

Measure #: Measure 53

Measure Name: Slug Shuttle Fee

Ballot Type: New Fee

Ballot Author: Shaz Umer, Internal Vice Chair of the Student Union Assembly

Contact: Shaz Umer

Sponsor: College Governments: College Eight, College 9, College 10, Cowell, Crown, Kresge, Merrill, Oakes, Porter, Stevenson

Question: Shall the undergraduates of UCSC provide funding for a free shuttle service that will help bring undergraduate students to Diridon Station and San Jose Mineta International Airport during the end of the quarter and holiday traffic by establishing a new compulsory fee of \$1.50 per quarter, per student, beginning Fall 2013?

Summary Points:

- New undergraduate student fee of \$1.50 per student, per quarter effective Fall 2013 with no end date
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters.
- Fee will generate approximately \$68,693 annually.¹ Of this 33%, or \$22,669, will go toward the Return-to-Aid component that will help students who receive financial aid pay for this fee.
- The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) endorses this proposed fee because all students should have access to safe, reliable transportation and the measure institutionalizes a program that has the potential to benefit all undergraduate students.
- Students were consulted regarding the interest and benefits of this fee via the following methods: consultation with the 10 college governments, open town hall event at Stevenson Event Center on November 28, 2012, attended by 30 students. In addition, UCSC's Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS) ran a pilot Slug Shuttle on December 12th, 13th and 14th, 2012, shuttling students to San Jose Diridon and San Jose Mineta International Airport; of 217 participants who responded to a survey, 97% believed that this service was beneficial.
- Fee amendment is sponsored for undergraduates on the ballot by resolution of the ten undergraduate colleges: College Eight, College 9, College 10, Cowell, Crown, Kresge, Merrill, Oakes, Porter, Stevenson

Background Information:

The purpose of the fee is to provide an affordable, sustainable and safe shuttle service for undergraduate students for end of the quarter traffic to Diridon Station and the Mineta San Jose International Airport.

The funding from this fee will be exclusively used to fund and support affordable transportation services during end of the quarter and holiday traffic. The funding will go toward costs for bus drivers, gas, bus maintenance, online reservation system costs, and logistical/miscellaneous costs within TAPS.

Why is the fee needed? Students need affordable, safe and sustainable transportation to Diridon Station and the Mineta San Jose International Airport during end of the quarter and holiday traffic. A problem has been recognized which relates to students having to wait hours in line for the Highway 17 bus at Pacific Station, or missing their flights due to the overwhelming traffic using public transportation which is a continuous problem when you have an undergraduate body of more than 16,000 trying to get home for the holidays or at the end of each quarter. One of the main reasons this fee is needed is due to student safety; students have expressed that they feel unsafe taking public transportation from UCSC to the airport. This fee will ensure that all undergraduate students have a viable transportation system that will take them straight from UCSC and drop them off at either the Diridon bus Station or Mineta International Airport.

Students will have a convenient and reliable transportation service during end of the quarter and holiday traffic through Slug Shuttle. Students will be picked up from Quarry Plaza and will be taken to both of the drop off locations without having to transfer onto another bus/train as is the case through public transit.

Other relevant information: The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), in consultation with the Student Union Assembly (SUA), will be engaged to review this fee annually. Fees for “no shows”/cancellations, late arrivals, or late cancellations (less than 24 hours before a scheduled trip) will be pursued through the campus miscellaneous fee process.

It is expected that the proposed Slug Shuttle fee will service approximately 800 number of students quarterly. The Slug Shuttle schedule will be established by TAPS, in consultation with the SUA and based on feedback from students.

ⁱ Based on average 2011-2012 undergraduate and graduate student enrollment of 15,265

Measure #: Measure 54

Measure Name: Gardens, Resources, Opportunities, and Waste Management (GROW) Fee

Ballot Type: New Fee

Ballot Author: CASFS (Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems)

Contact: Elan Goldbart, CASFS CUIP Intern

Sponsor: Petition by 10% of Registered Winter Quarter 2013 Undergraduate Students

Question: Shall the undergraduates of UCSC provide funding for college garden and waste reduction work positions, resources for the development of gardens and waste management systems across campus, and offering educational resources by implementing a new compulsory fee of \$4.20 per student, per quarter starting Fall 2013?

