

2007 Campus Election

Fee Measures

Measure 30 (U): Learning Support Services Sustainability Fee

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduate students of UCSC provide funding for Learning Support Services including Subject Tutoring and Modified Supplemental Instruction (with the exception of non-Educational Outreach Program Frosh Core Writing Tutoring) by establishing a new permanent fee of \$6.64 per student per quarter?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$6.64 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 33% Return-to-Aid (\$2.19 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2007 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$298,800 (of which \$98,600 will return to Financial Aid).
- Fee income will go to fund Learning Support Services, which include Subject Tutoring and MSI (Modified Supplemental Instruction).
- Students were consulted regarding the need for this fee through the following mechanisms: general meetings, consultation with Learning Support Services staff as well as student organizations.

BALLOT STATEMENT

How the fee will be used

The fee will be used by Learning Support Services to fund tutoring services that currently provide academic assistance to more than 2,500 undergraduate students in over 100 courses each quarter. This fee will provide money for over 200 student tutoring jobs, which yield over 54,000 total hours of instruction. The fee will not fund the non-Educational Outreach Program Core Writing tutoring.

Why the fee is needed

Due to a shortfall in funding, Learning Support Services was unable to offer tutoring to most UCSC students in the Winter and Spring Quarters of 2007. This fee will ensure that tutoring and Modified Supplemental Instruction is available to an increased number of UCSC undergraduates.

Who will benefit

- Currently, Learning Support Services serves over 2,500 students per quarter and employs over 200 students each year.

- An increased number of UCSC undergraduate students would have access to tutoring in all classes. An increased number of UCSC students would have access to Modified Supplemental Instruction which is assigned to courses at the request of students and faculty.
- The entire undergraduate community will benefit because tutoring promotes diversity in the University by generating equal opportunities as well as more equitable academic outcomes.

ENDORSEMENTS

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

Measure 31 (U, G): Athletics Funding Measure

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduate and graduate students of UCSC provide programming funding for Intercollegiate Athletic Sport Team, which will expand the athletic department training room hours, support athletic team allocations, travel, equipment, game management, student workers, membership fees, salaries for administrative staff and coaches by establishing a new permanent fee of \$5.00 per student per quarter?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$5.00 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 33% Return-to-Aid (\$1.65 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2007 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.
- Provides funding for greater athletic training coverage in injury treatment and prevention for student participants
- Helps our students, athletes and coaches by creating jobs for student employees who staff at all intercollegiate athletic sporting events
- Increases ability to attract diverse, highly qualified and highly motivated scholar-athletes to UCSC
- Provides funding for teams allowing for safer travel options and more appropriate team allocations
- Creates a better, more competitive and exciting sports program leading to increased school pride
- Provide funding to increase student, parent and fan school spirit, excitement and interaction at intercollegiate athletic team home contests through promotional activities
- Provides funding for additional personnel to assist coaches in sport administration, travel and budget logistics, fundraising, game management, and marketing and promotions to

- increase interactive opportunities between coaches and their students
- Provides funding for greater coach retention to assist students in the opportunity for quality coaching and consistency within their sport
- Provides more opportunities to students who otherwise could not afford to participate in intercollegiate athletics
- Students were consulted regarding the need for this fee through the following mechanisms: feedback and input from the Student Athletic Advisory Committee comprised of 1-3 members from each athletic team on campus.

BALLOT STATEMENT

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC assess themselves \$5 per student, per quarter beginning Fall 2007 to provide funding to the Athletic Department for Intercollegiate NCAA Division III teams?

How the fee will be used

This fee will be used to fund programming for Intercollegiate Athletic Sports. This funding will expand the athletic department Training Room hours, support athletic team allocations, travel, equipment, game management, student workers, membership fees, administrative staffing, and coaches salaries.

Why the fee is needed

The fee is needed to reduce participant out-of-pocket expenses for UCSC student-athletes, which are currently estimated at \$200 - \$600 per student, depending on the sport). The fee will reduce those out-of-pocket expenses by 15 - 25%, approximately \$100 - \$200. The fee is needed to reduce the risk of injury through expanded athletic training services, and provide consistent and well trained game day student workers (currently volunteer) for athletic contests. Further, it is needed to meet NCAA uniform and equipment regulations, lessen high coach workload by increasing administrative support and decrease the high coach turnover rate due to extremely low salaries. UCSC is the only NCAA Division III institution in the UC system. To maintain this unique status, the campus needs to support our programs through student fees, as we do not have access to TV packages and Conference post-season revenue sharing as do our sister, Division I campus schools and as we fundraise over 60% of our sport team budgets.

