



Campus Elections

Spring 2003 Campus Election Fee Measures

MEASURE 8: Campus Student Government Fee Increase

QUESTION:

Shall the undergraduates of UCSC provide funding for campus-wide events, rallies, conferences, educational forums, stipends, student advocacy and lobbying efforts, and educational programs that will train students in direct action organizing, empowerment, and representation by permanently increasing the existing **Campus Student Government Fee** of \$2.00 per quarter to \$7.00 per quarter, beginning Fall 2003?

SUMMARY POINTS:

- Increase existing undergraduate compulsory fee from \$2.00/quarter to \$7.00/quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2003, 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 \$277,620 in 2003-2004.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly (SUA.)

BALLOT STATEMENT:

The Student Union Assembly (SUA) is UCSC's campuswide undergraduate student government, run by students for students. The SUA is a coalition made up of six elected officers, three representatives from each college, and one representative from African/Black Student Alliance (A/BSA), Asian Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APISA), Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Network (GLBTN), Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA), Ethnic Student Organization Council (ESOC) and Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI).

The Campus Student Government Fee has not been changed since the undergraduate student government's (Student Union Assembly) inception in 1985. The current budget covers the administrative costs of the SUA with little money left for events, discretionary spending or outreach. If the fee increase is approved, \$0.67 per student per quarter will give UCSC automatic membership into the University of California Student Association (UC Systemwide student government). In addition, it will provide resources to outreach to the undergraduate student body and to hold events, which will promote discussion, debate, and awareness of undergraduate issues from a variety of perspectives. This measure may allow funding for educational activities such as:

- Campuswide events
- Concerts
- Rallies
- Teach-ins
- Educational forums

- United States Student Association Membership (National Student Government)
- Annual GrassRoots Organizing Weekend
- Students of Color Conference
- Women of Color Conference
- USSA GrassRoots Legislative Conference in Washington, DC

MEASURE 9: Campus Sustainability Programs Fee

QUESTION:

Shall a permanent **Campus Sustainability Programs Fee** of \$3.00 per quarter be assessed to all undergraduates, effective Fall 2003, to create a new standing committee whose purpose will be to provide funding to UCSC student organizations for programs and events that facilitate collaboration between students, the administration, faculty, and the community to create, implement, and monitor environmentally sound practices on campus established through the protocol to be outlined in a *blueprint for a sustainable campus*?

SUMMARY POINTS:

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$3.00 per quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2003, 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 \$118,980 in 2003-2004.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly (SUA).

BALLOT STATEMENT

The \$3.00 fee will provide funding to the Student Union Assembly (SUA) for the purpose of creating a new SUA committee named the Campus Sustainability Council (CSC).

The CSC will distribute funds from this fee on an annual basis to UCSC student organizations for programs and events that facilitate collaboration between students, the administration, faculty, and the community to create, implement, and monitor environmentally sound practices on campus, established through the protocol to be outlined in a *blueprint for a sustainable campus*.

This \$3.00 per quarter fee will provide funding for (but not be limited to) the following:

- UCSC's annual Campus Earth Summit - a forum for students to set the agenda and collaborate with the University administration to advocate for the implementation of, and audit the University for accountability to a blueprint for a sustainable campus. Such efforts will encourage the University to reach environmentally responsible benchmarks such as:
 - Reduce green house gas emissions.
 - Increase 'Green' transportation alternatives.
 - Promote sustainable building design.
 - Establish community food systems that utilize sustainable production, distribution, and acquisition procedures.
 - Conserve water and energy.
 - Ensure comprehensive waste reduction, recycling, and composting.

- Reduce the use of toxic pesticides and encourage biological alternatives.
- UCSC's annual Campus Earth Festival, which encourages student involvement in campus sustainability initiatives that facilitate collaboration with the administration. Its purpose is furthermore to provide education with celebration of initiatives that lead to campuswide reduction of negative externalities on the environment and practices that have positive repercussions among the communities inhabiting UCSC's ecosystems.
- Additional education/networking events that facilitate communication among diverse members of our community, including administration, students, faculty, and community members.
- Stipends for student leaders, interns, and advising staff who would be responsible for facilitation of the above mentioned events, supporting grant-writing efforts, and promoting the educational and institutional protocol to be established within the language of a blueprint for a sustainable campus.

