

MEASURE 16: Student Voice and Empowerment Fee

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates of UCSC assess themselves \$.75 per student, per quarter to provide funding to the Student Union Assembly (SUA) Student Committee on Committees (SCOC) to ensure student representation and voice on all major campus decision-making and advisory committees, ensure communication with and between student representatives on committees, and facilitate campuswide outreach for available positions?

SUMMARY POINTS

- Establishes a new undergraduate compulsory fee of \$.75 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid or \$0.19 of the fee to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2005 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in the fall, winter and spring quarters, and undergraduates enrolled in state-funded summer session.
- Fee will generate approximately \$ 31,489 in AY 2005-06, the first year it is in effect, with \$23,617 going to the SUA/SCOC and \$7,872 going to Financial Aid.
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by a vote of the Student Union Assembly.

BALLOT STATEMENT

The Student Committee on Committees (SCOC) is a committee of the UCSC undergraduate student government, the Student Union Assembly (SUA).

The SCOC Council is composed of eleven members. One member is the SUA Internal Vice Chair (IVC), who is elected during annual campuswide elections. College student governments appoint the other ten members, with one member from each college.

The SCOC presently receives a small amount of funding through the SUA budget and through registration fees. This funding is insufficient to carry out SCOC's mission of student voice and empowerment through committee representation.

If Measure 16 is approved, funds will go to the SCOC to augment the existing budget to ensure that students are represented on all major decision-making and advisory committees. The SCOC budget will be appropriated as

follows:

55%	Funding stipends for SCOC officers and interns to coordinate the internal business of the SCOC, and funding to compensate SCOC general, and steering committee members for SCOC work, provided that they account for and verify all time spent and do not exceed a quarterly maximum time figure set by the SCOC each year (\$13,051 estimated in 2005-06).
25%	Funding campuswide outreach, recruitment, and operational costs of the SCOC (\$5,932 estimated in 2005-06).
15%	Funding to provide a small stipend to student committee representatives, provided that they account for and verify all time spent in committee meetings. These representatives would be required to attend all meetings of their committee, respond promptly to student inquiries about their committee, attend quarterly Cross Committee Communication Caucus (C^4) meetings, make regular reports about the activities of their committee, participate in SUA and SCOC committees relating to their committee's subjects, and maintain a detailed binder about their committee's work in the SUA office. This money can also be spent on general SCOC outreach if not needed for stipends (\$3,559 estimated in 2005-06).
5%	Funding for operating and programming costs of the Cross Committee Communication Caucus (C^4) so that representatives can host fora to share issues and concerns with other students on committees and with the campus student governments (\$1,187 estimated in 2005-06).

ENDORSEMENTS

The Student Union Assembly (SUA)