

What this SASI and CEI Revote is All About:

This is not about liking or hating athletics

SASI

- A credit-bearing PE Program

A program that created opportunities for EVERY student to stay active while also earning credit toward graduation.

Leave A Legacy
Protect Our Diversity

THE VOTE ON MAY 18 WILL CHANGE THE UC DAVIS YOU KNOW!

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INITIATIVE

Can you think of any major educational institution that doesn't have athletics?
e.g. University of Chicago ...18 NCAA sports—Cal Tech ...19 NCAA sports
MIT ... 36 NCAA sports Harvard ...38 NCAA sports

Fact: Student Affairs units affected by this initiative: Intercollegiate Athletics, Recreation Hall, Campus Recreation (Outdoor Adventures, Craft Center, Equestrian Center, Rec Swimming Pool, MU Information Center), Intramurals, Club Sports, Women's Center, Cross-Cultural Center, Art Gallery.

Fact: Your decision will permanently affect many campus student services, athletic and recreational opportunities, and the campus environment. What is being asked of you is directly comparable to student support at similar schools.

Fact: The campus administration has said that, for the foreseeable future, no more money will be available for ICA. Recent cuts have not left enough money for an 8 sport program at current level; which is needed for NCAA status.

Fact: The administration cannot take these initiative funds away - they will not be collected if they do not go to the programs indicated. This vote is a long term solution to an otherwise unsolvable budget problem.

Fact: The new cuts to the athletic budget, and the drastic effects on the program, were not known last year when the Student Services Maintenance Fee was created and voted in. That's why another initiative is needed.

Fact: Open recreation opportunities will be severely reduced if this initiative does not pass. Rec Hall, intramurals, club sports, ICA, Rec Pool, Outdoor Adventures, Craft Center, and other programs will all be greatly affected.

Fact: A no vote, and the resulting 5-8 sport program would rank UC Davis 8th out of 8 undergraduate UC campuses in the number of ICA sports, below UC San Diego and UC Santa Cruz. A 17 sport program would rank us 6th out of 8 undergraduate UC campuses, while 23 sports would rank us tied for 3rd.

Fact: In 1992-93, approximately

The future of the ICA program will be determined by a student vote!

WHAT WILL IT COST?		
Extend the \$34 SSMF (Which you already pay)		
Additional Costs Per Quarter		
	23 sports	17 sports
94-95	\$14	\$14
95-96	\$17	\$17
96 and beyond	\$34	\$23.50

All of these opportunities will be greatly affected if this initiative fails.

- ... 1,000 students participated in intercollegiate athletics.
- ... 1,300 students participated in club sports.
- ... 2,350 participants used the Craft Center.
- ... 2,600 people enrolled in Equestrian Center programs.
- ... 4,000 students served by the Cross Cultural Center (Wtr. '94).
- ... 6,300 people participated in Outdoor Adventures.
- ... 9,000 students took PE activity classes.
- ... 14,000 students served by the Women's Center were recorded.
- ... 17,000 participants were recorded for intramurals.
- ... 82,000 patrons were served by the Rec Swimming Pool.
- ... 104,000 in-person contacts for MU Information Center were made.
- ... 330,000 students entered Rec Hall for recreation use.

(Numbers include multiple uses)

OPPORTUNITIES

Campus "A" - a YES vote for Option #1 (23 sports)

- Achieves gender equity in sports without penalizing men participants and provides more opportunity for women.
- 23 intercollegiate sports - diverse opportunities including football, volleyball, tennis, etc.
- Free admission for undergraduate students to regular season athletic events such as football, basketball, baseball, etc.
- Superior intramural program - more IM activities, with no additional fees.
- Diverse PE activity class program that served 9,000 students in 1993 (e.g. aerobics, weight training, golf, tennis, volleyball, dance)
- 7,800-seat Recreation Hall - maintaining current service hours for recreation, intramurals, sports clubs, ICA, special events.
- Diverse campus recreation program - Rec Pool, Craft Center, Outdoor Adventures, Equestrian Center, and facilities (e.g. tennis courts)
- One of the top-ranked Division II programs in the nation - even without athletic scholarships.

