

PROPOSED

ELIMINATION OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS (ICA) PORTION OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INITIATIVE (SASI) FEE

Issue

Effective Fall 2023, do you approve eliminating the portion of the Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI) fee that goes toward UC Davis Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA)?

- Yes
 - A “Yes” vote means I approve eliminating the portion of the SASI fee that goes toward ICA. By voting “Yes,” this means that I vote to no longer pay for the ICA program’s operating expenses through my SASI student fee, expenses which include, but are not limited to, team travel, equipment, home game expenses, medical related expenses, and coach salaries.
 - For further details on the projected SASI fee allocation with ICA portion eliminated, refer to Table 3.
 - Possible impacts from a “Yes” vote may include:
 - UC Davis ICA program may be eliminated or reduced to only a few sports;
 - Student programs and services may be affected negatively if funds that currently support these areas are re-directed to ICA;
 - Significant ICA and other staff and student employee lay-offs may occur;
 - Elimination or reduction of the UC Davis ICA program may significantly reduce the visibility of the campus with the public, prospective students, alumni, sponsors, and donors;
 - UC Davis would be responsible for continuing to pay debt service on specialized facilities that no longer host the programs they were constructed to house;
 - UC Davis may not be able to continue to maintain facilities that are used by all students and the public, such as the track, Hickey Gym, beach volleyball courts, and tennis courts that are maintained, in part, by ICA resources.

- No
 - A “No” vote means I do not approve eliminating the portion of the SASI fee that goes toward ICA.
 - For further details on the 2021-2022 projected SASI fee allocation, refer to Table 2.
 - Possible impacts from a “No” vote may include:
 - SASI fee may continue to support the UC Davis ICA sports programs;
 - SASI fee may continue to support athletic scholarships for student athletes;
 - SASI fee may continue to support ICA staff and student employees;
 - SASI fee may continue to support the ICA program, which may help maintain visibility of the campus with the public, prospective students, alumni, sponsors, and donors;
 - SASI fee may continue to support maintenance of facilities that are used by all students and the public, such as the track, Hickey Gym, beach volleyball courts, and tennis courts that are maintained, in part, by ICA resources.

Background Behind the SASI Fee

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 the Intercollegiate Athletics program, Intramural and Club sports, recreation programs, Recreation Hall (now known as the University Credit Union Center), Equestrian Center, Cross Cultural Center, Women's Resource and Research Center, and the Cowell Student Health Center (currently the Student Health and Wellness Center). UCD students had three options.

1. Yes - Approve a continuation of the temporary \$34/quarter fee indefinitely, and initiate a new and indefinite quarterly fee to be paid in the following increments: an additional \$14 for the 1994-95 academic year, increasing to \$17 for the academic year 1995-96, and increasing to \$34 beginning Fall Quarter 1996 and thereafter
2. Yes – Approve a continuation of the temporary \$34/quarter fee indefinitely, and initiate a new and indefinite quarterly fee to be paid in the following increments: an additional \$14 for the 1994-95 academic year, increasing to \$17 for the academic year 1995-96, and increasing to \$23.50 beginning Fall Quarter 1996 and thereafter.
3. No – Do not approve the Student Activities and Services Initiative fee

Undergraduate 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. The fee is adjusted annually, reflective of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the State of California.

Overview of the SASI Fee

Each academic quarter, a portion of undergraduate student fees goes toward the SASI fee.

SASI fee go toward ICA, Campus Recreation, the Cross Cultural Center, and the Women's Resource and Research Center and the fee is adjusted for inflation annually. Table 2 describes how SASI fee will be allocated during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Table 2: 2021-2022 Projected SASI Allocation¹

	Each Undergraduate Pays \$ _____ Annually	Projected Total Revenue ²	Projected Percentage of SASI
Intercollegiate 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 ICA is eliminated, undergraduate students will no longer pay to fund Intercollegiate Athletics through SASI. Potential impacts from the elimination of the ICA portion of the SASI fee include:

- UC Davis ICA program may be eliminated or reduced to only a few sports;
- Student programs and services may be affected negatively if funds that currently support these areas are re-directed to ICA;
- Significant ICA and other staff and student employee lay-offs may occur;
- Elimination or reduction of the UC Davis ICA program may significantly reduce the visibility of the campus with the public, prospective students, alumni, sponsors, and donors;
- UC Davis would be responsible for continuing to pay debt service on specialized facilities that no longer host the programs they were constructed to house;
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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.

¹Source: https://cosaf.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk1561/files/inlin_e-files/SASI_CPI%20Projections%202021-22.pdf

Fee allocations updated to reflect final allocation amounts.
Numbers based on a projected student population of 30,694

² Projected Total Revenue includes academic year fee revenue as well as revenue from summer sessions.

Table 3: Projected SASI Allocation with Intercollegiate Athletics Portion Eliminated

	Each Undergraduate Pays \$_____ Annually	Projected Total Revenue ²	Projected Percentage of SASI
Intercollegiate 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.

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.