



Spring 2006 Campus Election Fee Measures

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% *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)*
- 18% *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).*
- 20% *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 (C⁴) 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)

12% 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)

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% 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).

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

15% 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).

5% 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).

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.

MEASURE 23: Intramural and Sports Club Team Activities

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for a variety of UCSC Intramural and Sports Club team activities (including team allocations, travel, equipment purchase, and officials) by establishing a new, permanent fee of \$2.25 per student per quarter, beginning Fall 2006?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$2.25 per student, per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (\$0.56 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2006 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$101,250 (of which \$25,312 will go to Financial Aid).
- Fee income will go to support Intramural and Sports Club Team activities under the management of the Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS).
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association.

BALLOT STATEMENT

How the fee will be used:

The fee will be used by the Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS) to fund programming for more than 5,000 students involved in Sports Clubs and Intramural events. This fee will provide money for team allocations, student officials, staff support, travel, equipment purchase, and membership fees and decrease the costs that individual students currently must pay to participate in these programs.

Why is the fee needed?

These programs do not currently receive any direct, student fee support and out-of-pocket costs to individual student participants are too expensive.

Who will benefit:

Students will benefit in the following way:

- Currently, there are 4,500 Intramural participants and 500 Sports Club participants, and over 15,000 spectators at events and games annually.
- More opportunities for all students to participate in Intramurals and Club Sports because of lower out-of-pocket costs to individuals.
- Funding will appropriately fund travel and team expenses.

ENDORSEMENTS

Graduate Student Association (GSA), Intramural Sports, Athletics, Track and Field, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Special Olympics, Cheer Squad, Cross Country Club, Dance Team, Equestrian Team, Ping Pong Club, Sailing Team, Cycling Team, Baseball Club, Men's Rugby, Women's Rugby, Diving Club, Water Polo Club, Triathlon Club, Men's Soccer Club, Disc Golf Club, Men's Ultimate, Women's Ultimate, Fencing, Surfing Team

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

I don't think I can convey enough the importance of finding your own way through college and club sports are one way in which this is done. You are productive in ways large lecture halls can never provide and it is important to me that we help make this experience an even more beneficial and enjoyable one for future classes of Santa Cruz students.

Hannah Buoye - Women's Ultimate

Intramurals allows for me to still be able to play and improve my skills. Not only do intramural sports keep me active, but they also have allowed me to meet countless people.

Becky Moore - 2nd Year Student

For me personally, I have had to go through more than I ever expected just to be able to have extra activities to enjoy. I've been kicked out of classes for lack of space, I've worn jerseys five sizes too big - or none at all, I've said heartfelt goodbyes to coaches who couldn't afford to keep volunteering, I've paid hundreds of dollars out of my own pocket just for the necessities that keep the game going, I've fought time and time again, reminding people that certain teams even exist at all in this school, and I've done it all with the hopes that one day my fellow students will better understand that an eclectic and diverse range of activities, clubs, and classes is the most important and memorable quality of college.

Natalie Grant, 2nd year, Cowell, Lit major - UCSC dance team

The Sports Clubs at UCSC bring us all closer to what UCSC represents as a campus: becoming close to nature and discovering new individuals. The one problem that this program has is its lack of funding. Sports programs continually lose support because of the lack of sport field space and resulting scheduling conflicts.

Ian MacManus - Senior

MEASURE 24: Transportation Fee Increase

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC increase the current Transportation Fee of \$69/per student per quarter by \$13.33 in 2006-07; an additional \$13.33 in 2007-08; and an additional \$16.00 in 2008/09 and thereafter to provide funding for Campus Transit Operations, the acquisition of new transit vehicles, continued funding of unlimited student ridership on SCMTD transit services?

SUMMARY POINTS

- Increase current undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$69 per student per quarter to \$82.33 (total) per student per quarter beginning in Fall 2006, to \$95.66 (total) beginning in Fall 2007, and to \$111.66 (total) in Fall 2008 and thereafter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid on the increase amount only (\$3.33 of the 2006-07 increase, \$3.33 of the 2007-08 increase, and \$4 of the 2008-9 increase will go to Financial Aid) to assure that lower income students have assistance in paying the fee increase.
- Fee increases begin Fall Quarter 2006, increase incrementally, and become permanent with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee increase will generate approximately \$599,850 (of which \$149,850 will go to Financial Aid) beginning in 2006-07, an additional \$599,850 (of which \$149,850 will go to Financial Aid)

beginning in 2007-08, and an additional \$720,000 (of which \$180,000 will go to Financial aid) beginning in 2008-09 and thereafter.

