



STUDENT FACILITIES PROPOSAL

QUESTION

SHALL A COMPULSORY FEE OF \$30 PER QUARTER BE ASSESSED TO SUPPORT STUDENT LIFE FACILITIES? THE FEE WILL BEGIN NO EARLIER THAN FALL QUARTER 1987, WHEN EITHER THE STUDENT CENTER OR POOL IS OPENED.

DISCUSSION

In response to students' expressed needs and the recommendations of the Student Life Facilities Committee, the chancellor has approved a "package" of student life facilities to be presented for student approval in this election. The total cost of the proposed facilities is \$6.5 million to be raised as follows:

Additional Facilities Fees	
Paid by Students:	\$4,200,000
Private Contributions:	\$1,300,000
Other Funds:	\$1,000,000

Students are asked whether to approve a compulsory fee of \$30 per quarter for thirty years to fund these new facilities. Payment of this fee would commence when either the swimming pool or student center is complete and ready for use. It is expected that both facilities would be completed in 1987-88, and the entire fee would be assessed when the first one is opened.

If the goals for private and other funding are met, all the projects listed below will be completed. If for some reason the goals are not met, then the facilities will be constructed in the following order of priority:

PROJECT PRIORITY

ESTIMATED COST

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| 1. Student Center | \$1,700,000 |
| Features: large social area/gameroom/snack bar; study lounge; 18 offices for campuswide organizations and a conference room; lounge for Third World student groups; multipurpose meeting room which seats 300; Campus Activities Offices; Box Office; Campus Calendar; Day-Use Lockers. | |
| 2. Swimming Pool | \$1,247,000 |
| Dimensions are 60 feet x 110 feet with eight lanes and a movable bulkhead to accommodate two separate swimming activities at the same time. | |
| 3. Aerobics Jogging Track | \$75,000 |
| The surface of the existing half-mile jogging track at the East Field would be replaced with a properly drained, permanent all-weather surface. Signs would be installed for evaluation of cardiovascular endurance. | |
| 4. East Field House Addition | \$1,654,000 |
| Features: new men's and women's locker rooms with 12 showers and 225 steel lockers each; a new service center; centralized access to all OPERS facilities for increased security; a new first aid training room for the care and prevention of athletic injuries; new administrative space for OPERS staff and faculty. | |
| 5. East Playing Field | \$385,000 |
| The new field would expand the existing east playing area an additional 300 x 540 feet and accommodate two simultaneous softball games or simultaneous soccer and rugby matches. | |
| 6. Multipurpose Indoor Facility | \$1,138,000 |
| A large tent-like structure (124 feet wide with six 30-foot bays) would cover an indoor playing surface for tennis, basketball, badminton, and volleyball. Individuals could also jog around a perimeter track, and large campus events such as concerts and dances could be held in this facility. | |
| 7. Tennis Courts/Marina | \$280,000 |
| The existing east tennis courts would be expanded from 3 doubles and 1 singles court to 6 doubles courts, properly spaced for regulation play. Hillside seating would be installed at the west end of the courts. | |
| Funding also would be used to support architectural drawings and fundraising efforts to obtain private gift funds for remodeling the marina facility. | |

If the proposed facilities fee is approved, the campus Space Committee will undertake a feasibility study to determine the sites of the student center, swimming pool, and multipurpose indoor facility.

The establishment of a compulsory fee requires approval by The Regents following an election in which at least a simple majority of the required voting pool (25% of the student body) approve the fee.

OPINIONS

Supporting:

Ten important reasons to support the referendum:

1. In winter 1984, over 3,000 students indicated they would use a student center and 1,994 said they would support a fee for the center.
2. The student center will provide a much needed facility where any member of the student body can gather and interact in a social and/or formal group setting.
3. In spring 1984, students collected 1,213 signatures petitioning for a new pool at UCSC.
4. The facilities package will bring together a large segment of the student population from all eight colleges fostering campus unity and lifelong beneficial effects.
5. There are very limited state or federal funds to build new student facilities.
6. Students will have input in the decision-making process during planning.
7. Only 37% of UCSC students graduate in 5 years. Preliminary research indicates that students actively involved in OPERS have a higher rate of graduation in five years.
8. A student commitment will increase the possibility of private and systemwide financial support.
9. The physical education facilities were designed for a student population of 5,000 not the current enrollment of 7,000.
10. Last year 2,000 students were turned away from OPERS programs. This demand clearly illustrates student awareness of the important role that fitness plays in university life.

STUDENTS FOR STUDENT LIFE FACILITIES

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Opposing:

(No opposing opinion was submitted.)
