

Fee Name: Increase University Library Hours of Operation

Measure #: Measure 42

Ballot Information

Shall the undergraduate and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for the University Library (McHenry and Science and Engineering) to increase their hours of operation by 4 hours a day during weekdays, be open on Saturdays, and be open an additional 6 hours per day during finals week, by establishing a new, temporary fee of \$6.50 per student, per quarter, beginning Fall 2010 and ending Summer 2013? If further cuts are assigned, the funding from this fee would be used to directly defray the impact to possible Library Hour reductions.

Summary Points

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$6.50 per student per quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2010 and is a temporary 3-year fee with an ending date of Summer 2013.
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in the fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.
- Fee will generate approximately \$316,857 annually. Of this 33%, or \$104,569, will go toward the Return-to-Aid component that will help students who receive financial aid pay for this fee. The remaining \$212,306 will be applied to adding hours and services requested by UCSC students.
- Fee is sponsored for undergraduates by College Student Governments
- Fee is sponsored by graduates by the Graduate Student Association

*Based on the estimated 2009-2010 three-quarter average enrollment of 16,250 undergraduate and graduate students.

Ballot Statement

The fee will be used by the University Library to support staff and student wages to increase hours of operation as follows:

- Open an additional four hours per day, Sunday – Thursday
- Open an additional five hours on Friday
- Open eight hours on Saturday
- Open an additional six hours per day during finals week.
- Extend summer hours an additional four hours each day Monday – Friday, and open five hours each Saturday and Sunday.

Currently, the Library hours **for Fall/Winter/Spring** are:

- Sunday – Thursday 10:00 am – 10:00 pm
- Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Saturday CLOSED

and the **current** Library hours **for Summer** are:

- Monday – Friday 12:00 – 8:00 pm
(Science/Engineering 9:00 am – 5:00 pm)
- Saturday/Sunday CLOSED

If the fee is passed and there are no further budget reductions, then the new expanded Fall/Winter/Spring hours would be:

- Sunday – Thursday 8:00 am – 12:00 midnight
- Friday 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Saturday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

and the **new expanded Summer** hours would be:

- Monday-Friday 10:00 am – 10:00 pm
- Saturday/Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 pm

If the fee is passed and the Library is assigned further budget reductions, then the fee will be used to minimally guarantee additional library hours during finals week, and the balance to directly defray the impact of possible further cuts to hours.

If the fee is not passed, and the Library is assigned additional future budget reductions, then the potential exists for future additional erosion of hours.

Why is the fee needed? The fee is needed to increase access to Library services as hours of operation have been reduced due to budgetary reductions, which has impacted the student's ability to access a quiet, uninterrupted space for study. Greater access to the Library is a key component to the students' academic success, as well as the student's lifestyle requires more flexible operating hours.

Who will benefit? The entire student body at UC Santa Cruz and the campus community as a whole.

Student Consultation Method:

In the Spring 2009, the Library surveyed 297 undergraduate users. When asked what would have made their Library experience better, 42% of respondents noted longer operating hours. The student consultation process continued with a student directed survey of 176 randomly sampled undergraduates in Fall of 2009 that gauged student interest in the extension of library hours. This was conducted by a group of student supporters of the library. 60% of the students surveyed supported a fee increase ranging from \$5.00 - \$7.00 per quarter. In January 2010, 1,572 students responded to a follow-up survey that was distributed by the same student group. Over half of the respondents (51.7%) indicated that their educational experience had been negatively impacted by cuts to library hours. 38% of the respondents supported a library hours referendum, while 43% needed more information. 58% indicated they were more likely to support a referendum with a 3-year sunset clause. When asked which service hour additions they preferred, their clear first choice was extended finals hours, then Saturdays and weekday evenings, with weekday mornings a strong last place.

Measure Title: Sustainable Food, Health, and Wellness Initiative

Measure #: Measure 43

Ballot Information:

Shall the undergraduate students of UCSC provide funding for programming and educational support related to sustainable food, health and wellness initiatives, for on-campus and off-campus undergraduate students at UCSC by establishing a new compulsory fee of \$3.75 per quarter, per student, beginning Fall 2010?

Summary Points

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$ 3.75 per quarter, per student.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2010 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in the fall, winter, spring and summer quarters
- Fee will generate approximately \$ 171,663* annually.
- The funding will be governed by the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS) with an oversight committee comprised of two staff, two students and two faculty members.
- This fee includes a 33% Return-to-Aid component, in which 33% of all fees collected will automatically go to financial aid to help those undergraduate students who are on financial aid, cover the expense of the fee. This will be approximately \$56,649 per year.
- Fee is sponsored for undergraduates on the ballot by petition.

