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STUDENT ATHLETICS FEE INITIATIVE

The Student Athletics Fee Initiative covers the renovation and maintenance of the major student use fields as well as construction of a new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex. The goal is to provide students and student athletes premier sporting facilities that will enhance their participation and skill. Renovation/maintenance areas include Pauley Track, Storke Field, Robertson Field, Harold Stadum, Robertson Gym, the baseball field, and the softball field. (Renovation and maintenance of Robertson Field will be in conjunction with the proposed Recreational Sports Fee Initiative.) The fee also covers construction of a new restroom facility between the baseball and softball fields and includes funds to maintain all the fields once the renovations are completed. In addition, the fee will fund the development of a new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex planned for the area adjacent to Robertson Field and Pauley Track.

To fund this facility construction and these field improvements, the Student Athletics Fee Initiative proposes a student-imposed mandatory fee of $29.56 per undergraduate student per quarter ($17.74 Summer Quarter) beginning in Fall 2001 and continuing through Summer 2005. The fee will increase as of Fall 2005 to $39.56 ($23.74 Summer Quarter) for the repayment of principal and interest and to cover the maintenance of the Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex and the renovated fields. The debt portion of the fee will continue for approximately thirty years (depending on availability of financing terms) after which the per-student/quarter amount collected will be reduced to cover maintenance and on-going costs and submitted to a student vote for approval. Do you approve the assessment of these fees?

YES ________ NO ________

The "Student Athletics Fee Initiative" is sponsored by the Student Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) in response to student desires to enhance and upgrade UCSB's facilities for all sporting and recruiting students.

Project Cost Schedule (estimates):

| Renovations & Field Improvements (Projects completed over the next four years): | $480,000 |
| Pauley Track and Field upgrades | $140,000 |
| Robertson Field renovations | $470,000 |
| Storke Field renovations | $410,000 |
| Harold Stadium Field renovation | $900,000 |
| Robertson Gym Lockers & Gymnastics upgrade | $440,000 |
| Baseball field improvements | $690,000 |
| Softball field improvements | $440,000 |
| Baseball/Softball restrooms | $330,000 |
| Total | $6,390,000 |

New Construction (Completed in Summer 2005):

- Aquatics & Tennis Complex: $15,810,000
- Total Referendum Project Costs: $22,710,000

Fee schedule for Renovation & Field improvement projects (Fall 2001 through Summer 2005):

Over this time period, the renovation work will occur for Pauley Track and Field Improvement, Robertson Field upgrade, Storke Field upgrade, Harold Stadium Field upgrade, Robertson Gym Locker-room renovations, Robertson Gymnastics refurbishment, baseball facility upgrades, softball facility upgrades, and the installation of restrooms facilities between the baseball and softball fields. Over this four year period, the quarterly fee to be assessed will be $29.56 ($17.74 Summer Quarter) per student per quarter, which is estimated to generate $1,596,000 annually and $6,300,000 over the four years. All the projects will be funded from the annual proceeds, and this portion of the referendum will have no associated debt financing. Please note that scheduling priorities, maintenance, and general student body access to these facilities will continue to be managed by Physical Activities and Recreation using existing user guidelines.

Fee Schedule for Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex & Field Maintenance (Fee as Assessed Beginning Fall 2005):

- The new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex is planned to be completed by summer of 2005 with the fee being assessed beginning in Fall 2005. The total project costs for the new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex are estimated to be $15,810,000. Beginning in Fall 2005, the mandatory fee will increase to $39.56 ($23.74 Summer Quarter) per quarter to cover the annual principal, interest, and debt requirements of $5,710,000 for the Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex and will cover the costs of the on-going operations and maintenance of these facilities, estimated at $294,000 per year. The fee will also cover the anticipated costs of maintaining the renovated fields, estimated at $294,000 annually. The total annual cost for the referendum is $2,350,000 per year for a maximum period of 30 years. The general student population will be given access to the facilities. When intercollegiate Athletics use is not scheduled. Please note that scheduling priorities, maintenance and general student body access to the new Aquatics/Tennis Court Complex will be managed by Physical Activities and Recreation using existing user guidelines. Should enrollments unexpectedly decline, the Regents will assess a fee sufficient to cover the planned annual expenses of $2,350,000.

