

**University of California, Riverside**  
**Spring 2014**  
**Associated Students (ASUCR) Fee Referendum**

**Introduction:**

This referendum acknowledges the student body of University of California, Riverside (“UCR”) is interested in improving and expanding campus services and leadership activities through the ASUCR. The ASUCR is student run and fully funded through undergraduate student fees. Currently, \$12.50 per quarter per student is collected to support student initiated services, which includes but is not limited to:

- Funding for Clubs and Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
- Providing a free Legal Education Clinic for all students
- Maintaining and supporting the sustainable Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP)
- Funding for scholarships
- Operation of the Bear’s Den
- Providing student internships, fellowships and jobs
- Coordinating the Annual Senior BBQ, Food Truck Festival and Special Events
- Offering discounted amusement park tickets online
- Funding for the 24-hour Library and Latitude 55 during finals week
- Representation and advocacy for student interests and issues
- Allocating funds for student initiated outreach

The last time the ASUCR fee was raised was in the amount of \$0.50 in 1984. Since then, ASUCR has grown enormously in size and scope. It has more than doubled the opportunities for students to become involved in the student government process, and created many additional services that students enjoy. In 1984 the student population was just over 3,000. This year it is upwards of 18,000, and there is a need for increased funding to maintain our current operations and further the ASUCR mission of providing new and continued services, events and representation for the students of UCR.

**Funding:**

If passed, the proposed fee increase of \$4.50 (current fee \$12.50) will be collected Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer quarters, and provide financial aid funds to meet the University of California “return-to-aid” requirement (see “return-to-Aid” section below). It will also help to fund the following student events and services:

- New student jobs and other paid student positions

- Improvement and expansion of current events and services (such as Senior BBQ, Food Truck Festival, 24-hour Libraries, and Legal Education Clinic)
- New events and services for students (such as this year's Election Day Celebration, Food for Thought, and Student Travel Grants)
- Funding for the new Diversity Council
- Basic membership levels of the United States Student Association
- Leadership training and student conference participation
- Rising operational and support costs

ASUCR is a student directed department, and all funding provided by this fee will be allocated by undergraduate student representatives.

**“Return to Aid”:**

In accordance with University of California policy, 25% of the amount collected from this fee increase (\$1.125) will be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of undergraduate financial aid, leaving \$3.375 for ASUCR funding.

**Governance:**

The Associated Students is comprised of undergraduate student participants. This includes the (10) full-time elected student Officers and (16) student Senators who determine all aspects of operations, and work on behalf of the entire undergraduate student body. ASUCR also appoints other students to positions such as 6 Justices, 15 interns, 10 Freshman Fellows, and numerous student committee members. All funds are allocated by student-run committees such as the Finance Committee, the Outreach Committee, and GCAP.

**Referendum Passage:**

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

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

**BALLOT LANGUAGE:**

Do you support a quarterly fee increase of \$4.50 beginning Fall 2014 that meets the growing student demands and rising costs of ASUCR sponsored events and services? Approval of this referendum will go towards providing the following student events and services:

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- New events and services for students (such as this year's Election Day Celebration, Food for Thought, and Student Travel Grants)
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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I hereby support an ASUCR increase of \$4.50 per quarter for new and expanded student events and services.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I hereby do not support an ASUCR increase of \$4.50 per quarter for new and expanded student events and services.