Action Item #021

Draft Ballot Language for Unitrans Feedback

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Q1 - Please provide your comments on the Unitrans draft ballot language.

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Overall, the draft is very straightforward and clearly outlines the plans for the future of unitrans. I did not find the language confusing but found it very easy to understand. The only part I found the wording not as clear was the "life of fee" section; I found this portion harder to understand and think it could be elaborated on some.

The draft language looks fine.

The language used is simple and the information being presented is understandable, allowing readers to fully educate themselves.

I have no complaints on the draft as it is; the language was very clear and I understand the objectives as they are presented. I appreciate that the return to student aid was defined in the draft, as I had questions about how this would be achieved, but time didn't permit during our last meeting.

The draft ballot is very clear in purpose and should be understood by the voting undergraduates. The reasons for the student fee request are well explained. There is not too much jargon related to the Unitrans system.

The Unitrans fee increase is confusing, perhaps it would be best to repeal all other Unitrans fees upon the passage of the referendum and make this the only fee.

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Q2 - Please provide any specific edits you would like to recommend.

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One thing the referendum did not discuss is the new wage for the unitrans employed staff. Due to an increase in minimum wage, will the staff also be receiving a pay increase over time?

My concern is the amount of money being asked for. This anticipates that there is no major changes to the federal or state minimum wage after 2023. Would Unitrans be better served asking for \$5-7 upfront to mitigate any potential unforeseen issues? I don't think Unitrans would be well served to have to go back in 5 years to ask for more money.

I would recommend editing the table found on page 2 to be more informative so that viewers are able to understand the material better.

I don't recommend any edits, as the draft is concise as it is. Further changes may risk making it more complicated than it needs to be.

I would recommend clarifying the meaning of extra capacity bus service, I did not understand what that entailed until our presentation from Unitrans on Friday. I would also recommend a description of what will occur without the student fee, so that the voters understand the importance of the fee. Lastly, a sunset clause would be much appreciated by undergraduates.

Add a sunset clause, student should have the opportunity to vote again after five years. Designate COSAF as the official governing body for the CPI increase.

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End of Report