*Three quarter enrollment estimate based on Fall 2009 third-week enrollment of 15,259.

Ballot Statement:

How will the fee be used? This fee will promote greater student health and wellness through programming on food choices; shifts in institutional food service practices for more healthy and fresh options in campus eateries; support for student-centered experiential learning programs, classes and events on the UCSC farm and in college gardens; quarterly and annual educational publications; and provide funding for staff to oversee and expand current and future programs. In support of the purposes outlined above, the Sustainable Food Health & Wellness Initiative fee will provide funding for the following:

- Increasing support for student research and program development on issues of nutrition, health, sustainable food systems, garden and farm based learning at UCSC
- Co-sponsored activities for Registered Campus Organizations, Residential Life, and International Living Center
- Hosting a monthly forum on campus, featuring professionals, scholars, and youth leaders working towards a more just and sustainable food system.
- Funding for events such as: The annual Fall Harvest Festival, which is attended by over 2,000 students and campus community members; The annual Sustainable Food Interactive tent at the Fall Festival, which is attended by over 3,000 students; Cultural food and community events on the CASFS farm.
- Supporting student organizations by providing student scholarships and helping Registered Student Organizations sponsor special events and activities related to the food system.
- Partnering with the Recreation Department to sponsor and provide scholarships for quarterly field trips, classes, and student activities related to the Food System Learning Journey programs featuring experiential and hands-on learning; building upon successful previous activities such as the annual alternative food and justice spring break trip,

service learning opportunities in our community, and the student run quarterly food system based classes.

- Publishing the annual Campus Food Guide which serves as a resource and educational tool for the student population at UCSC, on and off campus.
- Providing funding for enhancing student-centered hands-on learning on campus farm & gardens, at CASFS, and in partnership with other campus-based classes and programs such as the Program in Community & Agroecology (PICA).
- Working with dining services and campus food system vendors to create interactive learning spaces on sustainability, health, and wellness related to our food system. In addition, develop innovative programs to create healthy, fresh, and sustainable options and reduce waste through composting and education.

In addition to sponsoring the above programs and activities, CASFS will also include a quarterly call for funding requests from students and registered student organizations for research and program activities. The funding will be governed by CASFS with an oversight committee comprised of two staff, two students and two faculty members. The committee will review programs and proposals to ensure they meet funding requirements. A yearly report will be submitted each March by the committee to review all funded activities. The yearly report will be available for review by the campus community.

Why is the fee needed? The fee is needed to build greater support for successful programs and activities that have emerged over the last 40 years at UCSC and received necessary feedback and input from students over the past 5 years. The fee will ensure that all undergraduate students have access to education and programs that enhance their understanding of the food system and their food choices to increase opportunities for an enriched lived experience. The funds will include reinstating support and programs such as resources for student gardens to be established at each college and freshman Sustainability Learning Projects that have been jeopardized by budget cuts; in addition to providing new programs based on student proposals and interests.

Who will benefit? Participating undergraduate students and members of the campus community as a whole. Specifically, through CASFS, current registered student organizations, classes, and campus units the aforementioned activities and programs will be carried out to further enrich students and engage them in creating participatory learning models and programs. Campus food guides and publications will be available for all students, distributed in a fashion that includes campus mail boxes, student organization boxes, freshman mailings, and ready availability in public spaces.

Endorsements

UCSC Student Environmental Center, UCSC Campus Sustainability Council, Students for Organic Solutions, Program in Community & Agroecology, Friends of the Community Agroecology Network, UCSC Recreation Department, College 8 Sustainability Office, Education for Sustainable Living Program, Sustainable Living Center.

Fee Title: Renewable Energy Fee**Measure #: Measure 44****Ballot Information**

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC amend Measure 28, the Renewable Energy fee passed in Spring 2006 as follows: The amendment would allow funds to be used for on-site renewables and energy efficiency projects that will directly reduce our campus' carbon footprint, in combination with supporting a local offsets program and purchasing renewable energy certificates to offset campus emissions. This is not a new fee, but an amendment to an existing fee.

