

Student Activities and Services Initiative

Shall the Associated Students of the University of California, Davis (ASUCD) pass the following:

This initiative provides three (3) options. Each is explained below. In options #1 and #2, beginning Fall Quarter, 1996, that portion of the current \$34/quarter Student Services Maintenance Fee (SSMF), as outlined in page 2, that has been going to Cowell Student Health Center (\$15 per quarter) would be redirected to support the Intercollegiate Athletic Program.

Please vote for one of the following options. Note: a yes vote for #1 shall be considered a yes vote for #2.

#1 - Yes, I approve the continuation of the Student Services Maintenance Fee indefinitely, and initiate an indefinite additional quarterly fee to be paid in the following increments: an additional \$14 for the 1994-5 academic year, increasing to \$17 for academic year 1995-6, and increasing to \$34.00 beginning Fall Quarter 1996 and thereafter.

#2 - Yes, I approve the continuation of the Student Services Maintenance Fee indefinitely, and initiate an indefinite additional quarterly fee to be paid in the following increments: an additional \$14 for the 1994-5 academic year, increasing to \$17 for academic year 1995-6, and increasing to \$23.50 beginning Fall Quarter 1996 and thereafter.

#3 - No, I do not approve the Student Activities and Services Initiative fee.

Student Activities and Services Initiative (S.A.S.I.) fee #1: (23-sport ICA program)

The money shall be allocated in the following manner:

\$32.00 Intercollegiate Athletics

\$ 1.25 Intramural and Club Sports

\$.75 Recreation Programs (Rec Pool, Craft Center, Outdoor Adventures,
MU Information Desk)

1994-95 = SSMF + (\$14 increase/quarter) = \$48 total combined fees

1995-96 = SSMF + (\$17 increase/quarter) = \$51 total combined fees

1996-97 and thereafter = SSMF + (\$34 increase/quarter) = \$68 total combined fees

Consumer Price Index: All fees will be adjusted upward or downward annually relative to the funding option chosen by the students, reflective of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the State of California. Application of the CPI to the S.A.S.I. will be overseen by CURB.

Student Activities and Services Initiative (S.A.S.I.) fee #2: (17-sport ICA program)

The money shall be allocated in the following manner:

\$21.50 Intercollegiate Athletics

\$ 1.25 Intramural and Club Sports

\$.75 Recreation Programs (Rec Pool, Craft Center, Outdoor Adventures,
MU Information Desk)

1994-95 = SSMF + (\$14 increase/quarter) = \$48 total combined fees

1995-96 = SSMF + (\$17 increase/quarter) = \$51 total combined fees

1996-97 and thereafter = SSMF + (23.50 increase/quarter) = \$57.50 total combined fees

Consumer Price Index: All fees will be adjusted upward or downward annually relative to the funding option chosen by the students, reflective of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the State of California. Application of the CPI to the S.A.S.I. will be overseen by CURB.

Option #3:

No, I do not wish to allocate money to the proposed Student Activities and Services Initiative fee.

The SSMF, passed by a majority of ASUCD in the Spring of 1993, and expiring in the Spring of 1996, allocates money in the following manner per quarter:

Cowell Health Services	\$15.00/quarter
Intercollegiate Athletics	\$13.50/quarter
Recreation Services	\$4.50 /quarter
Consists of:	
\$2.00	Recreation Programs (Rec Pool, Craft Center, Outdoor Adventures, MU Information Desk)
\$1.25	Recreation Hall
\$.75	Intramural and Club Sports
\$.50	Equestrian Center
Cross Cultural Center Programming	\$.50/quarter
Women's Resources and Research Center	\$.50/quarter
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Total =	\$34.00

Remarks: Funds collected in this Student Activities and Services Initiative (S.A.S.I.) shall only be released if the following three provisos are met:

- 1) The Campus Union and Recreation Board (CURB) will oversee the money allocated to Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals, club sports, and recreation services. The other moneys collected shall be overseen as is provided for in the established Student Service Maintenance Fee of Spring, 1993.
- 2) The programs named in this initiative: Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals, Club Sports, Recreation Services, Cross-Cultural Center, and Women's Resource and Research Center are all units or programs partially funded by Student Affairs. In order to insure an administrative as well as student commitment to these programs, we mandate the following: The current student fee support for these programs will not be reduced unless Student Affairs should sustain a budget reduction. However, in the event the Student Affairs' budget is reduced, the current level of funding for the aforementioned programs may not be cut by a percentage greater than the percentage decrease of the Student Affairs' budget. CURB and the ASUCD Business Manager will review budget reductions in the aforementioned programs in comparison to budget reductions of Student Affairs.
- 3) Whereas the registration fees contained in the Performing Arts Building fund is collected from student fees, and whereas the funds are grossly inadequate for the construction of such a structure, the money generated annually in interest, or a comparable sum from other sources, shall be released to the UC Davis Financial Aid Office until the principle is used toward the commencement of construction of the Performing Arts Building. This money will be used to supplement the additional demands on Financial Aid caused by this initiative.

If these three (3) stipulations are not adhered to by the UC Davis administration, the student body will re-vote on whether to continue to allocate these funds in the next ASUCD general election. If ASUCD votes to cancel the S.A.S.I. fee, the money will be refunded to students according to guidelines established by CURB and the ASUCD Business Manager.

If at anytime ICA deems it necessary to reduce the total number of sports in its program, its action must be approved through CURB. Shall the 17-sport option pass, four men's sports will lose funding from ICA no sooner than June 1996. Following June 1996, should any of those four men's sports wish to self-fund and have an equally compatible women's sport that can self-fund, then both those men's and women's sports should have ICA status, barring any further Title IX requirements and granted approval from CURB and ICA.

Financial Aid: For students who are recipients of campus Financial Aid, increased mandatory fees will be reflected in the base budget for Financial Aid as determined by the State of California.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regents' Agenda Item on Continuation of Student Services Maintenance Fee and Establishment of Student Activities and Services Initiative Fee

For Meeting of July 14-15, 1994

In May 1994, a special election was held by the Associated Students, Davis campus, to seek continuation of an existing, temporary fee and approval of an additional fee to maintain certain student services. Students were asked to vote for one of three choices: (a) indefinite continuation of the Student Services Maintenance (SSM) Fee, approved by student vote in May 1993 and by The Regents in July 1993 for a three-year period, and for a Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI) Fee of \$34.00 per student per quarter; (b) indefinite continuation of the SSM Fee and a SASI fee of \$23.50 per student per quarter; or (c) for no fee. Students approved indefinite continuance of the SSM Fee and a SASI Fee of \$34.00 per student per quarter, with the following provisions:

1. Implementation of the SASI Fee will be phased as follows: \$14 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 1994, increasing to \$17 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 1995, and increasing to \$34.00 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 1996 and thereafter.
2. The SSM Fee and the SASI Fee will be annually adjusted upward or downward to reflect fluctuations in the consumer Price Index of the State of California.
3. The quarterly fees will be allocated as follows:

	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97 and thereafter	
	SSM	SASI	SSM	SASI	SSM	SASI
Intercollegiate Athletics	\$13.50	\$12.75	\$13.50	\$15.75	\$28.50	\$32.00
Intramurals and Club Sports	.75	.50	.75	.50	.75	1.25
Recreation Programs	2.00	.75	2.00	.75	2.00	.75
Recreation Hall	1.25	0	1.25	0	1.25	0
Equestrian Center	.50	0	.50	0	.50	0
Cross-Cultural Center	.50	0	.50	0	.50	0
Women's Resources and Research Center	.50	0	.50	0	.50	0
Cowell Student Health Center	15.00	0	15.00	0	0	0
Total	\$34.00	\$14.00	\$34.00	\$17.00	\$34.00	\$34.00

