

University of California, Riverside
Spring 2014
Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP) Referendum

The assessment of a continued GCAP fee of \$2.50 would not expire and be continuous beginning with Summer 2014.

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 overall environmental impact and would also assist in achieving UCR's carbon neutral goal by 2025.

The plan proposes the continued funding of internship opportunities at the Office of Sustainability, the availability of Green Grants to empower students and their organizations to help reduce the campus's environmental impact, and Green Initiatives prescribed by the GCAP committee.

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:

The GCAP fee will fund GCAP by providing funds for the continuance of GCAP programs and services as summarized below. It will also satisfy the University of California 'return to aid' requirement (see 'Return to Aid' section below).

- Green Initiatives for large scale projects such as solar and other renewable energy sources.
- Green Grants for student organizations and clubs, GCAP events and R'Garden classes.
- GCAP Internships, Leadership opportunities and educational components.
- It would also combine the existing GCAP funds to the new referendum guidelines. Excess funds in each category would individually roll over annually.

The proposed undergraduate fee to fund these initiatives would be of \$2.50 per quarter, including summer.

“Return-to-Aid”:

In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the amount collected from this fee (\$0.625 cents) would be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of undergraduate financial aid. The remaining \$1.875 would continue to fund GCAP starting in the Summer of 2014.

Distribution of Fees:

All allocations will be made in accordance with ASUCR Standing Order #8 – Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP) and ASUCR by-laws. The fee will be allocated as follows:

\$1.205 of the fee each quarter would be allocated to fund the estimated costs associated with the implementation of each green initiative.

\$0.19 cents of the fee per quarter would be allocated to the GCAP Green Grants for student organizations and clubs.

\$0.48 cents of the fee per quarter would be allocated to fund three annual internships and student Team Leader positions at the Office of Sustainability.

Any excess or increase in funds due to a growing undergraduate population would individually roll over annually in each category.

Governance:

The GCAP Committee is comprised of ten (10) undergraduate students including a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, student representatives from sustainability/environmental organizations, ASUCR Senators and Finance Committee members. The GCAP funds will be allocated by the GCAP Committee and ratified by the Senate.

The GCAP Committee would be responsible for:

- Ensuring the Green Initiatives are funded and implemented in a timely manner
- Ensuring the Green Grants are allocated equitably and adhere to all GCAP and ASUCR policies
- Ensuring the GCAP Internships and positions are filled in conjunction with the Office of Sustainability
- Promoting the availability of GCAP funds to the undergraduate population
- Continuing the goal of keeping GCAP accountable and transparent to the UCR student body

The GCAP Implementation Committee shall adhere to all further rules and regulations as prescribed by the ASUCR Senate, UCR Policies and any standing orders that may arise.

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 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 \$2.50 per quarter fee for continued funding of internship opportunities and job positions at the Office of Sustainability and Green Grants to enable students and their Organizations help reduce the campus's environmental impact? In turn, this will also fund Green Initiatives for large-scale projects that would assist in achieving UCR's carbon neutral goal.

- The Fee would continue Summer Quarter of 2014
- In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the fee (\$0.625 cents) would be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of financial aid
- After the return to aid, the remaining \$1.875 would be used for the Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP)

___ 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