The CSC will consist of the SUA director of environmental affairs and a voting body comprised of one undergraduate representative from each respective college sustainability organization (college governments can send a representative if there is no such collective existing at that college), two campus community representatives, one representative from the SUA, one representative from the Student Committee on Committees (SCOC) and one representative from each of the four following UCSC constituencies: Family Student Housing, Faculty Housing, The Village, and the Trailer Park. Council membership can be changed by amendments to the CSC bylaws.

The CSC shall have full and sole decision-making power over all funding allocation and programming decisions so long as those decisions are consistent with SUA and University policy and the law.

MEASURE 10: Engaging Education (e²) Programs Fund

QUESTION:

Shall all undergraduates assess themselves \$4.20 per quarter to create a Student Union Assembly (SUA) Engaging Education (e²) task force that would address UCSC's low recruitment, retention, and graduation rates?

SUMMARY POINTS:

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$4.20 per quarter, including all state-funded summer programs.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2003, permanent fee (no ending date).
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates.
- Fee will generate approximately \$166,572 in 2003-2004.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly.

BALLOT STATEMENT:

The revenue generated from this fee will be used to support programming that addresses issues such as the low rates of recruitment, retention, and graduation that historically underrepresented communities face within the university system. The funds generated by Measure 10 will provide funding to the SUA, to be administered by an e2 Board of Directors. This Board will function as a permanent task force of the SUA. The Board

will provide funding and resources to existing outreach and retention programs, as well as opening up possibilities for future projects that improve campus diversity, such as educational teach-ins, forums, conferences, etc. The Board will also work in communication with colleges, student organizations, and other appropriate units in order to ensure the most effective use of all available resources.

A breakdown of the proposed e² budget is as follows:

- \$1.50 will provide a programming fund for existing and future student initiated outreach and retention programs.
- \$1.20 per quarter will fund student intern positions, which coordinate outreach and retention programs sponsored by the e² board.
- \$1.00 per quarter will pay an administrative staff person for the e² Board.
- \$0.50 per quarter will fund an operating budget for e² programming (e.g. copier fees, phone lines, internet, etc.).

The e² Board of Directors will be comprised of:

- a. one representative from each outreach program
- b. one representative from each retention program
- c. two representatives appointed by the SUA Student Committee on Committees
- d. the SUA Commissioner of Diversity

The total number of voting members of the e² Board of Directors will reflect the number of existing and future student-initiated outreach and retention programs receiving e² funding, the representatives appointed by the SUA Student Committee on Committees and the SUA Commissioner of Diversity. The e² Board of Directors shall have full and sole decision-making power over all aspects of e² programming and financial allocation, as long as those decisions are consistent with SUA and university policy and the law.

MEASURE 11: Theater Arts Fee

QUESTION: Shall a permanent **Theater Arts Fee** of \$2.00 per quarter be assessed to all undergraduate students, effective Fall 2003, to permit undergraduates to attend student and faculty directed Theater Arts Department productions for **FREE**, subsidize ticket office costs, and expand existing funding for production-related expenses such as sets, costumes, lights, etc.?

SUMMARY POINTS:

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$2.00 per quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2003, 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 \$79,320 in 2003-2004.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly.

BALLOT STATEMENT:

The Fee

A fee of \$2.00 per quarter will provide funding to the Theater Arts Department to primarily subsidize ticket office costs as well as replace income formerly gained through student ticket sales. (Student-rate tickets for faculty-directed productions currently cost \$7 per show.) The remainder of the fee will help fund existing production-related costs, such as sets, costumes, lights, etc., allowing for more performances and higher quality productions. No portion of this fee will be used for Theater Arts Department or Arts Division administrative costs.

The Productions

Productions sponsored by the Theater Arts Department include student- and faculty-directed theater and dance. A large number of students are involved in each production, as performers, directors, designers, managers, publicists, etc. Many students are required to attend performances for classes in the arts and humanities, as well as for core courses. An average season presents 10-15 separate productions during the year. This fee will not apply to Music Department productions, Arts and Lectures productions, or productions that the Theater Arts Department co-sponsors with others.

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