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.