

2007 ELECTIONS INFORMATION

REFEREDUM

ASUCR Cool Referendum – Did not pass

GSA Propositions

Proposition A - Passes

Proposition B - Passes

Proposition C - Passes

Proposition D - Passes

ASUCR

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GSA

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ASUCR COOL Referendum

(ASUCR Clubs, Outreach, Operations, and Leadership Referendum)

Preface:

UCR is growing tremendously. In 2001, the undergraduate student population was 14,500 and by 2010 UCR will grow to 21,000 students. ASUCR, the undergraduate student government and funding resource for student organizations, recognizes this growth and the increased demand for additional funding for student organizations and events.

With the current budget, ASUCR will not be able to meet this demand and to administer its services to students in the near future. The current ASUCR fee, which each undergraduate student pays, is \$12.50 and has not been increased since 1985 when the student population was only 3,000 students. In order to ensure that ASUCR continues its commitment to provide essential services and adequate funding for student organizations, ASUCR is proposing a \$1.00 fee increase to the \$12.50 ASUCR Membership Fee each year until 2015, when it will reach \$20.50.

Distribution of Increased Fees:

The \$12.50 ASUCR fee is already distributed to ASUCR services and operations. This section will describe the distribution of the additional funds ASUCR will receive if the students pass the \$1.00 yearly increase to the ASUCR membership fee. Seventy five cents of the ASUCR fee increase will go directly to ASUCR services and operations and the other twenty five cents will go towards "Return To Aid," which is mandated by the University of California Office of the President Policy on Campus-Based Fees.
(<http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/ucpolicies/aos/uc80.html>)

Seventy five cents of the ASUCR fee increase will be distributed into 3 parts:

1. Twenty five cents will go towards Club Funding.

Justification: Clubs and organizations serve a critical function on campus for both cultural as well as educational diversity. With the amount of student clubs on campus increasing every year, the amount of money requested has increased as well. With a depleting reserve fund, ASUCR is unable to adequately fund many clubs on campus. This referendum will more than double the amount of money that can be allocated to student clubs and organizations.

2. Twenty five cents will go towards Student Initiated Outreach.

Justification: This increase will allow student organizations to do outreach programs for the K-12 schools in the community, which will foster academic growth of K-12. In effect these programs will encourage students to apply and attend UCR. With state budget cuts, the amount of money given to the University for Student Initiated Outreach has been drastically cut. This will ensure that UCR organizations who implement Student Initiated Outreach Programs will be able to continue their programs despite budget shortages in the future.

3. Twenty five cents per student will go into ASUCR operations.

Justification: With the population of Students on the rise at UCR, ASUCR will need to expand in order to meet the needs and demands of the students. This expansion includes, but is not limited to: student representation and advocacy, updated student amenities, student events, programs and activities, and services in general. None of the twenty five cents allocated to ASUCR operations will go towards increasing ASUCR Senator, Officer, and Intern stipends.

Implementation:

This bill will take effect in Summer 2007, with a majority vote of at least 20% of the UCR undergraduate student population in the 2007 ASUCR Elections.

Proposition A

A Constitutional Amendment To Formally Establish the Positions of Secretary and Conference Travel Grant Coordinator, and for Other Purposes

Summary:

This amendment does the following:

- Formally establishes the position of Secretary.
- Changes the title of the Minigrant Coordinator to Conference Travel Grant Coordinator,
- and formally establishes that position.
- Instructs the Public Relations Officer to create an email newsletter.
- Expands the non-discrimination statement to match the University's.
- Changes the title of the Minigrant Program to the Conference Travel Grant Program.
- Makes references to the Health Insurance Committee Chairperson consistent.

A yes vote means that you wish the GSA Constitution to be amended to provide for these changes.

A no vote means that you wish the GSA Constitution to not be amended.

Exact text of the amendment follows. Any deletions are marked by ~~striketrough~~, and additions are marked by an underline.

Amend Article II, Section 2

Membership: The GSC shall consist of the Executive Board, appointed officers, and representatives from each graduate department on campus. Representatives shall be either elected or appointed by the graduate students from their respective departments. The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Health Insurance Committee Chairperson, and Public Relations Officer. Appointed officers are non-voting members of the Executive Board. The voting members of the Executive Board are ineligible to serve as department representatives. Appointed officers, however, may serve as department representatives if their respective departments select them. All members of the GSC shall be voting members in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order.

Amend Article III, Section 2

Section 2. Elections: Five officers of the GSAUCR (specifically the President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Public Relations Officer, and the Health Insurance Committee Chairperson) shall be elected. Elections shall be by secret ballot in an online election. Publicity for the online election will be distributed at least one and one-half weeks prior to the election deadline. Filing for candidacy must be completed at least two weeks before the beginning of the election.