- The fee income will go to the office of Transportation & Parking Services (TAPS).
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association.

BALLOT STATEMENT

In order to prevent significant decreases in UCSC campus shuttle service beginning in Fall 2006 and, instead, allow for continuation of the same level of service presently provided, the Transportation Fee needs to be increased incrementally from the current fee level of \$69/per student per quarter in the following fashion:

	Current Fee	Proposed Incremental Fee Increase	Total New Quarterly Fee
2006-07	\$69.00	\$13.25	\$82.25
2007-08	\$82.33	\$13.50	\$95.75
2008-09 (and beyond)	\$95.66	\$16.00	\$111.75

Currently, campus transit carries nearly 12,000 riders per day, while Santa Cruz Metro buses carry nearly 10,000 students daily. During the four-year period when student transit fees remained the same, Santa Cruz Metro has increased fares by 50%. This necessitated an amended contract between the Santa Cruz Metro and UCSC, which raised billing rates incrementally over seven years, rather than one year. Additionally, the UCSC campus shuttle program has experienced significant cost increases for fuel, maintenance, insurance, and personnel. Since funding for these services is derived nearly entirely from the Transportation Fee, the ability to maintain campus shuttle service at its current level is dependant on student approval of an increase in this fee.

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

When I decided to write the pro statement for this measure I thought long and hard on how to 'sell' it. How to make it sound better than it actually is, and provide you with an illusion of grandeur that will make us feel warm inside. I soon realized that would be an impossible task, we are all adults here, and we can handle the truth. A good decision requires the truth, and the truth is what I am going to provide.

The norm for most measures is that a 'no' vote will preserve the status quo. If you vote no on a sports stadium, it does not get built, you do not pay more, and everything remains the same. In this case it is the reverse; our transportation service is so mired in debt for reasons beyond TAPS' control that a no vote on Measure 24 will cause dramatic change. Our bus service will be cut by 33% if this measure fails; this will be on top of the 10% cut that we have already suffered this quarter (you are not paranoid; there are fewer buses running this quarter). Of course it goes without saying that many drivers will lose their jobs. There will be NO extra buses during the class change, as is the standard right now. And the regular buses will have reduced frequency, and some routes like the Core or Loop are just going to disappear. Think about that for a second. Hundreds of students pouring out to a bus stop that will only see a 50 person capacity bus every 15 to 20 minutes, and this bus will already be filled with the students at the previous stop. So be prepared to put on your walking shoes to get around campus during that time. Need to get to Oakes from Stevenson? Then you better put on your running shoes.

Now that we've seen the results of a no vote, it is time to describe a yes vote. The previously mentioned scenario will not be reality. There will be extra service added to our existing line up. In addition larger, higher capacity Loops will soon appear on the scene and hopefully make full buses and pass-bys a thing of the past.

Thank you for your time, and vote wisely

*Drew Salzborn,
Third Year, Stevenson College
Transportation Advisory Committee
Transit Oversight Committee*

Some Background

UCSC students first instituted a \$3.50 transit fee in 1972, and it was last raised to \$69 per quarter in 2002. This is probably the highest campus transportation fee in the country, and it reflects an extraordinary commitment of UCSC students to transportation alternatives (alternatives to single occupancy vehicles). The fee currently brings in 4 million dollars per year and pays for all on-campus shuttles and for unlimited ridership on Santa Cruz County "Metro" buses (1.8 million dollars).

In addition to the student contribution of 4 million dollars, other income sources including summer session, the conference office, the parking permit program (\$500,000), housing and parking fines (\$80,000) provide a total of about \$800,000 in funding per year. It is a strict rule of the University of California that no state funds may be used to fund parking or transit.

Due to increases in costs, especially in fuel and the Santa Cruz Metro, the transit program is currently running at a deficit of \$500,000 per year. In 2007-08, Transportation and Parking Services projects it will have to cut daytime shuttle service by 20% if the transit fee is not increased. Measure 24 phases-in a \$46 increase in the transit fee to \$112/quarter in 2008-09. Twenty-five percent of the proposed new income would go to the Financial Aid Office ("Return-to-Aid") to assure that low income students will not have to bare the full cost of this fee.