Estimated Annual Costs (Fall 2005 through 2005):

- Principal, Interest & Debt requirements: $5,710,000
- Maintenance & Utilities: $294,000
- Renovated Field Maintenance: $220,000
- Total Annual Costs Phase: $6,224,000

STUDENT RESOURCE BUILDING FEE INITIATIVE

The Student Resource Building will provide new and improved space for key student support services such as Counseling and Assistance Services (CLAS), Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), Health Services, Women's Center, and the Residence Hall and Community Services (RHCS), Ocelot Family Children's Center (OFCC), Education Program for Cultural Awareness (EPCA), Office of Student Life (OSL), Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS), and Ethnic Studies (ES). The Bursar's Office, and the Alumni Relations Office (ARO). By supporting the Student Resource Building you will have access to new student space that includes meeting rooms, student lounges and offices, an open-access computer lab (approximately 40 computers), a smaller writing tutorial lab, a performance/practice hall, multi-purpose rooms, kitchen facilities, and a library/infomation center.

Do you approve a student-imposed mandatory per student per quarter fee increase of $2.50 per quarter ($2.50 per quarter for each of the next five years) to support the Student Resource Building? This fee will be used to support the student resource building and the renovation of Robertson Field in coordination with the proposed Recreational Sports Fee Initiative. The fee will begin Fall 2001 and continue for a period of four years after which a reformation vote will take place.

Do you approve the $2.50 increase? ________ YES ________ NO ________

NOTE: This proposed fee increase is not related to the Recreation Center fee vote on last spring. This fee will be used to expand the facilities and services of the Recreation Center.

UCSB Recreational Sports consists of four student programs: Intramurals, Sport Clubs, Adventure Programs, and Recreation. As many as 13,000 students comprise as many as 900 Intramural teams in 14 sports per quarter. Over 600 clubs make up the 19 Sport Club teams that compete nationally on an intercollegiate level. 2,000 participants are involved in over 200 Adventure Program trips and classes. Thousands of students participate in Open Recreation and over 500 student job opportunities are provided through Recreational Sports. In order to maintain this level of service and enhance the general condition of Robertson Field, a mandatory fee increase of $12.00 is proposed. Costs associated with the renovation and maintenance of Robertson Field will also be funded by a portion of the Intercollegiate Athletics fee referendum on the 2001 ballot.

Allocation of fees:

- Fields Enhancement & Maintenance: $9,500
- Recreational Sports (all programs): $2,500
- Adventure Programs: $9,500
- Sport Clubs: $4,000

STUDENT RESOURCE BUILDING FEE INITIATIVE

This fee proposal is sponsored by the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) on the need expressed by student organizations for additional meeting/reserve space and the desire to bring together student services (presently scattered across campus in temporary and substandard facilities) and link them to one another and to new space dedicated to student activities.

The capital cost to students for this project is $23,140,000. Total annual costs are estimated at $2,550,000 which includes principal payments, interest, and some ongoing staffing and maintenance (estimated annual staffing and maintenance is $150,000). Upon payment of this referendum, a student-majors building committee will be formed to participate in the planning and construction of the facility. Upon completion of construction, a student-majors governing board will be established to oversee the operations of the building. A preliminary conceptual design may be reviewed at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and the Office of Student Life. Should enrollments unexpectedly decline, the Regents will assess a fee sufficient to cover the planned annual expenses of $2,550,000.
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PRO/CON STATEMENTS

All registered students are invited to submit written statements of support or opposition for publication in the Daily Nexus. Pro/Con statements must include the author’s name and be submitted to the Office of Student Life, SAASB 2301, by 12 noon on Tuesday, April 10, 2001. Statements will appear in the Daily Nexus on Tuesday, April 17 and Wednesday, April 18.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the election to be considered valid. A sliding scale based on the 5 year average voter turnout (29.22 percent for undergraduates, 28.47 percent for undergraduates and graduate students combined) is used to determine whether an initiative passes. If there is a 20 percent voter turnout, two-thirds of those voting must support the measure. If the turnout is 29.22 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 28.47 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and graduate students, a 50 percent plus one voter approval is needed for the initiative to pass. Reaffirmation requires 60% + one to invalidate.

UNDERGRADUATE POLLING LOCATIONS

Undergraduate Students: There will be six polling locations by the University Center, the Arbor Mall/Library, Ellison/Buchanan Halls, North Hall/Plus Loop, HSSB, and Brooks/Engineering. The hours will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 and Wednesday, April 25.

GRADUATE STUDENTS VOTING

Graduate students vote electronically or by picking up a ballot at the Graduate Students Association office. Call 893-3834 for information. GSA Website: http://www.gsa.ucsb.edu

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available from the Office of Student Life, SAASB 2201, and Associated Students CAB Office, UCen 2523, beginning Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20, 2001.

These measures will be on the Associated Students ballot along with candidates for A.S. Offices and A.S. Fee Reaffirmation items.

Be sure to be a registered student by April 13, 2001 to be eligible to vote.

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