CONSEQUENCES

Campus "B" - a NO vote

- Achieves gender equity in sports by eliminating opportunities for women and men participants.
- 5-8 intercollegiate sports, no football, probably limited to basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball.
- Admission fee charged to students for events such as basketball, baseball, volleyball, etc.
- Marginal intramural program - fewer IM activities, with additional fees charged for team competition.
- Immediate reduction and eventual elimination of PE 1 activity classes for credit - if classes exist, fees will be charged.
- 7,800-seat Recreation Hall - significant cuts in student recreational use time, intramurals, club sports... **NEW FEES FOR STUDENT USE**
- Campus recreation programs reduced - some eliminated, others cut back, with a general reduction in services and increased participation fees.
- Cannot support 8 sports at current levels - no longer a member of NCAA

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Yes = Diverse PE Activity Class Program

No = Immediate reduction and eventual elimination of PE

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Chancellor Vanderhoff After CEI Passed

The **move to the Big West Conference** is necessary to preserve and improve the program we have. It is not about the coaches, the Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) administration, or Student Affairs suddenly being gripped with aspirations for “big time” athletics. Nor is it about “entertainment” or “business.” Rather, **we are seeking, in an evolving landscape, firm ground upon which to continue and enhance a program that is centered around the student-athlete and the teacher-coach. Our program is an uncommon model of intercollegiate sports.** Our plans to preserve it are similarly uncommon and led us early on to seek a conference with institutions of similar academic values. The Big West met that need and was expressing interest in UC Davis even as we were looking for a better fit.

ASUCD Senate Resolution #5

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on behalf of the undergraduate students of UC Davis, the Associated Students of University of California, Davis (ASUCD) Senate-

- (1) Firmly objects to the administration's decision to end the PE Program.
- (2) Urges the administration to immediately halt the cancellation of PE, and form a working group of stakeholders containing both students and faculty to approach the future of PE carefully, thoughtfully, and democratically.
- (3) Calls for any decision pertaining to the status of PE to be decided only after a workgroup has formed and has rendered a decision.
- (4) Affirms the student body's authority to have input in decisions that directly affect students.
- (5) Invites campus administration to maintain its decades long culture of collaboration and trust with the student body by taking the aforementioned actions.

Closing Thoughts

The Academic Senate appreciates your sending this consultation to us for review. At the current time, we cannot support the decision to discontinue the PE program—the data do not show that PE lacks academic value or that its costs to the campus outweighs its benefits. Should you choose to halt the discontinuation decision, we recommend you initiate further campus outreach and offer an analysis of alternatives to aid conversations and decision making. We have attached the Senate’s full committee responses, which contain important and thoughtful analysis considerations.

That UC Davis is one of only three UC campuses offering PE courses for credit should not be a basis for considering PE’s elimination. One can just as easily argue—as many have in the past several months—that UC Davis’ commitment to connecting physical health with academic well-being and rigor sets us apart positively from our counterparts. Indeed, it aligns with our own “One Health” approach of promoting the well-being of people, animals, and the environment.

The historical combination of university athletics and physical education has long been a third rail of UC Davis politics. Should you choose to put the brakes on this particular train, the Senate looks forward to participating in conversations about the future of the PE program.

On January 15, 2021, Academic Senate Chair Richard Tucker highlighted in his letter to the administration,

However, as CPB (Committee on Planning and Budget) notes, **all evidence indicates that ‘the UC Davis administration committed itself to continue to fund the PE program as part of Chancellor Vanderhoef’s campaign for the transition to Division 1 of ICA.’**...At the current time, we cannot support the decision to discontinue the PE program - **the data do not show that PE lacks academic value or that its costs to the campus outweighs its benefits.**

Davis Faculty Association

Letter Opposing Elimination of PE

Dear Chancellor May and Provost Croughan,

We were quite surprised to read in the Davis Enterprise about the proposed elimination of the Physical Education Program. There are three aspects to this that give pause.

First, many thousands of students participate in PE each year. One might have thought there would be a larger degree of engagement with the campus community concerning this decision and its consequences. Besides consulting with those who would be most affected, the students, there is also the fact that the Academic Senate has formal authority in decisions of this nature.

Second, the benefits of physical activity are well proven, for stress relief, overall health, and learning new skills. The mind-body is a complete system: disregarding the rest of the body inhibits memory, mood, and learning. Eliminating PE seems starkly at variance with one of the strategic goals of the recently announced “Healthy UC Davis” initiative: “Providing UC Davis community members with support, opportunity, information and tools to engage in healthy behaviors.”

There are many students who, for one reason or another, have grown up without the opportunity for much learning and participation in sports broadly defined. Elimination of PE unfairly singles out these, typically less wealthy, students who, for example, are not able to afford a membership and lessons at a golf club, but who can, in a UCD PE class, learn under the tutelage of a Cy Williams. PE courses offer all our students the opportunity to learn, at no cost, new skills as a beginner, and from talented and outstanding instructors.

Third, and finally, we need not remind you of our nation’s recent descent into fragmentation and division. Many majors on campus are profoundly segregated by race and by gender. PE classes offer our students a unique opportunity to make friends and interact across lines of race, religious belief, and sexual orientation. Sharing the experience of spotting a partner’s bench press, or giving an assist in a basketball game, reminds our students how arbitrary categories are irrelevant to the process of working together.