Some Reasons to Vote for Measure 24

Measure 24 will enable Transportation and Parking Services (as well as the SC County Metro) to have a reliable source of income for the transit program. It allows transportation staff to develop a sound plan to deal with all that a complex transit program entails. It provides stability in the current level of service on campus as well as unlimited ridership on the Metro. Unlimited ridership on the Metro is understood to be enabling in keeping cars off campus. Fewer cars on campus means fewer parking headaches, less traffic on campus, and less traffic near campus (and therefore a better relationship with local neighbors).

Some Reasons to Vote Against Measure 24

Under the current teaching assistant contract, TAs do not cover this fee (nor the fee increase) therefore this would be a fee directly paid "out of pocket" by graduate students. Measure 24 also keeps UCSC in the same transit paradigm it has been in for decades, and it has simply become very expensive. Drops in shuttle service have been met with strong opposition in the past, but maybe unlimited ridership on the Metro is not held so dear. Students who do not use the Metro system or the campus shuttles do not directly benefit from this fee increase and would only be further subsidizing these programs. Lack of funding for transit may be an important stimulus to rethinking our transit program.

*Ian Dobbs-Dixon
Graduate Student in Astronomy
Graduate Student Association President*

With almost daily new revelations about UC executive administrators' misappropriation of funds and cronyism coming from the media and the State Legislature, we should not be increasing our own fees. In the Politics, Aristotle wrote, "Want is not the sole incentive to crime. The fact is that the greatest crimes are caused by excess and not by necessity." We should be calling for more oversight and

accountability for our current fees and not increasing the cost of education. Please vote NO on Measure 24 and call on TAPS for a full accounting of the funds already at their disposal.

*Kevin Parks
Graduating Senior
Classical Studies
College Nine*

As a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transit Oversight Committee (TOC), I understand that TAPS cannot afford to operate at the current level of funding. However, I do not believe that it is the responsibility of students to pay for campus infrastructure. The student transit fee should not be supporting the shuttle system of this campus, but this tax on students accounts for approximately 95% of transit revenue.

This measure does not even begin to address the greater issue of transit sustainability. The passage of this measure would only buy the transit system time. It does not resolve the issues that have resulted in the transit deficit. Rather, it begins the cycle that created the deficit in the first place:

- Student fees are increased
- Wes Scott (Director of TAPS) has told SUA that if the measure is passed there will be an increase in services (but as we have seen in the past, the transit budget cannot sustain these services and they will likely be cut later)
- More buses are purchased (used buses) which will likely require extensive maintenance
- There will be raises in salaries and/or additional driver hours/number of employees
- At best we can only expect gas prices to stay the same, but they are more likely to increase
- Increase in enrollment (especially if Colleges 11/ 12 are built)
- When our contract with the METRO is up for renewal, it is logical to assume they would ask for an increase in rates

These are not blind predictions, rather the same set of factors that resulted in the transit budget's current deficit of over \$1 million. TAPS staff would agree that even if this measure were to pass, it is likely that in as little as five years they would have to again ask the students to increase the student transit fee.

It is time that the students send a clear message to the UCSC administration that they have a responsibility to support the needs of this campus and the students who attend this University.

*Eric R. Street, Jr.
Undergraduate Representative:
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Transit Oversight Committee (TOC)*

Con Statement Endorsed by:
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Undergraduate Representative to TAC
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Staff Representative to TAC

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for UCSC's Intercollegiate NCAA Division III teams and Club teams by establishing a new, permanent fee of \$5.00 per student per quarter beginning Fall 2006, and increasing by an additional \$5.00 (to a total of \$10.00) per student per quarter beginning Fall 2007?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$5.00 per student, per quarter in Fall 2006, increasing to a total of \$10.00 per student, per quarter by Fall 2007 and thereafter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (\$1.25 of the \$5.00 fee in 06-07, and \$2.50 of the \$10 fee in 2007-08 and thereafter) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2006, is increased in 2007-08, and is permanent with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$225,000 in 2006-07 (of which \$56,250 will go to Financial Aid), and a total of \$450,000 in 2007-8 and thereafter (of which \$112,500 will go to Financial Aid).
- The fee income will to the Athletic Department under the management of the Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS).
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly and the required petition signatures of graduate students.

BALLOT STATEMENT

How the fee will be used?

This fee will be used by the Athletic Department to fund programming for UCSC Intercollegiate Athletics sports teams and select UCSC Club teams. This funding will provide a Certified Athletic Trainer to work with select Club teams, expand the Athletic Department training room hours for select Club teams, support Athletic team allocations, travel, equipment, game management, student employees, membership fees, administrative staffing, and coaches salaries.