Summary Points:

- New undergraduate student fee of \$4.20 per student, per quarter effective Fall 2013 with no end date.
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters.
- Fee will generate approximately \$192,339 annually.¹ Of this 33%, or \$63,472, will go toward the Return-to-Aid component that will help students who receive financial aid pay for this fee.
- The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) endorses this proposed fee because it will institutionalize sustainability practices that help the campus achieve its goal of being zero waste by 2020.
- Students were consulted regarding the interest and benefits of this fee via the establishment of an advisory committee of students working across campus garden, waste management and other food related organizations. In addition, feedback was solicited at the quarterly food system working group meeting, and weekly meetings of advisory committee participating student organizations.
- Fee amendment is sponsored for undergraduates on the ballot by petition signed by 10% of winter quarter 2013 registered undergraduate students.

Background Information:

The purpose of GROW (Gardens, Resources, Opportunities, Waste management) is to ensure students have adequate training and educational opportunities to garden, compost, and reduce their impact on the environment. This measure will provide infrastructure support and work positions on the UCSC campus, across college gardens, experiential learning sites, and waste reduction efforts as we strive for a Zero waste campus by 2020. Sites for the GROW projects will be reviewed by college and campus administration and must receive campus approval for any physical development that is proposed to support the purpose of GROW.

The measure will support the financing of student work positions for the campus farm, college gardens, and waste reduction efforts across units. Approximately 40% of the fee will be used to fund student employment. GROW will also provide a community tool &

seed lending library for all undergraduate students with quarterly trainings and workshop opportunities. The measure will promote the development of new student-led gardens on campus with the goal of having at least one garden for each pair of sister colleges. GROW will provide funding for experiential learning opportunities in both co-curricular and curricular programs and provide funding for a new staff position to oversee expanding opportunities for UCSC students. CASFS will convene a student grant making committee for annual requests from students and registered student organizations for research and program activities directly engaged campus gardens, experiential learning sites, waste reduction and composting efforts. The funding for grants will be governed by CASFS with the student grant making committee. The committee will review programs and proposals to ensure they meet funding requirements. An annual report, produced by the CASFS staff member, will be available for review by the campus community.

The fee requested is needed to expand and build a more mutual connection between campus gardens and the greater student body. The fee will fill the need for more campus work opportunities through employment with campus gardens and other public, resource-oriented initiatives around waste reduction. The fee will be used to expand the growth of existing gardens and initiate support for new sites. The fee will meet the need to further UCSC's 2020 zero waste goal by utilizing a portion of compostable campus waste within campus gardens and grounds. To meet the need for tools in which to establish these ventures, the fee will provide community resources for the greater student body in the form of a general tool and seed library. To further students' education of horticulture and composting issues, the fee will support skill-building and technical assistance workshops for students across their experience and interest level. The fee builds on a burgeoning student demand for more workshops, classes, and resources toward gardening and waste reduction. Current campus based student fees, such as Measure 43 and Measure 45 are receiving unprecedented resource requests that exceed their capacity and GROW will meet them.

The funding will serve the undergraduate student community through an increase of workshops, academic internships under the auspices of the Environmental Studies Department, jobs, and volunteer opportunities offered at experiential learning sites. This hands-on education will provide greater awareness of sustainable practices and provide the ability for students to feel comfortable and capable using gardening skills in their everyday lives. GROW will support college garden sites & waste reduction efforts with infrastructure grants to increase their capacity for co-curricular learning and student involvement.

Over the past four years students have contributed to the development of the Campus Sustainability Plan (2010-2013) which calls for garden sites at all colleges and ambitious waste reduction and composting goals. These latter goals also coincide with the UC wide Policy on Sustainable Practices, within the Waste Reduction goals that were co-developed by students across all UC campuses over six years ago. Each year students gather at the annual Earth Summit that contributes to the Blueprint for a Sustainable Campus. Each year students call for more gardens and greater waste reduction efforts that involve positions and opportunities for them.

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