4. Allocation of revenue generated by the SSM Fee and the SASI fee is contingent on the following provisions:
 - a. The Campus Union and Recreation Board (CURB) will oversee and advise the Vice Chancellor--Student Affairs on any Consumer Price Index adjustments and allocation of funds to Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramural and Club Sports, and recreation programs. Allocation of funds for other programs will be overseen as provided for the SSM Fee referendum of May 1993.
 - b. The current level of student fee support for the programs listed in the SASI Fee initiative (Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramural and Club Sports, Recreation Services, Cross-Cultural Center, and Women's Resources and Research Center) will not be reduced in future years unless the division of Student Affairs sustains a budget reduction; in that case, those programs will not be reduced by a percentage greater than the percentage decrease to the Student Affairs budget.
 - c. The campus administration will allocate funds in an amount equal to the annual interest on the Registration Fee Performing Arts Building Reserve to the Financial Aid Office, Davis campus, to offset additional need for financial aid caused by the SASI Fee and continuation of the SSM Fee.

If the above three stipulations are not adhered to by the UC Davis administration, the undergraduate student body will vote on whether to continue the fees. If students vote to discontinue the SASI Fee, money will be refunded to students in accordance with guidelines established by CURB and the ASUCD Business Manager.

History of the Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI)

Economic Climate in the early 1990s

Virtually every aspect of 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 Phase III budget reductions, budgets were reduced across the board in Student Affairs, from a minimum of 8% in Financial Aid to 100% in some programs. Personnel were laid off, salaries were reduced, maintenance was deferred, and a wide variety of cost-saving measures were implemented throughout the campus.

The Phase III reductions had a severe impact on athletics, recreational sports, and recreation services. The Intercollegiate Athletics Registration Fee budget was reduced by 40%, and in addition the campus withdrew all General Funds from the program. Registration Fees were also reduced by 40% for MU Programs/Campus Recreation and by 35% for the Rec Hall. The potential effect of these reductions was devastating.

Responding to the drastic impending reductions in program, the Associated Students sponsored a referendum in the spring of 1993. A Student Services Maintenance Fee (SSMF) of \$34/quarter was approved by 66% of the voters. The fee was considered a temporary, emergency measure and was due to expire in June, 1996.

SASI

In Spring Quarter 1994, a special election was held by ASUCD to seek continuation of an existing, temporary fee and approval of an additional fee to maintain certain student services. Students were asked to vote for one of three choices: (1) indefinite continuation of the Student Services Maintenance (SSM) Fee, and for a Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI) Fee of \$34.00 per student per quarter which would support a 23-sport ICA program (Title IX compliance would be assured with the addition of women's Water Polo, Crew and Lacrosse); (2) indefinite continuation of the SSM Fee and a SASI fee of \$23.50 per student per quarter to support a 17-sport ICA program, a reduction of three sports from 20 existing at the time; or (3) for no fee. The first two options also included a cost-of-living increase provision to help all the affected programs keep pace with the price of goods and services.

The first SASI option passed by 52%.

	1994-95		1995-96		1996-97 and thereafter	
	SSM	SASI	SSM	SASI	SSM	SASI
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Recreation Programs	2.00	.75	2.00	.75	2.00	.75
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Equestrian Center	.50	0	.50	0	.50	0
Cross-Cultural Center	.50	0	.50	0	.50	0
Women's Resources and Research Center	.50	0	.50	0	.50	0
Cowell Student Health Services*	15.00	0	15.00	0	0	0
Total	\$34.00	\$14.00	\$34.00	\$17.00	\$34.00	\$34.00

* An initiative in support of Cowell Student Health Services was later passed, effective Spring, 1997.

