2004 VOTERS GUIDE & Sample Ballot

These two initiatives will be voted on by undergraduate and graduate students.

New Fee—Bridal Bike Path Initiative

Do you approve a mandatory fee of $5.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, including summer, to construct a bicycle path through the Bridal Path connecting Engineering & Chemistry to the Pardall/Liberty bike path and Vista Vista? If passed, the fee would begin fall 2004 and continue indefinitely. The fee will be collected by a contractor the Board of Regents has hired in advance of the fee being approved. This fee is in addition to the current fee for the Bridal Path. The fee is subject to renegotiation. Construction will begin when either 1) the fee is collected or 2) a sufficient amount is collected to begin construction in phases.

No
Yes

The Bridal Bike path will provide an efficient and safe way for bicyclists to get from the east side of campus (Engineering & Chemistry) to the Pardall/Liberty bike path. This path will address the traffic and safety concerns caused by cyclists ignoring the presence of a path and riding through the pedestrian-only roadway around this part of campus. The total cost of the project is estimated at $500,000. A fee can be secured, construction will begin as soon as possible after all approvals are final. Otherwise, construction will begin in phases depending on the amount collected. In either case the fee will end after summer 2007. The fee is sponsored by Associated Students Bicycle Improvements Keep Everyone Safe (A.S. BIKES) Committee. However, the Bridal Bike Path Fee will be collected separately from the normal UCSB per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter A.S., sponsored Bicycle Path Maintenance fee. Any funds remaining after construction will go to A.S. BIKES for bicycle improvement. A detailed cost analysis is available at the Associated Students and Graduate Students Association office.

Refardimation—UCSB/MTD Supericket Bus Program

Do you approve the refardimation of the current $9.38 per student per quarter mandatory fee (excluding summer) to fund the UCSB/Transit District (MTD) Supericket Bus Program? Any fee increase will be indexed to the MTD adult fare. The contract will be subject to refardimation by ballot voting every four years.

No
Yes

TRANSPORT SYSTEM FARE-ADJUST INDEX The current student per quarter transport fee for unlimited MTD Student fare is $8.49 in 1997. The first time this fee was charged was in 1999 and its fare was increased by a formula based coinced UCSB student enrollment, the MTD general population fare, and credit for student transfers. The student transport fee is indexed to the MTD adult fare. If the MTD adult fare were to increase, the student transport fee rate proportionally. Every year, in winter 2004 through spring quarters, the MTD adult fare will be increased by the General Population Index (GPI) and then adjusted by the MTD adult fare. The MTD student transport fee was adjusted by the same percentage ($5.97 to $9.38.

BUS ACCESS In lieu of a regular paid fee, MTD will continue to accept UCSC transportation cards with a current student validity sticker. In winter and spring quarters, or the period of one week prior to the first day of classes, during the end of the second week of classes of each quarter, MTD will also accept a registration card validated for the previous quarter. In any quarter, a UCSB "Temporary ID Card" in conjunction with a phone number and a photo ID can be accepted by MTD from one week prior to the start of a quarter through the second week of classes for that quarter. (This method of bus access at the start of each quarter may be changed for this summer.)

SUMMER ACCESS Students who are registered for Summer Session will continue to have unlimited rideship with MTD from one week prior to the start of Summer Session to the beginning of fall quarter by showing their registration card with the valid Summer Session sticker. Thus, students registered in all four quarters can enjoy year-round passes.

CONTRACT REAFFIRMATION If students reaffirm this the contract will continue in effect until cancellation by either UCSB or MTD. However, a reaffirmation of this contract and fee is ballot voting every four years.

CONTRACT AND BUS SERVICE. The current contract between UCSB and MTD does not specify the level of bus service, e.g., number of bus lines or hours. The contract does state that MTD must notify UCSB of any proposed service changes and hold a public forum at a location convenient to UCSB community. These public forums must be advertised in the Daily Nexus. MTD will also notify the presidents of Associated Students and Graduate Students Association when changes have been implemented that affect Greek, Rasa, Vista, and/or UCSB.

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 electronically to wasner-jjs@uclio. by 5 pm on Tuesday, April 6, 2004. Statements will appear in the Daily Nexus on Tuesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 14.

