

Measure B
1994-95

College Student Government Fee

QUESTION: Shall the undergraduate students of UCSC repeal the existing College Membership Fee of \$10 per student per quarter and replace it with a College Student Government Fee of \$10 per student per quarter to be allocated by separate student governments organized at each college rather than by existing college procedures?

DISCUSSION: The measure requires a simple majority of a minimum voting pool of at least 20% of the student body. The measure was placed on the ballot through the Student Union Assembly. The measure designates the College membership Fee as a College Student Government Fee, of \$10 per student per quarter, effective Fall Quarter 1995. The original College membership Fee was \$8 per student per quarter, and became effective Fall 1965. The increase from \$8 per student per quarter to \$10 per student per quarter was approved in the 1982 elections.

The intent of this measure is to establish that the separate college student governments will determine the purposes for which these funds will be expended. These fees shall continue to be the principal source of funds to carry out diverse programs and activities such as, but not limited to, orientation programs, college nights, support for college student organizations, college newsletters, concerts, lectures, films, dances, and college graduation ceremonies in each of the colleges. These fees may be expended only for purposes directly related to the University or the college and for the benefit of the student body. In addition, the funds may not be expended directly or indirectly for political, ideological, as defined by *Smith v Regents*, or religious purposes or for bail or legal expenses in connection with criminal proceedings. Allocation for fall quarter college programs must be approved for expenditure during the preceding spring quarter to allow sufficient time for college program planning and preparation. Beginning fall quarter, 1995, unspent balances will carryover to the next year's student government, unless otherwise provided for in the college government constitution. For the purposes of this measure, a college student government is defined according to the conditions delineated in the individual student government constitutions. In the event that a college student government is not formed by the third week of fall quarter in a given year, it becomes the responsibility of the college administration to make allocation decisions until such time as a student government is formed.

These funds shall be deposited with the University. The individual college administrations shall retain responsibility for fiscal management of these monies to insure that all expenditures are consistent with University policies and campus regulations, are not in violation of any state or federal law, and that they follow accepted business and accounting practices and methods of accountability as approved by the University Accounting and Auditing Offices.

In accordance with section 64.007 of the Rule Book, each college student government shall prepare at the beginning of each quarter, a detailed summary of funds allocated during the previous quarter including the purpose for which they were allocated and to whom. A report shall be prepared at the beginning of fall quarter and shall include all expenditures for the previous year. Copies shall be made available for public inspection.

If this measure does not pass, the College Membership Fees shall continue to be allocated, as is currently the case within the separate college structures.

Note: This initiative was also on the ballot in 1993-94 and 1992-93, but did not pass in the first two attempts.