Why is the fee needed?

The fee is needed to reduce participant out-of-pocket expenses for UCSC student-athletes (currently estimated at \$200-\$600 per student, depending on the sport.) The fee is needed to reduce the risk of injury in selected Club teams through expanded athletic training services, and provide consistent and well-trained game day student employees (currently volunteer) for athletic contests. Further, it is needed to meet NCAA uniform and equipment regulations, lessen high coach workload by increasing administrative support and decreasing the high coach turnover rate due to extremely low salaries.

UCSC is the only NCAA Division III institution in the UC system. To maintain this unique status, the campus needs to support our programs through student fees, as we do not have access to TV packagers and Conference post-season revenue-sharing as do our sister campuses, who are Division I. We fundraise over 50% of our own sports team budgets.

How will students benefit?

- Provides funding for grater athletic training coverage in injury treatment and prevention for student participants of high injury/risk club sport teams.

- Helps our students, athletes and coaches by creating jobs for students who staff all intercollegiate athletic sporting events.
- Increases our ability to attract diverse, highly qualified and highly motivated scholar-athletes to UCSC.
- Provides funding for teams allowing for safer travel options and more appropriate team allocations.
- Creates a better, more competitive and exciting sports program leading to increased school pride.
- Provides funding to increase student, parent, and fan school spirit, excitement and interaction at intercollegiate athletic team home contests through promotional activities.
- Provides funding for additional personnel to assist coaches in sport administration, travel and budget logistics, fundraising, game management, and marketing and promotions to increase interactive opportunities between coaches and their students.
- Provides funding for greater coach retention to assist students in the opportunity for quality coaching and consistency within their sport.
- Provides more opportunities to students who otherwise could not afford to participate in intercollegiate athletics.

ENDORSEMENTS

Men's Rugby Club, Women's Rugby Club, Men's La Crosse Club, Women's La Crosse Club, Men's Ultimate Frisbee Club, Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club, Men's Cross country Club, and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

This referendum will provide new opportunities for student employment.

Joseph Lyons, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum provides student-athletes with basic equipment and uniform needs in keeping with NCAA rules and guidelines.

Matt Smiley, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum provides an increase in travel budgets to decrease student-athlete out-of-pocket expense.

Alexander Villalobos, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum will provide an opportunity to expand booster club memberships, create standardized giving benefits and promote greater donor gift levels. This referendum will provide an avenue for greater interaction between boosters, alumni and athletics.

Sarah Defenbaugh, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum provides for greater continuity in sports programs for student-athletes through increased coach retention.

Chayla Furlong, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum provides an opportunity for students to become a part of the home event through game day promotional activities.

Kate Simonis, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum creates an opportunity for increased visibility within the community and greater family friendly atmosphere through game day promotional activities.

Bryan Shires, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum will provide increased opportunity for social interaction with students, faculty, staff, parents, students, alumni, fans and the community.

Julian Sunn, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum provides an opportunity for UCSC students, faculty and staff, parents and fans to increase their school pride and spirit.

Kelsey Buchanan, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum will improve administrative efficiency of the athletic department by providing additional staff.

Megan Wisniewski, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum will provide greater safety, injury prevention and rehabilitation to selected club sport team participants. It will increase trainers and training room availability to selected club sport participants.

Devon Orme, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

This referendum will enhance school spirit and the general communal feel of the institution. I think people do not realize that a stronger athletic department can only help the institution.

Zane Griffin, Cross-Country Club Athlete

This referendum will bring us all closer to what UCSC represents as a campus through Sports Clubs. The one problem that this program has is lack of funding. Money put into these programs is an investment in our school.

Ian MacManus, Club Sports Participant

MEASURE 26: Recreation Programs

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for a variety of UCSC Recreation Programs (including trips, clubs, vehicles, the Fall Festival, holistic health, and leadership) by establishing a new, permanent fee of \$4.00 per student, per quarter, beginning Fall 2006?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$4.00 per student per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (or \$1.00 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2006 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$180,000 (of which \$45,000 will go to Financial Aid).
- The fee income will go to the Recreation Department under the management of the Office of Physical Education, Recreation and Sports (OPERS).
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association.

BALLOT STATEMENT

The Recreation Programs fee will provide funding for (but not limited to) the following:

- Increase scholarships, because every student deserves to participate in Recreation Programs regardless of her or his financial circumstances.
- Provide co-sponsored trips for Registered Campus Organizations, Residential Life, Graduate Student Association, and International Living Center.

