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**PROPOSITION 2.** Shall student fees for transit (Santa Cruz Metro Transit District) and campus shuttles be combined to create a comprehensive transit fee to be monitored by a Transit Oversight Advisory Committee, composed of a majority of students and chaired by a student?

**DISCUSSION**

This measure will not increase fees. Currently students are paying \$16 per quarter for Metro bus service and \$2 per quarter for shuttle service. This resolution would combine the two into a comprehensive transit fee (\$18 per quarter). The Oversight Committee will be appointed by the Chancellor and report to the Transportation Committee. The proposed change would allow review of transit expenditures and recommendations for campus transit improvements. Also, it would provide more latitude in deciding how much of the fee would go to the shuttles and how much to Metro depending on current student desires.

**SUPPORTING OPINION**

**Better transit system:** Combined fees will permit meshing of shuttles and Metro buses into one system. As a result, costs can be kept lower, thereby avoiding or deferring future rate increases. Long-delayed safety and operations improvements to shuttle turnouts, shelters, and in signing can be accomplished. This measure is the first step to create a transit System. The second step in allowing all students full campus access day or night, rain or shine, car or no car, is to support the two-year shuttle fee increase on the ballot.

This measure will create a new process to provide for student participation in determining the mix of campus shuttle and transit services and relations with the SCMTD, leading to improved service to campus and reduced overcrowding.

**OPPOSING OPINION:** No opposing opinion was received.