How students will benefit

- Provides funding for greater athletic training coverage in injury treatment and prevention for student participants
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ENDORSEMENTS

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

This measure is needed to provide the Athletic Department at UC Santa Cruz a base level of funding. Currently the Athletic Department and the UCSC NCAA teams fundraise nearly two thirds of their budget each year, which constitutes less than half of a normal Division III school's athletic department budget. With only \$5 per quarter the students of UC Santa Cruz can help to ensure that we have an athletic department and teams that we are all proud of. Passing this referendum will make sure that the student-athletes at UCSC can continue to represent our campus, and our community in a positive manner. In addition, the athletic department will be better able to serve the general student population, providing fun, positive and safe events for students to participate in (ie: Home Contests).

The funds generated from the student fee, will go to help support the student-athletes by hiring support staff (currently the athletic department employs only one full time employee, where a average division III school employs 5-10), give teams a base level of funding to take the fundraising burden off of the student-athlete's shoulders, and to the athletic department general fund to provide funding for broken equipment, uniforms, and other expenses necessary for running a NCAA athletic department.

Most importantly this funding is needed to keep UCSC Athletics alive...

WE ARE NOT... adding football or any other sport

WE ARE NOT... using funds for letter winner awards, team awards or banquets

WE ARE NOT... using funds for facility maintenance or improvements

WE ARE NOT... using funds for athletic scholarships (DIII is non-scholarship)

WE ARE NOT... moving to Division I or II

Author: UCSC Athletics Department

- This should not be a campus-wide measure since graduate students are unable to compete based on two restrictions: their workload requirements and the 25 year age limit. Because of these issues, the overwhelming majority of graduate students will not directly benefit from this fee in any way.
- An identical measure was submitted in 2006 elections and voted down by a campus-wide voter turnout that satisfied minimum voting pool requirements. Posing the same question to the student body is wasteful of public resources spent

on a campus election.

- Only 350 undergraduate athletes will benefit from this fee annually, out of a student population of 15000 combined graduates and undergraduates.
- If funding athletics is a worthy endeavor for the entire campus it should be funded from the educational fees administered by the UC Regents.

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Measure 32 (U, G): Physical Education Program

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduate and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for a variety of physical education programs such as new class offerings, educational outreach at Colleges, equipment replacement and equity increases, by establishing a new permanent fee of \$4.50 per student per quarter?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$4.50 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 33% Return-to-Aid (\$1.49 of fee) to assure that lower income students have financial aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2007 and is permanent with no ending date.
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the fall, winter and spring quarters, including state-supported summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000 students, this fee will generate approximately \$202,500 (of which \$66,825 will be returned to Financial Aid).
- Fee income will support Physical Education activities under the management of the Office of Physical Education, Recreation & Sports (OPERS). The Physical Education program offers a broad spectrum of arts and wellness education for students of all ability levels, including dance, martial arts, yoga, fencing, swimming, scuba, and sailing, along with classes in physical conditioning, field, and court sports.
- Students were consulted regarding the need for this fee through the following mechanisms: a Physical Education survey given to students in all Physical Education classes, as well as an on-line survey to the general student body.

BALLOT STATEMENT

How the fee will be used

1. The fee will be used to fund additional Physical Education class offerings to our growing and diverse student population. Many Physical Education classes are overcrowded, and each year we turn-away over 1,800 students due to lack of funding for additional classes and instructors.
2. The fee will be used to replace worn and defective Physical Education equipment and to purchase new equipment for new class offerings.
3. The fee will be used to increase salaries for Physical Education instructors so we can recruit and retain qualified instructors. The current hourly salary for part-time Physical Education instructors at UCSC is \$15.22/hour. In order to adequately retain and recruit qualified instructors, a salary of \$22.00/hour is needed.

4. The fee will be used to provide outreach to the colleges to encourage more participation in Physical Education programs and to offer a limited number of classes in various locations around campus, thus making classes more convenient to attend.

(New classes, equipment and outreach programs will be determined by student interest and need as indicated in class enrollment figures, turn-away numbers, and Physical Education survey responses, along with facility availability, and individual instructor assessment of their program and equipment needs).

