

2015 ELECTIONS INFORMATION

REFERENDUM

- Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum (Ballot Language only) – ASUCR
- CalPIRG Intent to Submit Referendum – ASUCR (no fee involved)

ASUCR

- ASUCR Elections Timeline
- ASUCR Elections Results

GSA

- GSA Timeline – Not Available
- GSA Elections Results

Ballot Language:

Do you support a quarterly fee of \$14.00 for the seven student services departments to meet growing student needs by providing student events and services, programming, collaborative projects, student leadership and employment opportunities, and operational support for students?

- Fee will be effective Fall 2015
- Fee will be assessed in Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer quarters
- 25% of the fee (\$3.50) will be returned to financial aid to help offset costs for students who are eligible for financial aid
- \$10.50 will be split evenly amongst the seven departments, with \$1.50 per quarter transferred directly to each department's budget.
- The seven departments include: African Student Programs, Asian Pacific Student Programs, Chicano Student Programs, LGBT Resource Center, Middle Eastern Student Center, Native American Student Programs, and Women's Resource Center.

The approval of this referendum would provide for

- Increased co-programming with student organizations and student-led initiatives, including funding and advising
- Staffing to assist students in finding support and resources
- Support for conference hosting and conference travel
- Support for Common Ground Collective projects & collaborative initiatives with the ASUCR Diversity Council
- Peer mentoring and peer education programs support
- More resources in each student program office and center, such as student computer support and educational materials
- Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum funds directed to the seven departments will be governed by the

Referendum Student Advisory Committee ("RSAC"), made up of UCR undergraduate students.

Yes, I hereby support the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum Fee

No, I hereby do not support the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum Fee

Keep the CALPIRG Chapter Referendum

Full verbiage of Referendum

1. ASUCR General Election Referendum Title

Keep the CALPIRG Chapter

2. Petition Question

We, the undergraduate students of the University of California at Riverside, request that the attached measure be submitted to the students of the University of California Riverside for the approval or rejection in the ASUCR Spring Election.

Proposed Ballot Question: CALPIRG (California Student Public Interest Research Group) is a statewide, student directed, non-profit, non-partisan organization, which conducts research and takes action through education, service, and advocacy on energy, environment, consumer, public health and hunger relief issues. CALPIRG chapters across the state pool funding and hire a staff of professionals to work with students on issues that concern us as citizens at the local, state and national level. CALPIRG was started at UC Riverside in 2005, when students first voted to form and fund a chapter. CALPIRG is controlled by an all-student Board of Directors.

Do you approve the continuation of a CALPIRG chapter at UC Riverside through a per undergraduate student lock-in fee of \$2.50 for Fall, Winter, Spring quarter? If passed, the fee will begin Fall 2015 and be subject to reaffirmation by the student body every three years thereafter. 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 go to CALPIRG.

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____ No, I hereby do not support the continuation of a CALPIRG chapter at UC Riverside through a per undergraduate student lock-in fee of \$2.50/per quarter.

3. Introduction of organization

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4. History of the organization

CALPIRG was started in California by students in 1972. Over the last 40 years, CALPIRG has accomplished significant results on the issues that concern students as citizens. For a full list of our accomplishments, visit our website:

<http://calpirgstudents.org/page/ca/results>

In Spring 2005, the Associated Students of the University of California, Riverside (ASUCR) voted to form a CALPIRG chapter at UC Riverside as funded through a voluntary pledge fee.

5. Current services provided by the organization

CALPIRG provides research and takes action through education, service, and advocacy on energy, environment, consumer, public health and hunger relief issues. Our student board has decided to hire a staff of professionals – organizers, advocates, researchers and lawyers – to work with us on issues that concern us as citizens here on campus, but also to represent us statewide and nationally where the decisions on these issues are being made.

6. Current form of funding

CALPIRG is currently funded via the voluntary pledge mechanism pursuant to UC Office of the President Guidelines.

(<http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710583/VolStudFeePledge>)

Under our current system, students pledge to contribute \$10/quarter via their tuition bill to fund the CALPIRG chapter. They will only be charged if CALPIRG meets a minimum threshold of 10% of the student body agreeing to pledge. Currently, over 2,000 students have elected to add the CALPIRG \$10 quarterly pledge to their tuition bill at UC Riverside.

7. New services that will be provided by organization if referendum is approved.

If the referenda passes, we'll have a stronger CALPIRG here at UCR, allowing us to spend more time on campaign work instead of pledging, and to hire more professional staff and tackle more issues.

8. Return to aid provision

In accordance with University of California policy, 25% of the amount collected from this fee (\$0.63) will be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of undergraduate financial aid, leaving \$1.87 for CALPIRG programs.

9. Student Governance of new Fee

CALPIRG is overseen by an all student board of directors, made up of representatives from each campus that has a chapter. Currently we have funded chapters at 8 campuses – UC Davis, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, UCLA, UC Riverside, UC Irvine, and UC San Diego.

10. Specifics of governance structure

The number of seats that a campus receives is dependent on how much money that campus contributes to the overall statewide non-profit. UC Riverside currently has four seats on the statewide board. If this referenda passes, the UCR chapter of CALPIRG would collect enough money in fees to get one additional seat.

Our UCR CALPIRG chapter holds elections for the following school year's board of representatives in the beginning of Spring quarter at one of our regular meetings. Any student who pays the fee can run for a board position or vote in the election.

