

Issue

Effective Fall 2022, do you approve a nullification of the portion of the Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI) fee that goes toward UC Davis Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA)?

- Yes – I approve the nullification of the portion of the SASI fee that goes toward ICA.
- No – I do not approve the nullification of the portion of the SASI fee that goes toward ICA. I want SASI funding to remain unchanged.

Overview

Each academic quarter, a portion of undergraduate student fees goes toward the SASI fee. SASI, a student fee, was approved by 13.7% of the UC Davis undergraduate student body in 1994 to provide additional revenue to specific student services. SASI fees go toward Athletics, Campus Recreation, the Cross Cultural Center, and the Women’s Resource and Research Center. Table 1 describes how SASI fees will be allocated during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Table 1: 2021-2022 Projected SASI Allocation¹

	Each Undergraduate Pays	Projected Total Revenue ²	Projected Percentage of SASI
Athletics	\$343.56	\$11,758,909	88.69%
Campus Recreation	\$37.98	\$1,299,824	9.80%
Cross Cultural Center	\$2.92	\$99,978	0.76%
Women’s Resources and Research Center	\$2.92	\$99,978	0.76%
Total	\$387.38	\$13,258,690	100%

If the portion of SASI that goes to Athletics is nullified, undergraduate students will no longer pay to fund Athletics through SASI. Using numbers from the projected SASI allocation for fiscal year 2021-2022, the following table illustrates how future SASI funds would be allocated if this referendum is approved.

Table 2: Projected SASI Allocation with Athletics Removed¹

	Each Undergraduate Pays	Projected Total Revenue ²	Projected Percentage of SASI
Athletics	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Campus Recreation	\$37.98	\$1,299,824	86.67%
Cross Cultural Center	\$2.92	\$99,978	6.66%
Women's Resources and Research Center	\$2.92	\$99,978	6.66%
Total	\$43.82	\$1,499,780	100%

**Note: Example above is based on 2021-22 allocations. Actual fee levels are subject to change by campus action, the Regents of the University of California or, as authorized, by the President of the University of California.

Background

The UC Davis campus was affected by the poor economic climate of the early 1990s, including all Student Affairs units. In the course of the University's budget reductions, the Intercollegiate Athletics Registration Fee budget was reduced by 40%.

Responding to the impending reductions, the Associated Students sponsored a referendum in the spring of 1993 for a temporary \$34/quarter fee due to expire in June 1996. The fee was approved.

In Spring Quarter 1994, a special election was held by ASUCD to seek continuation of the temporary fee and approval of an additional fee to maintain certain student services. UCD students had three choices. UCD students approved the first option, voting to extend the temporary fee indefinitely and create the Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI) fee of \$34.00 per student per quarter to support a 23-sport ICA program.

13.7% of the UCD undergraduate population voted in this referendum. Of those, 52% voted in favor of the fee, which passed.

The passage of this referendum will require voter turnout equal to at least twenty percent (20%) of the undergraduate student population and at least a sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote for approval.

If approved, the SASI fee decrease outlined in this referendum will be effective Fall Quarter, 2023.