

## MEASURE 8: Campus Student Government Fee Increase

### **QUESTION:**

Shall the undergraduates of UCSC provide funding for campus-wide events, rallies, conferences, educational forums, stipends, student advocacy and lobbying efforts, and educational programs that will train students in direct action organizing, empowerment, and representation by permanently increasing the existing **Campus Student Government Fee** of \$2.00 per quarter to \$7.00 per quarter, beginning Fall 2003?

### **SUMMARY POINTS:**

- Increase existing undergraduate compulsory fee from \$2.00/quarter to \$7.00/quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2003, permanent fee (no ending date).
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in the fall, winter, and spring quarters, and to undergraduates enrolled in State-funded summer programs.
- Fee will generate approximately \$277,620 in 2003-2004.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly (SUA.)

### **BALLOT STATEMENT:**

The Student Union Assembly (SUA) is UCSC's campuswide undergraduate student government, run by students for students. The SUA is a coalition made up of six elected officers, three representatives from each college, and one representative from African/Black Student Alliance (A/BSA), Asian Pacific Islander Student Alliance (APISA), Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Network (GLBTN), Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (MEChA), Ethnic Student Organization Council (ESOC) and Student Alliance of North American Indians (SANAI).

The Campus Student Government Fee has not been changed since the undergraduate student government's (Student Union Assembly) inception in 1985. The current budget covers the administrative costs of the SUA with little money left for events, discretionary spending or outreach. If the fee increase is approved, \$0.67 per student per quarter will give UCSC automatic membership into the University of California Student Association (UC Systemwide student government). In addition, it will provide resources to outreach to the undergraduate student body and to hold events, which will promote discussion, debate, and awareness of undergraduate issues from a variety of perspectives. This measure may allow funding for educational activities such as:

- Campuswide events
- Concerts
- Rallies

- Teach-ins
- Educational forums
- United States Student Association Membership (National Student Government)
- Annual GrassRoots Organizing Weekend
- Students of Color Conference
- Women of Color Conference
- USSA GrassRoots Legislative Conference in Washington, DC