Amend Article III, Section 3a

Section 3.a The ~~Minigrant Coordinator~~ Conference Travel Grant Coordinator shall be appointed by the incumbent Executive Board in consultation with the incoming Executive Board, subject to confirmation at the first GSC meeting subsequent to the interview and selection process.

Amend Article II, Section 2c.

All members and representatives of the GSC shall be selected without discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, politics, ~~or~~ national origin, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, age, citizenship, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, or status as a covered veteran.

Amend Article III, Section 5, to follow the same non-discrimination guidelines as the University.

Section 5. Qualifications: Any full-time graduate student in good academic standing during the academic year of the term of office is eligible for office, subject to such additional qualifications as may be established in the bylaws. No qualified graduate student shall be denied candidacy on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, ~~or~~ national origin, gender identity, marital status, pregnancy, age, citizenship, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer-related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, or status as a covered veteran.

Amend Article III, Section 7 (Executive Vice President)

i. Ensure the proper functioning of the ~~GSA Minigrant~~ Conference Travel Grant Committee;

Amend Article III, Section 9 (Public Relations Officer)

a. Create and distribute flyers for all GSAUCR events, maintain the GSAUCR website, and administer email distribution lists that will reach all graduate students.

b. Work closely with the Executive Vice President so as to report regularly on system-wide and state-wide issues that impact the graduate student population;

c. Assist, upon request of the President and/or the Executive Board, with the issuance of public, campus-wide, system-wide, and state-wide public relations activities;

d. Create an email newsletter to be sent out to the graduate student body at least once per month, outlining any upcoming events, any opportunities to get involved in the GSA, reports from the officers of the GSA, and any other items of interest;

e. Perform such other duties and responsibilities as shall be delegated to the office by the President and/or the Council, or as are enumerated in the Bylaws.

Insert into Article III, after Section 10, and renumber the sections that follow

Section 11. Conference Travel Grant Coordinator: The Conference Travel Grant Coordinator, under the general direction and supervision of the President, shall:

- a. Chair all meetings of the Conference Travel Grant Committee;
- b. Serve as a contact person for all Conference Travel Grant Program related questions;
- c. Perform other such duties and responsibilities as delegated to the office by the President and/or the Council, or as are enumerated in the Bylaws.

Section 12. Secretary/Webmaster: The Secretary, under the general direction and supervision of the President, shall:

- a. Record and maintain minutes of all actions taken at all Graduate Student Council and Executive Board Meetings;
- b. Act as Parliamentarian of the Council, to advise the Council on matters of procedure;
- c. Update and modify the GSAUCR web-site under the direction and at the discretion of the Public Relations Officer, other board members, and the Conference Travel Grant Coordinator;
- d. Perform other such duties and responsibilities as delegated to the office by the President and/or the Council, or as are enumerated in the Bylaws.

Proposition B

A Constitutional Amendment to Formally Establish the Position of Finance Officer.

Summary:

This amendment formally establishes the position of Finance Officer, which shall be an elected member of the Graduate Student Council Executive Board.

A yes vote means that you wish to establish the position of Finance Officer within the Constitution, as described herewith.

A no vote means that you do not wish to establish the position of Finance Officer within the Constitution, as described herewith.

Exact text of the amendment follows. Any deletions are marked by ~~striketrough~~, and additions are marked by an underline.

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Elections: ~~Five~~ Six officers of the GSAUCR (specifically the President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Public Relations Officer, ~~and~~ the Health Insurance Chairperson, ~~and~~ the Finance Officer) shall be elected. Elections shall be by secret ballot in an online election. Publicity for the online election will be distributed at least one and one-half weeks prior to the election deadline. Filing for candidacy must be completed at least two weeks before the beginning of the election.

Amend Article III, Section 6.

g. Oversee and manage the GSAUCR budget, ~~and report regularly and with specifics, the particulars of the budget;~~

Insert into Article III, after Section 10, and renumber the sections that follow.

Section 11. Finance Officer: The Finance Officer will serve as the liaison between the GSA President and all other members of the Graduate Student Council with regard to budgetary policy. Under the general direction and supervision of the President, the Financial Officer shall:

- a. Assist the President in preparation of the yearly budget;
- b. Have bi-monthly meetings with the President, Executive Vice President and Administrative Assistant to check on the general functioning of the budget line items and expenditures;
- c. Present an overview of the budget and various expenditures at each monthly GSA board and council meeting;
- d. Maintain a separate, working copy of the GSA President's budget;
- e. Maintain a record of past budgets as well as information relevant to these budgets;
- f. Assist all campus committees, standing committees, and ad-hoc committees (or the chosen representative of these committees) that have a line-item in the current budget with fiscal policy;
- g. Provide updated copies of the budget to any member of the Graduate Student Council upon request;
- h. Provide a synopsis of any changes that have been requested concerning budget line-items and/or the amounts allocated to these line items;
- i. Ascertain ways to reduce fixed costs of the Association;
- j. Perform other such duties and responsibilities as delegated to the office by the President and/or the Council, or as are enumerated in the Bylaws.