Summary Points

- Maintain undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$3.00 per quarter, per student.
- The amendment is effective Fall 2010 for the 2010-2011 academic year, and the amendment has no ending date.
- The fee will continue being assessed to all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in the fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.
- Fee is sponsored for undergraduates on the ballot by resolution of the Student Union Assembly.
- Fee is sponsored for graduates on the ballot by resolution Graduate Student Association.
- This measure will also allow the reserve money to be spent on energy efficiency projects or on-site renewables

Background

In Spring Quarter 2006 students voted to create a \$3.00 per student per quarter Renewable Energy Fee, effective in Fall Quarter 2006. The measure was approved by 69% of the students who voted. The measure included an allowance that 25% of the income generated would be used for financial aid. The purpose of the fee was to allocate funding to Physical Plant to purchase renewable energy certificates in order to offset campus use of electricity. If the price of electricity did not increase, the measure allowed up to \$1 of the fee to be saved in a reserve to pay for possible future price inflation. In 2008-2009, \$148,722 in revenue was generated by the fee. \$94,620 was used to purchase the certificates and \$37,180 was dedicated to financial aid. Currently, there are adequate funds to purchase the certificates and a modest reserve equivalent to approximately 82 cents per student existed as of June 30, 2009.

Ballot Statement

This measure seeks to amend Measure 28 to reduce our energy usage and offset our green house gases (GHG's) related to energy purchased. The amendment would halt the purchase of offsets through a contracted company, and would keep the fee revenue on campus in one fund overseen by a new committee. This new committee will decide the allocation of funds, and will be created upon the passage of this amendment. The committee includes but is not limited to:

- Member(s) of the Student Environmental Center (student)
- Member of Green Campus (student)
- Campus Climate Action CUIP and/or student representative of the Executive Committee on Climate and Sustainability Planning (student)
- Member of CalPIRG (student)
- The campus Energy Manager or delegate (staff)
- Member of the Sustainability Office (staff/student)
- Purchaser or delegate (student)

This committee will review proposals submitted by those who wish to pursue a project related to:

- Installing renewable energy sources on campus or in the Santa Cruz community
- Energy efficient projects on campus or in the Santa Cruz community

- Using above projects to participate in local offsets programs
- Temporary services of a consultant or to pay for temporary student work in the service of sustainability efforts on campus.
- Other projects related to reducing the carbon footprint of the UCSC campus and increasing overall campus sustainability, as deemed appropriate by the committee described below

The committee will hold its first meeting no later than Friday October 29th of 2010. The committee will create its own process, defining items such as: how often to meet, what funding proposals must look like, etc. Outside of creating this process, the committee must adhere to the following stipulations:

- The committee will report to, and make recommendations to, the Executive Committee on Climate and Sustainability Planning, through the Sustainability Office. The committee will also prioritize its funding choices per the recommendations of the Sustainability Office and the Executive Committee on Climate and Sustainability Planning.
- In reviewing proposals for funding, the committee will give priority consideration to on-campus projects, and projects that provide students with learning opportunities; however projects without these components can still receive funding.
- In reviewing proposals for funding, the committee or members must seek consultation with faculty. Ideally this faculty will be the chair of the Environmental Studies Department, but the committee can decide the form of faculty consultation.
- The committee can assign funds or a percentage of its total funds to a condoned entity for climate purposes, such as the Student Environmental Center, Sustainability Office, or the Executive Committee on Climate and Sustainability Planning.
- Proposals for Energy efficiency projects must include the cost, GHG reduction, payback period and expected savings of the project. The project plan must allocate some of expected savings back into the Measure 28 .

If this measure does not pass, the existing \$3.00 (Measure 28) fee will continue for the purposes specified in the original ballot language.

Student Consultation Method:

This amendment was voted on last year. It would have passed with 82.28% of voters voting "yes". However, only 18.96% of the student body voted on it so the measure failed. Yet the overwhelming number of "yes" votes indicates high positive student interest in the passage of this measure.

Student meetings with students involved in sustainability on campus: This amendment was discussed and approved by both the Student Environmental Center (SEC) and the Education for Sustainable Living Program (ESLP) at SEC's 2010 Winter Retreat. Last year a great deal of student consultation was done including: "SEC meetings with Campaign Coordinators. Student surveys given to general members and Campaign Coordinators of the SEC." There is also a history of student support for sustainability related measures, as indicated in the attached compilation of sustainability polls.

