

## QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for a variety of UCSC Intramural and Sports Club team activities (including team allocations, travel, equipment purchase, and officials) by establishing a new, permanent fee of \$2.25 per student per quarter, beginning Fall 2006?

## SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$2.25 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (\$0.56 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2006 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.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$101,250 (of which \$25,312 will go to Financial Aid).
- Fee income will go to support Intramural and Sports Club Team activities under the management of the Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS).
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association.

## BALLOT STATEMENT

### *How the fee will be used:*

The fee will be used by the Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS) to fund programming for more than 5,000 students involved in Sports Clubs and Intramural events. This fee will provide money for team allocations, student officials, staff support, travel, equipment purchase, and membership fees and decrease the costs that individual students currently must pay to participate in these programs.

### *Why is the fee needed?*

These programs do not currently receive any direct, student fee support and out-of-pocket costs to individual student participants are too expensive.

### *Who will benefit:*

Students will benefit in the following way:

- Currently, there are 4,500 Intramural participants and 500 Sports Club participants, and over 15,000 spectators at events and games

- annually.
- More opportunities for all students to participate in Intramurals and Club Sports because of lower out-of-pocket costs to individuals.
  - Funding will appropriately fund travel and team expenses.

## **ENDORSEMENTS**

Graduate Student Association (GSA), Intramural Sports, Athletics, Track and Field, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Special Olympics, Cheer Squad, Cross Country Club, Dance Team, Equestrian Team, Ping Pong Club, Sailing Team, Cycling Team, Baseball Club, Men's Rugby, Women's Rugby, Diving Club, Water Polo Club, Triathlon Club, Men's Soccer Club, Disc Golf Club, Men's Ultimate, Women's Ultimate, Fencing, Surfing Team

## **PRO/CON STATEMENTS**

I don't think I can convey enough the importance of finding your own way through college and club sports are one way in which this is done. You are productive in ways large lecture halls can never provide and it is important to me that we help make this experience an even more beneficial and enjoyable one for future classes of Santa Cruz students.

*Hannah Buoye - Women's Ultimate*

Intramurals allows for me to still be able to play and improve my skills. Not only do intramural sports keep me active, but they also have allowed me to meet countless people.

*Becky Moore - 2nd Year Student*

For me personally, I have had to go through more than I ever expected just to be able to have extra activities to enjoy. I've been kicked out of classes for lack of space, I've worn jerseys five sizes too big - or none at all, I've said heartfelt goodbyes to coaches who couldn't afford to keep volunteering, I've paid hundreds of dollars out of my own pocket just for the necessities that keep the game going, I've fought time and time again, reminding people that certain teams even exist at all in this school, and I've done it all with the hopes that one day my fellow students will better understand that an eclectic and diverse range of activities, clubs, and classes is the most important and memorable quality of college.

*Natalie Grant, 2nd year, Cowell, Lit major - UCSC dance team*

The Sports Clubs at UCSC bring us all closer to what UCSC represents as a campus: becoming close to nature and discovering new individuals. The one problem that this program has is its lack of funding. Sports programs continually lose support because of the lack of sport field space and resulting scheduling conflicts.

*Ian MacManus - Senior*