- Replace current 15-passenger vans with a sustainable fleet of safe, bio-diesel vans.
- Preserve the tradition of Fall Festival, which is attended by over 3,000 students and benefits over 170 student organizations.
- Support 20 student recreation clubs by providing student scholarships and helping clubs sponsor special events, clinics, and campus for students.
- Expand the Holistic Health classes and certification program in response to student demand.
- Reinstate the Outdoor Leadership Program to offer classes, workshops, and internships for students to develop technical and interpersonal skills necessary for leading and facilitation groups.

ENDORSEMENTS

Campus Sustainability Council
The Graduate Student Association (GSA)
Sierra Institute

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

As a senior looking back on my college experience three events stand out as life changing... Wilderness Orientation, the Grand Canyon and Escalante spring break trips. The Recreation Program has given me the confidence in myself to know that I will succeed outside of UCSC. Thank you Rec. Department, and thank you rec. leaders and all who have helped me see the joy in life. Sorry for the cheesy message, but its from the heart.

Brad Anderson
Student

Because of the Recreation department I feel like I have taken full advantage of my freshman year. Through activities like Wilderness Orientation and the variety of classes such as surfing and adventure trips I have gained friends, experience, confidence, and, overall, perspective. The Recreation Department helps show me more of the beauty of Santa Cruz. I really believe it's the heart of UCSC. The Rec. creates the possibility to try new things, explore new places, and get to know amazing people along the way. The people involved with the Rec. create a wonderful sense of community where you can share a love for the outdoors.

Lisa Gerencher
Freshman

As a volunteer in the Rec Office this year I've come to appreciate the spirit of adventure that motivates all the hard work and planning that goes into every trip and class. The attitude that the staff brings to all of their activities makes them really special, not just field trips but real memories, ways to make new friends and opportunities to try something new. With their enthusiasm and love of life the staff adds a bit of magic to everything they do, and they're ready to share that with anyone who wants to be part of it; that, to me, is something really special.

Beacher Schneider
Volunteer

As a first year RA the Recreation Department has been a huge resource by helping me meet all of my programming needs this year. To date the Rec. Dept has co-sponsored an Indoor Rock Climbing session, a Sea Kayaking Trip, a White Water Rafting Trip, and a personalized Backpacking Trip with my res hall. All of these events have been a huge success with an average of 15 people in attendance. Unfortunately because of monetary requirements, and a small staff, the Rec Dept is not able to approach RA's and help them plan trips, the RA's have to come to them. This referendum would make a huge difference in the Rec. Dept's ability to outreach to RA's and get first year students involved. I know it has been a raving success for my

residents, it would be awesome if all students could have the same opportunity. Vote yes on 26!

David Will
Residential Assistant

Over the past two years I have been a student in the Seibukan Jujutsu Club under the guidance of Sensei Jose Miguel Rosas (also a student). Our club is just one of many Recreation Clubs at UCSC. During this time I have had the opportunity to learn self defense skills, challenge myself to break through self-limiting beliefs and build a network of new friends that will last a lifetime. All of these experiences have been facilitated by the opportunity provided by the Recreation Program. Often the Seibukan Jujutsu club felt like an oasis where I was able to escape the pressures of papers, reading assignments and endless hours in the library. It has helped me and my fellow students maintain a balance between scholastic achievement and the development physical excellence. The UCSC Recreation Program, through its leadership and their support provides many various and diverse clubs. I recognize and support the Recreation Program and especially a YES vote for Measure 26...

Adam Ohsberg
Student

In support of the Referendum for Recreation: I have led Wilderness Outings for the Recreation Department, and I support the good work of OPERS. Having read participant evaluations, the vast majority of the students report enjoying their trips, getting what they wanted to out of them (relaxation, learning, a new skill or experience that they could not have afforded outside the university (e.g., whitewater rafting)), and, that they feel more included in community at Santa Cruz. It is certainly true for me personally, as a graduate student, that I feel more settled in a community having found the wilderness outings program. And, having driven the 15-person vans, I can also vouch for the utility of replacing them with a fleet of safe, bio-diesel vans.

