

GSA Funding Initiative: Fee Referendum OFFICIAL BALLOT

Do you support the institution of a GSA fee increase of \$5.40 per quarter subject to a CPI adjustment, as elaborated below to support GSA programming, services, and facilities?

YES ___ **NO** ___

Outline of fee increase

Current fee (effective fall 2003) = \$12.00 per quarter (\$6 per summer session)

Fee adjusted for inflation to same value in 2016= \$16.05

Subtotal increase = \$4.05

Subtotal increase (75% of total increase) = \$4.05

Return-to-Aid (25% of total increase) = \$1.35

TOTAL INCREASE = \$5.40 per quarter (\$2.70 per summer session)

Total quarterly fee= \$17.40 (\$8.70 per summer session)

Initiative Provisions

Voting will follow the guidelines presented by the Graduate Student Association's Elections Committee. If voting does not comply with these rules the referendum will not pass.

Oversight of the fee adjustment will be led by the appropriate oversight body of graduate students, currently The Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF). Undergraduates on this board will not have oversight of the GSA Fee.

Future adjustments to the total fee amount will be tied to an appropriate consumer price index, in accordance with UC standards (currently CPI). Adjustments will be determined by an appropriate oversight body (currently COSAF) and can be adjusted (up or down) annually by the oversight body. Undergraduates will not vote on fee adjustments. No adjustments shall be made prior to the 2018-2019 academic year.

Return-to-Aid (RTA) will only be applied to GSA fee increases over the baseline fee of \$12.00 per quarter (\$6 per summer session).

Description of terms

CPI, Consumer Price Index, is an estimate for inflation and is among the standards used by the University of California. Information on the Consumer Price Index data can be found here:

<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>

Return-to-Aid is a percentage of each new fee (or fee increase) that funds need-based student financial support, in accordance with University of California policy. RTA from the GSA fee increase will specifically fund need-based graduate student financial support.