

MEASURE 22: Modification to Student Voice & Empowerment Fee Language

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates of UCSC modify the language of MEASURE 16 to change how the Student Committee on Committees, a standing committee of the Student Union Assembly (SUA) utilizes funds generated from Measure 16 (passed in Spring 2005)?

SUMMARY POINTS

- No new/additional fee is being proposed and the existing permanent Student Voice and Empowerment Fee of \$0.75/per student, per quarter, will remain in place.
- Measure 22 is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly.

BALLOT STATEMENT

New Language:

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

The SCOC Council is composed of 13 members: ten college representatives and three officers.

If this measure is approved, funds will go to the SCOC to re-allocate 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%	<i>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. This money can also be spent on operations, student committee representative pay or C4 if it is not needed for officer/intern pay. (\$13,051 estimated in 2005-06)</i>
18%	<i>Funding campus-wide outreach, recruitment, and operational costs of the SCOC. This money can also be spent on officer/intern pay, student committee representative pay or C4 if it is not needed for SCOC operations. (\$5,932 estimated in 2005-06).</i>

20%	<i>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 officer/intern pay, operations or C4 if it is not needed for SCOC committee representative pay.(\$3,559 estimated in 2005-06)</i>
12%	<i>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. This money can also be spent on officer/intern pay, operations or SCOC committee representative pay if it is not needed for C4. (\$1,187 estimated in 2005-06)</i>

Original Language:

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%	<i>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).</i>
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25%	<i>Funding campus-wide outreach, recruitment, and operational costs of the SCOC (\$5,932 estimated in 2005-06).</i>
15%	<i>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).</i>
5%	<i>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).</i>

Why is this change being proposed?

Funds will go to the SCOC to re-allocate the existing budget to ensure that students are represented on all major decision-making and advisory committees. The past year has indicated that the funds need to be reallocated to be able to meet SCOC's goals more appropriately.