Endorsements

Student Environmental Center, Education for a Sustainable Living Program, Campus Climate Action
CUIP

Measure Title: Provide continued support and funding for the Sustainability Office to expand student engagement opportunities

Measure #: Measure 45

Question:

Shall the undergraduate students of UCSC provide funding for the Sustainability Office to engage undergraduate students through instances such as hiring more student interns, funding collaborative projects outlined in campus sustainability plan and providing initial funds for a revolving loan fund for projects that implement sustainable and cost saving technology and practices by establishing a new compulsory fee of \$2.75 per quarter, per student, beginning Fall 2010?

Summary Points

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$2.75 per quarter, per student.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2010 and is a temporary fee with an ending date of summer Quarter 2020
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in the fall, winter, spring and summer quarters
- Fee will generate approximately \$125,886* annually
- This fee includes a 33% Return-to-Aid component, in which 33% of all fees collected will automatically go to financial aid to help those students who are on financial aid, cover the expense of the fee. This will be approximately \$41,542 per year.
- Fee is sponsored for undergraduates on the ballot by College Student Governments.
- The fee will be assessed only in coordination with an agreement from the administration to contribute funds to the Sustainability Office that equal no less than 75% of those funds contributed by the student body through the proposed measure after the return to aid component is removed. Currently, the administration has agreed to contribute funds for a Sustainability Manager's salary, benefits and office operations costs estimated at \$150,000 per year for three years (through 2012). This commitment would fulfill the aforementioned request for an administrative contribution. In following years until summer 2020 the fee will be assessed in each year that the administration contributes funds equaling no less than 75% of those contributed by the student body through the proposed measure after the return to aid component is removed. In years in which the Administration's contribution is not met, the fee will not be assessed.
- The funds would be used by the Sustainability Office which is currently housed in the Division of Business and Administrative Services.

*Three quarter enrollment estimate based on Fall 2009 third-week enrollment of 15,259

Ballot Statement

How the fee will be used? The fee will be used to engage students through instances such as hiring more student interns, funding collaborative projects outlined in the Campus Sustainability Plan and providing initial funds for a revolving loan fund for projects that implement sustainable and cost saving technology or practices. The fee may also be used to support existing student groups who are working on sustainability and cost saving technology or practices or student groups who are interested in being more sustainable student organizations and not directly involved with sustainability on our campus.

Why is the fee needed? UCSC students have a history of publicly supporting sustainability measures and have shown a willingness to devote student fees to the support of a Sustainability

Office. In light of budget cuts, particularly to operations, such a fee would be an important step in preserving the Sustainability Office, encouraging administrative action, promoting student involvement, and of critical importance, furthering sustainability. Funding the office is a critical step towards achieving sustainability, especially as the Sustainability Office is quickly growing towards filling a particular need for institutional change and working with administration and the UC system. Having such a central office encourages collaboration and organization, and office staff provides an important informational and advisory resource. Already the office has played a role in creating important evaluation documents such as the Campus Sustainability Assessment, coordinating key groups such as the Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship and related working groups, and in advising campus actions to achieve the most sustainable results. The Sustainability Office is currently drafting a Campus Sustainability Plan based on the previous work in the Campus Sustainability Assessment. The plan has created clear and attainable goals for the campus to become more sustainable. The Sustainability Office also engages many students, staff, faculty and administration in collaborative projects. Student interns may also help foster these efforts by providing a valuable student connection, workforce, and will receive important training as well. Many other UC and college campuses maintain or are establishing Sustainability Offices and staff/coordinating positions to support the ever increasing need for sustainable practices. Current examples in California alone include: Stanford, Chico, Humboldt, Asusa Pacific, California Institute of Technology, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego and UC San Francisco.

Who will benefit from the fee? Students, faculty and staff concerned about furthering sustainability and preserving the natural environment of UCSC and the surrounding area will benefit. Funds will go towards supporting not only sustainable projects that could lower costs for both students and offices alike, but will also go to directly fund student positions and education. Not only will sustainability groups benefit but student groups that are not directly involved with sustainability may benefit from assistance and support from this fee.

Student Consultation Method:

Last year the ballot measure for a \$3.75 per quarter, per student fee to support the Sustainability Office was supported by 53.36% of the students who voted, however because the minimum 25% voter turn-out threshold was not reached the measure did not pass. In addition to recent consultations with students and administration that encouraged such a fee, students voted in favor (2,569 voted yes versus 903 who voted no) on a 2005 opinion poll that asked "Would the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC support the creation of an Office of Sustainability, which will facilitate collaboration between students, the administration, faculty, staff, and the community to create, implement and monitor sustainability practices on campus to be outlined in an official campus sustainability plan?" Students also voted in favor (1,065 voted yes versus 304 who voted no) on a similar 2004 opinion poll that asked "Do the students of UCSC support funding for two Campus Sustainability Coordinators who will work with students, staff, faculty, administration, and the community (specifically UC Santa Cruz Dining) to reduce energy usage, improve resource conservation, and increase the overall sustainability of the UCSC campus through education, outreach, data collection, and program implementation?"