The CALPIRG statewide board meets one or two times per quarter in person and then as needed via the phone. The Executive Committee manages the leadership decisions of the board; the EC is made up of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 At-Large committee members, who are elected by the board once a year. They meet weekly by phone.

Any student is welcome at CALPIRG board meetings – they are open and welcome to the public.

11. How the governing structure will govern fees

The CALPIRG student board of directors has sole discretion over the governance of CALPIRG's income and budget, including income from UCR fees (current and proposed). The treasurer creates a budget once a year and the board votes to approve said budget. Further, each year CALPIRG provides each campus with an audit, certified by an independent CPA.

12. Start date (quarter and year)

Fall 2015

13. Ballot Language (abbreviated version of referendum for election ballot)

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ASUCR Elections Timeline for 2015

Look here for updates throughout the year.

- Filing for candidacy begins on **January 21** at 8 am.
- Filing for party affiliation begins **January 21** at 8 am.
- Mandatory Candidate Workshops will be held between **February 9 to February 20**.
- **Monday, February 9th:** 1-2pm in the ASUCR Conference Room, HUB 202
- **Tuesday, February 10th:** 11-12 in the ASUCR Conference Room, HUB 202
- **Thursday, February 12:** 9-10am & 6-7pm in the ASUCR Conference Room, HUB 202
- **Tuesday, February 17:** 6-7pm in the ASUCR Conference Room, HUB 202
- **Thursday, February 19:** 2-3pm in the Bear's Den
- **Friday, February 20:** 11-12pm in the Bear's Den
- Candidacy, party affiliation, and referendum/initiative paperwork is due **March 13** at 5pm.
- Campaigning will be from **March 30 to May 1** (Week 1-5 of Spring Quarter).
- Voting will take place **April 27 to May 1**.
- Candidates will be able to post election announcements on campus the Saturday prior to campaigning, **March 28** at 10 am.

- Debates will be held on these dates and in this order:
- **April 1:** Senator Debate
- **April 8:** Director Debate
- **April 15:** Executive Cabinet Debate
- **April 22:** Presidential Debate
- Hours and locations of Polling Sites will be 10 am-3 pm Monday, **April 27 through May 1** near the Bell Tower.
- Election Results will be announced the following Monday at noon, near the Bell Tower.

2015 ASUCR Referenda and Constitutional Amendment Results

REFERENDUMS	Yes	No	Result
HIGHLANDER EMPOWERMENT REFERENDA	2685	2089	PASSES
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		
STRENGTHEN THE CALPIRG CHAPTER INITIATIVE	2257	2488	DOES NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		
ASUCR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1	2938	1463	PASSES
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		
ASUCR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2	3412	1200	PASSES
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		

2015 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
TOTAL	6072	17,303	35.1%	YES

2015 ASUCR Election Results

NAME	# of Votes
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President	
Ashley Harano	3436
<i>President Alternate</i>	
<i>Devin Plazo</i>	1908
Executive Vice President	
Armando Saldana	2991
<i>Executive Vice President Alternates</i>	
<i>Taylor Valmores</i>	1562
<i>Nilan Gunewardena</i>	776
Vice President of External Affairs	
Momo Hussein	2978
<i>Vice President of External Affairs Alternates</i>	
<i>Nestali Galarza</i>	1446
<i>Summer Shafer</i>	976
Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs	
Michael Ervin	3268
<i>Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs Alternate</i>	
<i>Valeria Allende</i>	1931
Outreach Director	
Kevin Chau	2983
<i>Outreach Director Alternates</i>	
<i>Beatriz Bermudez</i>	1553
<i>Sunyana Shoor</i>	729
Personnel Director	
Emily Yang	3554

NAME	# of Votes
<i>Personnel Director Alternate</i>	
<i>Chris Castorena</i>	1411
Marketing & Promotions Director	
Katherine Cheng	2965
<i>Marketing & Promotions Director Alternates</i>	
<i>Hector Huerta</i>	1579
<i>Amy Chen</i>	744
Elections Director	
To be appointed	
Vice President of Finance	
To be appointed	
CHASS Senators	
Giselle Ozuna	1794
Nick Carillo	1726
Dalshawn Boson	1679
Corey Willis	1664
Joshua Lopez	1659
Kristina David	1637
Verna Chan	1598
Alan Alcantara	1571
Casey Thielhart	1533
Dez'Gillai Jackson	1477
CHASS Alternates	

NAME	# of Votes
<i>Arjan Sindhu</i>	1046
<i>Andrew Tang</i>	913
<i>Arlene Angulo</i>	911
CNAS Senators	
Katherine Tatley	828
Wen-Yu Chou	786
Melissa Vargas	458
Nevin Perera	341
CNAS Alternates	
<i>Robert Kotonya</i>	316
<i>Roshawn Akula</i>	271
BCOE Senators	
Ryan Torrento	280
Erin Sunga	258
BCOE Alternates	
<i>Ryan Ulep</i>	228
<i>Zareh Hairapetian</i>	76

2015 Graduate Student Association Election Results

TITLE	NAME	No of Votes
GSA President	Lewis Luartz	173
GSA Executive Vice President	Edgar Tellez Foster	173
GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs	Danae Khorasani	171

TITLE	NAME	No of Votes
GSA Public Relations Officer	Mohsen Jafarzadeh	69
GSA Finance Officer	Tiffany Viggiano	124
GSA GSHIP Committee Chairperson	Melania Abrahamian	139