

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

5. 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.
6. Current equipment is worn and defective and needs repair or replacement. We would like to accomplish this without adding fees for individual classes.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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:

10. Cuts to existing physical education classes will be avoided.
11. Physical education classes will remain affordable to all students by preventing the need to add or increase fees for individual classes.
12. More opportunities to participate in a wider variety of physical education classes at more locations on campus.
13. Students will continue to receive master level instruction from highly qualified instructors.

14. Classes will have safe, up-to-date equipment.
15. 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.

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