Summary of SSMF and SASI Provisions

	Student Services Maintenance Fee (SSMF)	Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI)
Oversight	Campus Unions and Recreation Board (CURB) oversees allocations to recreation services.	CURB oversees allocations to ICA, IM and Sports Clubs and recreation services.
Future budget reductions	No protection.	Current student fee support for these programs will not be reduced unless Student Affairs should sustain a budget reduction. In the event the Student Affairs' budget is reduced, the current level of Reg Fee funding for these programs may not be cut by a percentage greater than the percentage decrease of the Student Affairs budget. CURB and the ASUCD Business Manager will review budget reductions.
Financial Aid	No provisions.	Until the principal is used toward the commencement of construction, the annual accrued interest from the Reg Fee funded Performing Arts Building Fund will be released to the UC Davis Financial Aid Office to supplement the additional demands on Financial Aid caused by this Initiative. Increased mandatory student fees will be reflected in the base budget for student financial aid.
Administrative compliance	Not applicable.	If the administration fails to comply with the above three stipulations, the student body will re-vote on whether to continue to allocate these funds in the next ASUCD general election.
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	No provisions.	All fees will be adjusted upward or downward annually reflective of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the State of California. Application of the CPI to the SASI will be overseen by CURB.

Procedure for Indexing the Student Activities and Services Initiative

The purpose of the CPI adjustment is to make sure that SASI funding is appropriate to the costs of goods and services as they rise or fall.

On February 6, 1996, CURB approved the Recreation Committee's proposal for calculating the annual CPI adjustment to the SASI fee. The Consumer Price Index from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Region Nine (San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose) will be used to adjust the fee. This statistical index was chosen based on information provided by the Graduate School of Management. The URL for the BLS is <http://146.142.4.24/cgi-bin/surveymost>.

The "Base Fee" is the previous year's SASI fee. The Base Fee is multiplied by the percent change in the CPI from the previous year. This amount is added to the Base Fee. The total is the SASI fee for the next year. This calculation is prepared by the ICA Business Officer and presented to CURB for approval early each winter quarter. Any approved adjustment is then presented to the Vice Chancellor --Student Affairs by February 1, who transmits the figures to the offices of Resource Management & Planning and Financial Aid for integration with the campus fee structure and accompanying materials.

SASI Operational Reserve

Also in February 1996, CURB mandated an Operational Reserve to serve as a safety net for the programs receiving money from the SASI fee. The reserve rolls over from year to year in order to protect programs from inflationary pressures not accounted for by the CPI adjustment. Any program that receives funds from the SASI was to have created a SASI Operational Reserve starting in the 1996-97 fiscal year. By the end of the 2001-02 fiscal year, each program's reserve is expected to be no lower than 3% of the total SASI fee allocation.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

July 14, 1994

E. CONTINUATION OF STUDENT SERVICES MAINTENANCE FEE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INITIATIVE FEE, DAVIS CAMPUS

The President recommends that the Committee on Finance recommend to The Regents that:

- (1) The Student Services Maintenance Fee of \$34 per student per quarter, approved by The Regents in July 1993 for a three-year period, be continued indefinitely.
- (2) Effective Fall Quarter 1994, a mandatory Student Activities and Services Initiative Fee be assessed all undergraduate students, Davis campus, as follows: \$14 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 1994, increasing to \$17 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 1995, and increasing to \$34 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 1996 and thereafter.
- (3) After 1996-97, the Student Services Maintenance Fee and the Student Activities and Services Initiative Fee will be adjusted annually to reflect fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index of the State of California.

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The ballot language also specified amounts to be allocated to certain student services and mechanisms for student participation in review and oversight of those services.

Campus voting pool requirements provide that voter turnout must be equal to or greater than the average of the four previous elections in which the Associated Students' chief officer was elected (3,036); and that a majority of those voting must vote in favor of the fee. A total of 4,476 undergraduate students voted; of those, 2,300 (52%) voted in favor of the fee measure, which passed. These results met the requirements of the voter turnout and the majority approval.