On November 19, 2020, California Senator Connie Leyva, Chair of the Education Committee, wrote a letter to the administration and stated,

“The University of California - and each of its campuses - must be transparent and fair in its decisions. **I urge you to freeze this decision in order to conduct a full and appropriate review**, as well as meet the due process expectations of the university and the greater higher education community.”

DAVIS

'Why are we paying for something that doesn't exist?' | Students file lawsuit against UC Davis after P.E. program canceled

The lawsuit by the students argues UC Davis is unjustly charging them a Student Activities and Services Initiative without the P.E. program existing.

LOCAL NEWS

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UCD faculty body criticizes termination of PE program

The Davis Division of the University of California Academic Senate, a faculty body with authority over academic matters at the university, pushed back last week against UC Davis administrators' decision to terminate the campus' physical education program last month.

BY CALEB HAMPTON · JANUARY 21, 2021 · 4 SHARES · 6 MINUTE READ

UC Davis will no longer offer for-credit PE classes starting Winter Quarter 2021



Quinn Spooner / Aggie. An empty UC Davis Health Stadium during Fall Quarter 2020.

Petition circulates to keep PE courses indirectly funded by student fees from the SASI referendum passed in 1994

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LOCAL NEWS

UC Davis faces lawsuit after stopping physical education courses while still charging fees

by: Eric Rucker, Jonathan Taraya
Posted: Nov 3, 2021 / 10:25 PM PDT
Updated: Nov 3, 2021 / 10:25 PM PDT

INTRODUCTION

UC Davis has long marketed itself as a unique campus or school within a school. The "Davis Way" with a "student-first" philosophy, integral to the Davis Way and the school's "total educational process" was its Teacher-Coach model embedded in its academic courses and intercollegiate athletics department.

2. Under the Teacher-Coach model, all UC Davis students—not just student-athletes—were offered the opportunity to attend physical education ("PE") courses for academic credit (the "PE Program"). These courses were taught by UC Davis' highly qualified collegiate coaches.

3. The PE Program offered students of all skill-levels the opportunity to enroll in a variety of PE courses, including archery, cardiores, flag football, self-defense for women, and

PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM LAWSUIT
UC DAVIS

Unwilling to lose the PE Program which meant so much to students, UC Davis

The Language that Campus Refused to Put Forward

- Establish a precedent that students have a right to re-consider perpetual fee initiatives;
- Student leaders may use an affirmative result to negotiate the return of the credit bearing Physical Education program;
- Student leaders may collaborate with UCD administrators to draft new and equitable student fee(s) to fund the ICA program's expenses;
- Student leaders may collaborate with UCD administrators to draft new athletic student fees which feature a sunset clause;
- The UC Davis ICA program may switch from DI athletics to DII or DIII;
- The student body may become more knowledgeable regarding how their athletic student fees are used;
- The student body may become more involved in conversations about their student fees;
- Spark a conversation about whether to continue offering certain sports over concerns related to student-athlete health, particularly with the prevalence of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) among football athletes;
- Spark a conversation about concerns over ICA budgetary practices and its long-term sustainability.

The Campus Review

“SASI fee may continue to support athletic scholarships for student athletes”

- Yet, SASI has never been budgeted to support athletic scholarships

“CEI fee may continue to support ICA staff and student employees”

- Yet, CEI has only ever been used to fund athletic scholarships
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Please give the campus administration and COSAF your feedback on the proposed referenda by taking this short [survey](#).



PACAOS 84.20

All **student referendum results are advisory** to the Chancellor and, conditional on the Chancellor's recommendation, are subject to final approval by the President under the authority delegated to the President by The Regents.

COSAF -> Resources -> Meeting Resources Archive -> 2015–16 Meeting Resources -> Guide to Creating a Student Fee Referendum (10-9-15 meeting - document updated Sept 2016)

- Talks a lot about creating a new student fee and ensuring there is a mechanism to increase the fee (CPI)
 - But **nothing about decreasing or eliminating a fee...**

What Admin Said

September 10, 2021

00:16:37 Cory Vu

Spring quarter OK.

00:16:38 Cory Vu

OK, OK and so that's that's the process, so we kind of kind of work backwards.

00:16:42 Cory Vu

You know, you know with with that timeline and then trying to get everything done so that we can make sure that we get the referendum on the ballot in the spring for the students.

00:16:53 Cory Vu

To vote on.

00:16:54 Cory Vu

So that's that's the process.



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UC Davis athletics fee question goes to student vote

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Chancellor pulls support for elections over dispute with student government