Why the fee is needed

1. Many physical education classes are overcrowded and we turn away over 1,800 students each year. We need to add classes to meet the needs of a growing and diverse student population.
2. Current equipment is worn and defective and needs repair or replacement. We would like to accomplish this without adding fees for individual classes.
3. Physical education sections have been dropped due to difficulties in finding qualified instructors who are willing to work at the present sub-standard salaries. Without future funding for Physical Education, this trend of dropping classes will continue allowing fewer offerings for fewer students.
4. We would like to enhance student well-being and academic performance by increasing outreach efforts to develop increased student awareness and participation in our programs. Outreach includes offering a limited number of class offerings at other campus locations, thus making classes more convenient to attend.
5. There are no other fund sources available to OPERS to meet these essential physical education program needs.

Who will benefit

Students will benefit in the following ways:

1. Cuts to existing physical education classes will be avoided.
2. Physical education classes will remain affordable to all students by preventing the need to add or increase fees for individual classes.
3. More opportunities to participate in a wider variety of physical education classes at more locations on campus.
4. Students will continue to receive master level instruction from highly qualified instructors.
5. Classes will have safe, up-to-date equipment.
6. More students will gain the physical and mental benefits of physical education, proven in many studies to improve academic success.

ENDORSEMENTS

Graduate Student Association

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

- Many graduate students depend on the affordable classes and equipment offered

- by the Physical Education program for their personal wellness.
- The Physical Education Program is already soliciting graduate student input on graduate student-specific classes and facilities through the GSA.
 - The Physical Education Program has made it a top priority to enhance well-being and academic performance of all students and is not exclusive in direct benefits to students.

Author: Graduate Student Association

Measure 33 (G): Graduate Student Government Fee Increase

QUESTION

Shall the graduate students of UCSC maintain existing levels of service offered by the Graduate Student Association (GSA), including research travel grants, statewide lobbying efforts, and networking activities annually sponsored by the GSA, by increasing the existing Graduate Student Government Fee of \$10.00 by \$4.50 per student, per quarter?

SUMMARY POINTS

- Increase of the existing Graduate Student Government Fee by \$4.50 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 33% Return-to-Aid (\$1.49 of fee) to assure that lower income students have financial aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2007 and is permanent with no ending date.
- Fee will be assessed to all graduate students enrolled in the fall, winter and spring quarters, including state-supported summer session.
- This compulsory fee is not covered under the current Teaching Assistantship contract and is an out of pocket expense for graduate students in the current funding environment.
- Except for the newly inaugurated UC Merced, the UCSC GSA currently has the smallest budget compared to all other UC GSA's. This is both in terms of overall funds and per-capita student fees.
- Students were consulted regarding the need for this fee through the following mechanisms: Program priorities are established at the beginning of each year by soliciting feedback from graduate students in all departments through the Department Representatives and then discussing and aggregating preferences in a Council meeting. Council meetings are open to all graduate students. The need for the fee increase has been confirmed by members of the graduate student body

BALLOT STATEMENT

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) serves the collective interests of the graduate students of UCSC by promoting cooperation among graduate students, representing their interests to the faculty, administration and staff of both UCSC and the UC as a whole, by advocating graduate student rights to state legislature, and by providing services to the graduate student body that they cannot provide for themselves as individuals.

Beside political representation and advocacy, the GSA offers the following programs and services: travel grants to support graduate student research, co-sponsored events, outdoor events, quarterly networking events and an annual orientation event for new graduate students. We hope to continue to provide these services at the current level for the coming year.

Our goal is to extend our services in anticipation of the doubling in graduate student numbers over the next 5 to 10 years and to adapt the programs to changing needs of the graduate student population. We hope to do this by increasing the compulsory Student Government Fee from \$10 to \$14.50. 33% of this fee will go toward Return to Aid. The remaining portion will increase the Graduate Student Association budget by \$13,000 given current enrollment figures. This money will be used to improve our representation in the UC-wide Student Association and expand services we have offered to graduate students to accommodate current and expected demand.

ENDORSEMENTS

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PRO/CON STATEMENTS

- This fee is specific to graduate students and will directly benefit graduate students through services offered by the Graduate Student Association, such as tax seminars, representation at the UC-wide level, travel grants and networking events.
- A third of the GSA budget funds travel grants for students to present their research at conferences.
- Graduate students will have full control over the funds by participating in open GSA meetings.
- Many graduate students have expressed the desire to become connected with students from other departments. Passing this fee increase will enable the GSA to serve as a platform for fostering interdisciplinary collaborations through networking events, increasing visibility and expanding existing efforts to defend graduate student rights to state legislature.

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