

The Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP) Referendum:

Do you support a \$2.50 per quarter fee to install solar panels on the Highlander Union Building (HUB) and on Lot 30, create internships at the new Office of Sustainability, and fund student initiated sustainability projects to aid our campus in becoming more environmentally sustainable over the next four years?

- The Fee would begin Fall Quarter of 2010 and end in Spring Quarter of 2014.
- In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the Fee will be returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of this fee for students who are eligible for financial aid.
- After the return to aid, the remaining \$1.87 would be used for the initiative.

___ Yes, I hereby support the Green Campus Action Plan at a \$2.50 per quarter fee

___ No, I hereby do not support the Green Campus Action Plan at a \$2.50 per quarter fee

**Resolution for the Green Campus Action Plan Referendum
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Be it set forth that the Associated Students of the University of California at Riverside (ASUCR), Sustainable UCR, the Office of Design and Construction, Transportation and Parking Services, and the Highlander Union Governing Board have reached agreement over the creation and implementation of the Green Campus Action Plan.

Introduction:

The Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP) is a collective effort by the undergraduate students of the University of California at Riverside to significantly reduce the campus's environmental impact by 2014.

The plan proposes the creation of internship opportunities at the new Office of Sustainability, the availability of green grants to empower students and their organizations to help reduce the campus's environmental impact, and the installation of solar panels on student buildings and on Lot 30.

The aim of GCAP is to transform UC Riverside's commitment to climate neutrality into one of bold and effective leadership. Ultimately contributing to the university's role as a premier research institution that inspires, educates, and leads the community it serves.

Funding:

GCAP will be funded through student fees as established by a referendum vote of the student body. If approved, this referendum will provide funds for the following projects:

- The purchasing and installation of solar panels on the roof of Latitude 55 and the Coffee Bean at the Highlander Union Building
- The purchasing and installation of solar panels on Lot 30
- The creation of quarterly green internships at the new Office of Sustainability
- The creation of the ASUCR Sustainability Fund to provide competitive grants to student organizations that propose projects that will help reduce the campus's environmental impact.

The proposed undergraduate fee to fund these initiatives would be of \$2.50 per quarter for four years. In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the fee would be returned to financial aid. The remaining \$1.87 would fund GCAP starting in Fall of 2010 through Spring of 2014. The fee would be allocated as follows:

- \$1.39 of the fee each quarter would be allocated to fund the estimated costs associated with the implementation of each solar panel initiative. This would amount to about \$65, 502 a year given that the undergraduate population of the campus remains at 15, 708 students.
- .38 cents of the fee per quarter would be allocated to creation of the ASUCR Sustainability Fund for student organizations and clubs. This would amount to about \$17, 907 a year given that the undergraduate population of the campus remains at 15, 708 students. Green grants would be available Fall of 2010.
- .09 cents of the fee per quarter would be allocated to fund no more than three competitive internships each quarter at the new Office of Sustainability. This would amount to about \$4, 712 a year given that the undergraduate population of the campus remains at 15, 708 students. Each internship would include a stipend of about \$523 per quarter.

With student enrollment expected to increase between 2010 and 2014, GCAP will experience an increase in funds during its four-year tenure. In the case of an increase in funds due to a growing undergraduate population, surplus funds may be allocated to cover unexpected costs related to the implementation of the solar panel initiatives. These may also be used to increase the number of panels per project. Any unused funds of the GCAP will be allocated to the ASUCR Sustainability Fund until used.

Oversight Committee:

To ensure that student interests are served throughout the entire process of implementing GCAP, ASUCR will create GCAP Implementation Committee for five years to oversee the successful and timely completion of all the initiatives.

The GCAP Implementation Committee would be chaired by the ASUCR Vice President of Internal Campus Affairs and consist of the ASUCR Vice President of Finance, the ASUCR Sustainability Intern, two senators appointed by the ASUCR Senate, and two student representatives from Sustainable UCR.

The GCAP Implementation Committee would be responsible for:

- Ensuring the creation of the ASUCR Sustainability Fund during the first year of the fee and promoting the availability of its funds to the undergraduate population
- Ensuring the creation of undergraduate internships at the new Office Sustainability during the first year of the fee
- Working with the Campus Architect, the Office of Design and Construction, and the Highlander Union Governing Board for the timely and responsible implementation of solar panels on Latitude 55 during the second year of the fee
- Working with the Campus Architect, the Office of Design and Construction, and the Highlander Union Governing Board for the timely and responsible implementation of solar panels on the Coffee Bean during the third year of the fee
- Working with the Campus Architect, the Office of Design and Construction,

and Transportation and Parking Services for the timely and responsible implementation of solar panels on Lot 30 during the last year of the fee and another set of panels the year thereafter

With the goal of keeping GCAP accountable and transparent to the student body, the GCAP Implementation Committee will keep publicly accessible records on the ASUCR website of:

1. Minutes of all Committee meetings
2. Adequate and correct records of each project funded by the ASUCR Sustainability Fund
3. Updates on the implementation of all solar panel initiatives

The GCAP Implementation Committee shall adhere to all further rules and regulations under ASUCR Standing Order #4.

Finance Committee:

The ASUCR Finance Committee will be responsible for the ASUCR Sustainability Fund. All projects proposals must meet the following criteria:

1. Projects must occur on the UCR campus
2. Projects must promote environmental sustainability (i.e. new recycling programs, purchasing LED lights, energy conservation awareness campaigns, etc)
3. Projects must fall within the GCAP definition of sustainability of reducing the environmental impact of the UCR campus
4. Projects must have a clearly-defined, measurable outcome
5. Projects must have an evaluation and follow-up component after funding has been dispersed. At minimum, a project must include a report made to the Finance Committee after implementation including the measured outcome
6. Projects must be submitted by UCR undergraduate student clubs or organizations
7. Projects must receive all necessary written approval by the appropriate campus officials prior to consideration
8. Projects must be publicized to the campus undergraduate population
9. Projects must have undergraduate student participation
10. In the case of infrastructural improvements, staff oversight is required
11. The ASUCR Sustainability Fund will not support sustainability projects already mandated by law or UCR policy since UCR is already obligated to allocate funds for such projects

All projects must return all unused funds to the ASUCR Sustainability account. The Finance Committee must submit a summary sheet of all grants and a copy of the follow-up reports to the GCAP Implementation Committee in addition to the ASUCR Senate.

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Referendum Passage:

In compliance with UC and UCR policies, this referendum must meet these criteria during elections to be approved by the student body:

1. At least 20% of the student body must vote on the issue
2. A majority of the votes cast must vote in favor of the issue

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