memories, ways to make new friends and opportunities to try something new. With their enthusiasm and love of life the staff adds a bit of magic to everything they do, and they're ready to share that with anyone who wants to be part of it; that, to me, is something really special.

Beacher Schneider
Volunteer

As a first year RA the Recreation Department has been a huge resource by

helping me meet all of my programming needs this year. To date the Rec. Dept has co-sponsored an Indoor Rock Climbing session, a Sea Kayaking Trip, a White Water Rafting Trip, and a personalized Backpacking Trip with my res hall. All of these events have been a huge success with an average of 15 people in attendance. Unfortunately because of monetary requirements, and a small staff, the Rec Dept is not able to approach RA's and help them plan trips, the RA's have to come to them. This referendum would make a huge difference in the Rec. Dept's ability to outreach to RA's and get first year students involved. I know it has been a raving success for my residents, it would be awesome if all students could have the same opportunity. Vote yes on 26!

David Will

Residential Assistant

Over the past two years I have been a student in the Seibukan Jujutsu Club under the guidance of Sensei Jose Miguel Rosas (also a student). Our club is just one of many Recreation Clubs at UCSC. During this time I have had the opportunity to learn self defense skills, challenge myself to break through self-limiting beliefs and build a network of new friends that will last a lifetime. All of these experiences have been facilitated by the opportunity provided by the Recreation Program. Often the Seibukan Jujutsu club felt like an oasis where I was able to escape the pressures of papers, reading assignments and endless hours in the library. It has helped me and my fellow students maintain a balance between scholastic achievement and the development physical excellence. The UCSC Recreation Program, through its leadership and their support provides many various and diverse clubs. I recognize and support the Recreation Program and especially a YES vote for Measure 26...

Adam Ohsberg

Student

In support of the Referendum for Recreation: I have led Wilderness Outings for the Recreation Department, and I support the good work of OPERS. Having read participant evaluations, the vast majority of students report enjoying their trips, getting what they wanted to out of them (relaxation, learning, a new skill or experience that they could not have afforded outside the university (e.g., whitewater rafting)), and, that they feel more included in community at Santa Cruz. It is certainly true for me personally, as a graduate student, that I feel more settled in a community having found the wilderness outings program. And, having driven the 15-person vans, I can also vouch for the utility of replacing them with a fleet of safe, bio-diesel vans.

Thank you,

Joanna Nelson

PhD student, Environmental Studies department