Proposition C

A Fee Modification to Support GSA Infrastructure and Program Growth

Summary:

This fee modification would increase the GSA membership fee by \$4.00 per quarter, thereby raising the current fee from \$20.00 to \$24.00 per quarter. This increase will provide the funds necessary to offset the increased fixed costs of operation and to support GSA programs deemed in critical need of additional funding. Foreseen increased fixed costs include, but are not necessarily limited to, rent, support staff salary, and a new Executive Board position. GSA programs deemed in need of additional funding include, but are not necessarily limited to, the Mini-GSA program, the Conference and Speaker Fund, and the GSA travel budget.

A yes vote means that you wish the GSA membership fee to increase by \$4.00 in Fall 2007 to offset the increased fixed costs and program costs of the GSA

A no vote means that you do not wish to increase the GSA membership fee to offset the increased fixed costs and program costs of the GSA.

Exact text of the Fee Modification follows:

The per quarter GSAUCR Membership fee shall increase by \$4.00 in Fall Quarter 2007.

Proposition D

A Fee Modification To Support the Activities of the University of California Student Association

Summary:

The University of California Student Association (UCSA) is the officially recognized voice of all students of the University of California. We send the Executive Vice President as a delegate to the Board of Directors of this organization.

The fee modification would increase the GSA membership fee by \$0.50 per year starting in Fall 2007. Currently GSAUCR contributes the minimum amount required of UCSA members, \$1.30 per student per year. We would now contribute \$1.80 per student per year. All money raised by this fee modification would be sent to UCSA to support their activities. The fee increase also includes a mechanism to hold these funds if the Council feels that UCSA is not representing the students appropriately.

A yes vote means that you wish the GSA Membership Fee to increase by \$0.50 per year to support UCSA.

A no vote means that you do not wish to increase the GSA Membership Fee by \$0.50 to support UCSA.

Exact text of the Fee Modification follows:

The GSAUCR Membership fee shall be increased by \$0.50 per year starting Fall 2007. Funds raised by this fee increase will be remitted to the University of California Student Association to support their activities. These funds can be held by the passing of a joint resolution of the Executive Board and the Graduate Student Council, by a 2/3 majority in each.

2007 ASUCR Election Timeline

Monday April 16th	8:00am	Polls Open
	11:00am -1:00pm	Free Carl's Jr Meals for Voters on Commons Lawn
	5:00pm-7:00pm	Polling Sites in the Residence Halls (A&I and Lothian)
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Tuesday April 17th	10:00am-3:00pm	FREE Lei's and shot glasses for voters at the Bell Tower
	5:00pm-7:00pm	Polling Sites in the Residence Halls (A&I and Lothian)
	6:00pm-9:00pm	Karaoke Night in the Commons Cafeteria: Enjoy a night of singing and FREE Pizza provided by Marcello's Pizza!
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Wednesday April 18th	11:00am-12:00pm	ASPB Nooner and FREE UCR Mugs w/popcorn!!! Come participate in the Limbo Contest and Tug-of-War Contest!!!
	5:00pm-7:00pm	Polling Sites in the Residence Halls (A&I and Lothian)
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Thursday April 19th	10:00am-3:00pm	Vote and be entered into a raffle to Win an iPod Shuffle!!! FREE Lei's to all voters!
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Friday April 20th	10:00am - 3:00pm	FREE Lei's to all voters!!!
	5:00pm	Polls Close

ASUCR Election Results

Senator-Elects (in order of votes)

College of Humanities Arts and Social Sciences

1.	Vicky Truong	391
2.	Pierre Campbell	355
3.	Roxy Sanchez	333
4.	Chinyelu "Chi Chi" Odunze	328
5.	Malakai Van Der Mark	312
6.	Lisa Chan	311
7.	Joe Brown	309
8.	Jessica Maldonado	290
9.	Denny Chavez	288
10.	Samir Roberts	284
11.	Sarah Lotherington	276
12.	Waldo M. Tapia	274
13.	Nicole Vongchanglor	272

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

1.	Alex Johnson	215
2.	John Khoan	211
3.	Cristina Soto	186
4.	Jaewoo Cho	184
5.	Tung Trinh	178

College of Engineering

1.	Deep Shah	71
2.	Chong Ding	47

ASUCR "C.O.O.L." Referenda

No	981
Yes	879

Voter Turnout

2597 Voters
16,608 Votes Cast

2007-2008 GSA Election Results

Elected Officers

President	Alejandro Cortez
Executive Vice President	Louise Hendrickson
Vice President Academic Affairs	Erik Kolb
Public Relations Officer	Kristy Richardson
Health Insurance Committee Chairperson	Laura Bellew

Propositions on the Ballot

Proposition A Passes

Proposition B Passes

Proposition C Passes

Proposition D Passes