



2009 Campus Elections

Please obtain the appropriate signatures from your sponsoring organization(s) and submit by the deadline, April 17, 2009, 5:00 pm, to Office of Campus Life/Dean of Students, 245 Hahn.

SPONSOR AUTHORIZATION FORM FEE MEASURE/OPINION POLL

For UCSC Campus Student Elections
Spring 2009 May 13-20

Application Due: Monday, April 17 by 5:00 p.m.
At Office of Campus Life / Dean of Students, 245 Hahn

Measure Number: 40
Measure Name: Provide funding to increase OPERS facility hours by two hours each day.

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SPONSOR APPROVAL - SIGNATURE & ORGANIZATION DATE

DEAN/VICE CHANCELLOR APPROVAL DATE

AUTHORIZED BUDGET APPROVAL DATE

Shall the undergraduate and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for increasing the OPERS facility hours by two hours each day by establishing a new compulsory fee of \$2.25 per quarter, per student beginning fall, 2009?

Ballot Information

Shall the undergraduates and graduate students of UCSC provide funding for increasing OPERS facility hours by two hours each day by establishing a new compulsory fee of \$2.25 per quarter, per student, beginning Fall 2009?

Summary Points

- New undergraduate and graduate compulsory fee of \$ 2.25 per quarter, per student.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2009 and is a permanent fee with no ending date.
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates and graduates enrolled in the fall, winter, and spring quarters, as well as State-funded summer quarter.
- Fee will generate approximately \$ 91,476* in AY 2009-10, the first year it is in effect.
- This fee includes a 33% Return-to-Aid component, in which 33% of all fees collected will go to financial aid to help those students who are on financial aid, cover the expense of the fee. This will be approximately \$ 30,187 per year.
- Fee is sponsored for undergraduates on the ballot by Student Union Assembly.
- Fee is sponsored for graduates on the ballot by Graduate Student Assembly.
- Student consultation method: student survey.
- The fee amount shall be increased on a periodic basis to fund increases in student labor costs, with such increases based on the percentage increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index.

* Based on 2007-08 three-quarter average enrollment of

15,246 FTE students.

Ballot Statement

Due to budget reductions, campus recreational and sports facilities (OPERS) have reduced hours of operation. Currently, facilities are generally open from 7:00 am through 10:00 pm Monday through Friday and from 10:00 am through 6:00 pm on weekends. This measure seeks funding to support student wages and additional utility costs to support increasing hours of operation by 2 hours per day, Monday through Sunday. All East Field House facilities (Pool, Wellness Center, racquetball, tennis, gym, etc.) would be affected. Additional hours of operation will be determined by student input and the OPERS Advisory Committee, made up of students, staff and faculty.

Why the fee is needed: 1. With budget cuts, recreational and sports facilities have reduced their hours of operation. This has created disappointment among students and student groups. 2. Current facilities cannot accommodate the increases in the student population, thus there is over-crowding and an inability to provide sufficient access. 3. Recreational and sports programs and facilities are crucial to the co-curricular development of students and important to maintain balance and wellness. 4. The student lifestyle requires more flexible operating hours and increased opportunities for utilizing recreational and sports facilities.

Endorsements

Office of Physical Education, Recreation & Sports