Thank you,
Joanna Nelson
PhD student, Environmental Studies department

MEASURE 27: Seymour Marine Discovery Center

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates students of UCSC provide funding to allow free, unlimited, admission to all registered undergraduate UCSC students to the Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab and to help fund animal care and facility costs (not currently supported by other UC funds) by establishing a new, permanent fee of \$.25 per student, per quarter, beginning Fall 2006?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of \$0.25 per student per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (or \$0.06 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2006 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$11,250 (of which \$2,812.50 will go to Financial Aid).
- The fee income will go to the Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab, which is affiliated with the Institute of Marine Sciences, under the auspicious of the

Division of Physical & Biological Sciences.

- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly.

BALLOT STATEMENT

The Seymour Marine Discovery Center wants undergraduate UCSC students to be able to come to the Center and as many times as they want for FREE (student admission is currently \$4.00 per visit) just by showing a valid student ID.

The Seymour Marine Discovery Center at Long Marine Lab is dedicated to educating people about the role scientific research plays in the understanding and conservation of the world's oceans. They interpret the research that scientists from UCSC are undertaking and how the work they are doing will help conserve our world's oceans.

Campus shuttles and SCMTD buses currently offer FREE transportation to UCSC students directly to the Seymour Marine Discovery Center.

MEASURE 28: Renewable Energy

QUESTION

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC provide funding to purchase renewable energy certificates in order to offset campus use of electricity by establishing a new, permanent fee of \$3.00 per student per quarter, beginning Fall 2006?

SUMMARY POINTS

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$3.00 per student per quarter.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (or \$0.75 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2006 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of 15,000, this fee will generate approximately \$135,000 (of which \$33,750 will go to Financial Aid).
- The fee income will go Physical Plant, a department of in the division of Business & Administrative Services.
- Fee is sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly and the Graduate Student Association.

BALLOT STATEMENT

This fee will be sufficient to purchase renewable energy certificates to offset our campus's electricity purchases. The price of the certificates is very volatile. If the price stays the same or decreases, up to \$1 of the fee will be saved in a reserve ("rainy day") account that will be used to pay for possible future price inflation. Only in the case that the price of renewable energy certificates doubles in the next two years, will the \$3/quarter fee be insufficient to cover costs - and in that case, the "rainy day" savings will be used to make up the cost increase.

ENDORSEMENTS

Student Environmental Center, CalPIRG, Campus Sustainability Council

PRO/CON STATEMENTS

Vote Yes!

The production of electricity through fossil fuels (oil, natural gas, coal) accounts for 33% of the United State's emissions of greenhouse gasses and pollutants. Global warming is already affecting low-income communities and island states worldwide. 95% of Californians live in areas where the air is unsafe to breathe, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Renewable Energy Certificates are the best way to support the production of clean, renewable energy in our nation and make a statement about our commitment to sustainability.

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MEASURE 29: Graduate Student Government Fee Increase

QUESTION

Shall the graduate students of UCSC increase their student government fee to maintain existing levels of service offered by the Graduate Student Association (GSA), including research travel grants, co-sponsored events, and other activities annually sponsored by the GSA, by increasing the existing compulsory fee of \$10.00 per quarter per student by \$4.00 per quarter, per student, beginning Fall 2006?

SUMMARY POINTS

- Increase graduate student government compulsory fee of \$10 per quarter, per students by \$4.00 per quarter, per student.
- Provides 25% Return-to-Aid (or \$1.00 of the fee) to assure that lower income students have Financial Aid assistance in paying the fee.
- Fee will begin Fall Quarter 2006 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fees will be assessed each quarter and state-supported summer session on all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in that quarter or summer session.
- Based on an average 3-quarter enrollment of graduate students, this fee will generate approximately \$ 57,120 per year (of which \$ 14,280 will go to Financial Aid).
- Fee is sponsored on the ballot by the Graduate Student Association.

BALLOT STATEMENT

Over the past 4 years the Graduate Student Association (GSA) has significantly supplemented its budget with carry-forward money accumulated over previous years. This extra revenue has allowed the GSA to expand its services and it now offers a number of new programs including research travel grants, co-sponsored events, and other activities such as graduate student tax seminars. During this time graduate student participation in GSA has also grown, allowing graduates to be more involved and informed of campus governance. However, the remaining carry-forward money will not be sufficient for next year. Without this increase the GSA will not be able to maintain these services at current levels nor entertain new ones.

ENDORSEMENTS

Graduate Student Association

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If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the content of the Student Union Assembly officer elections portion of this ballot, please contact the Student Union Assembly at (831)459-4838 or suaofficers@ucsc.edu.

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