VOTER TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

A minimum 20 percent voter turnout is required in order for the elections to be considered valid. A Voting scale based on the 3-year average voter turnout (28.2 percent for undergraduate, 43.9 percent for graduate and graduate students combined) is used to determine whether an initiative passes. If there are 20 percent voter turnout, both thirds of those voting must support the measure. If the turnout is 20.16 percent or higher for measures voted on by undergraduates only, or 28.21 percent or higher for measures voted on by both undergraduates and graduate students, a 20.5 percent vote approval is needed for the initiative to pass. Refardimation requires 60% or one in 11 valid.

These measures will be on the Associated Students ballot along with candidates for R.S. Offices and R.S. Fee Reaffirmation items. Graduate students will vote on separate ballot. The vote is to be certified by registered students by April 15, 2004 to be eligible to vote.

This voter information pamphlet has been produced by the Campus Elections Commission, The Chancellor, which is comprised of students, faculty, and staff members, is a neutral body which administers the Chancellor on all matters pertaining to referendums, and conducts elections in such a way that the interests of the voters and the institution are served through the process. The Campus Elections Commission is NOT affiliated with Associated Students Elections. Fees approved through this process are not subject to R.S. Fees.

Voters Guide Web Site: http://www.compu.sections.ucsb.edu

UCSB CAMPUS ELECTIONS COMMISSION

On-line Spring Election 2004

April 20 - 22

These two initiatives will be voted on by undergraduate students only.

New Fee—Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) Support Fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee of $6.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, to maintain the current level of CLAS group and drop-in tutorial? If passed, the fee would begin fall 2004 and be subject to referendum in spring 2006.

Yes
No

Campus Learning Assistance Services (CLAS) has taken a series of budget cuts due to the state budget crisis and has experienced increased workload. Demand for services remains strong across all disciplines. If we are to retain our current level of services without increasing to a fee for service model, CLAS must raise lost funds. All CLAS services are free to UCSB undergraduates. In comparison, a student opting to hire a private tutor may pay from $20 to $40 for a single hour of tutoring. Helping CLAS maintain its open door policy ensures that all students have equal access to academic tutoring.

The CLAS support fee will help pay for group and drop-in tutorials at the current level of services. CLAS serves nearly 7,000 undergraduates a year, boasting in excess of 150,000 student contact hours. CLAS serves students in all disciplines and at all class levels by operating 6 drop-in labs and staffing nearly 300 tutorial groups. CLAS fees from the current $7.50-125 undergraduates annually. In the most recent Graduating Senior Survey (spring 2005) CLAS received one of the highest satisfaction ratings of all student services.

New Fee—Student Health Service Support Fee

Do you approve of a mandatory fee of $7.00 per undergraduate student per quarter, including summer, in order to maintain the current level of student health services? The fee is in addition to the $12.00 per student per quarter for currently collected. If passed, the fee would begin fall 2004, be subject to referendum in spring 2006, and raise the total undergraduate student quarterly fee to $197.50 (fall, winter and spring) and $155 for summer.

Yes
No

Student Health is designed specifically to serve UCSB students. All the following medical services are conveniently located on-campus:

- Same day appointments
- Urgent Care
- Women's health
- Psychiatry
- Pharmacy (prescription and non-prescription medications)
- Laboratory and X-ray
- Physical therapy and orthopedics
- Dermat
- Eye and Dental Clinic
- Immunizations for flu, hepatitis, meningitis, travel, etc.
- Wart and acne treatment
- Counseling in substance abuse, eating disorders, sexual health

Student Health also provides public health information as it pertains to college students. Current topics include medical responses to terrorist attacks, SARS and Avian Flu.

The health education component provides academic classes, internships and meaningful health information for RAs, athletes, Genetics, in-coming freshmen, etc. Topics include alcohol/substance abuse, eating disorders, nutrition, sexual and health communication skills for healthy relationships. This fee:

- Has been increased since initiated in 1991 even though medical costs have skyrocketed.
- Will keep Student Health per visit fees reasonable.
- Is incorporated into financial aid packages.

Without the $7 fee, Student Health will need to raise rates per visit.

THE ELECTION IS ON LINE!

How to vote:

Go to the UCSB Gold system and follow the instructions after pressing the "Student Elections" button.

You may vote on any computer with internet access. Computer banks are located at the UCen, Davidson Library, and many residence halls.

Any difficulty voting should be reported to 893-4467.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004