Measure Title: Provide continued support and funding for the Sustainability Office to expand student engagement opportunities

Measure #: Measure 46

Question:

Shall the graduate students of UCSC provide funding for the Sustainability Office to engage graduate students through instances such as hiring more student interns, funding collaborative projects outlined in campus sustainability plan and providing initial funds for a revolving loan fund for projects that implement sustainable and cost saving technology and practices by establishing a new compulsory fee of \$2.75 per quarter, per student, beginning Fall 2010?

Summary Points

- New graduate compulsory fee of \$2.75 per quarter, per student.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2010 and is a temporary fee with an ending date of summer Quarter 2020
- Fee will be assessed to all graduates enrolled in the fall, winter, spring and summer quarters
- Fee will generate approximately \$12,408* annually.
- This fee includes a 33% Return-to-Aid component, in which 33% of all fees collected will automatically go to financial aid to help those students who are on financial aid, cover the expense of the fee. This will be approximately \$4,094 per year.
- Fee is sponsored for graduates on the ballot by the Graduate Student Association.
- The fee will be assessed only in coordination with an agreement from the administration to contribute funds to the Sustainability Office that equal no less than 75% of those funds contributed by the student body through the proposed measure after the return to aid component is removed. Currently, the administration has agreed to contribute funds for a Sustainability Coordinator's salary, benefits and office operations costs estimated at \$150,000 per year for three years (through 2012). This commitment would fulfill the aforementioned request for an administrative contribution. In following years until summer 2020 the fee will be assessed in each year that the administration contributes funds equaling no less than 75% of those contributed by the student body through the proposed measure after the return to aid component is removed. In years in which the Administration's contribution is not met, the fee will not be assessed.
- The funds would be used by the Sustainability Office which is currently housed in the Division of Business and Administrative Services.

*Three quarter enrollment estimate based on Fall 2009 third-week enrollment of 1,504

Ballot Statement

How the fee will be used? The fee will be used to engage students through instances such as hiring more student interns, funding collaborative projects outlined in the Campus Sustainability Plan and providing initial funds for a revolving loan fund for projects that implement sustainable and cost saving technology or practices. The fee may also be used to support existing student groups who are working on sustainability and cost saving technology or practices or student groups who are interested in being more sustainable student organizations and not directly involved with sustainability on our campus.

Why is the fee needed? UCSC students have a history of publicly supporting sustainability measures and have shown a willingness to devote student fees to the support of a Sustainability

Office. In light of budget cuts, particularly to operations, such a fee would be an important step in preserving the Sustainability Office, encouraging administrative action, promoting student involvement, and of critical importance, furthering sustainability. Funding the office is a critical step towards achieving sustainability, especially as the Sustainability Office is quickly growing towards filling a particular need for institutional change and working with administration and the UC system. Having such a central office encourages collaboration and organization, and office staff provides an important informational and advisory resource. Already the office has played a role in creating important evaluation documents such as the Campus Sustainability Assessment, coordinating key groups such as the Committee on Sustainability and Stewardship and related working groups, and in advising campus actions to achieve the most sustainable results. The Sustainability Office is currently drafting a Campus Sustainability Plan based on the previous work in the Campus Sustainability Assessment. The plan has created clear and attainable goals for the campus to become more sustainable. The Sustainability Office also engages many students, staff, faculty and administration in collaborative projects. Student interns may also help foster these efforts by providing a valuable student connection, workforce, and will receive important training as well. Many other UC and college campuses maintain or are establishing Sustainability Offices and staff/coordinating positions to support the ever increasing need for sustainable practices. Current examples in California alone include: Stanford, Chico, Humboldt, Asusa Pacific, California Institute of Technology, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego and UC San Francisco.

Who will benefit from the fee? Students, faculty and staff concerned about furthering sustainability and preserving the natural environment of UCSC and the surrounding area will benefit. Funds will go towards supporting not only sustainable projects that could lower costs for both students and offices alike, but will also go to directly fund student positions and education. Not only will sustainability groups benefit but student groups that are not directly involved with sustainability may benefit from assistance and support from this fee.

Student Consultation Method:

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