

## 2016 ELECTIONS INFORMATION

### REFERENDUM

- Highlander Newspaper Reformation Referendum – ASUCR
- Student Voice Initiative Referendum - ASUCR

### ASUCR

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### GSA

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## Highlander News Reformation (HNR) Resolution

WHEREAS the Highlander Newspaper is the main source of information for students, staff, and faculty regarding occurrences and events around the university as well as the surrounding area,

WHEREAS the Highlander Newspaper's current level of funding prevents the development of news resources that would enable the student body to access more diverse content,

WHEREAS the Highlander Newspaper is the only journalism program on campus for students interested in that field and also gives students employment opportunities that provide valuable work experience,

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the student body of the University of California, Riverside and the Editorial Board of the Highlander Newspaper recognize the need to increase student funding to the Highlander Newspaper to further our program, student life, and the awareness of the campus community as a whole.

### Introduction:

The Highlander News Reformation (HNR) is an effort set forth by the Editorial Board of the Highlander Newspaper to secure the funds needed to sustain and improve the services provided by the Highlander Newspaper. The Highlander's major source of revenue comes in the form of advertisements that have been on the decline in recent years. Additional student funds will allow the Highlander to receive a more stable source of income and therefore rely less on advertisements. This will ensure that the Highlander is capable of spending more time and money on generating content that is important to students and the campus community.

The plan proposes that the current Highlander fee be slightly raised for undergraduates in order to fund **permanent** costs that include: a slight increase in editor, writer, and graphic designer stipends, general printing costs, and the expansion of developing programs within the newspaper such as our video, advertising, and marketing departments. With the possible funds acquired, we would like to create new jobs for students in these departments and continue serving the growing campus community.

Funds acquired through advertisements will then be able to cover **temporary** costs, including but not limited to: Updating software, computers, transportation, and/or other temporary costs.

In turn, the Highlander Editorial Board will undergo a significant restructuring in order to (1) be more financially efficient and (2) better serve the campus by meeting the demands

of contemporary readers, which include, but are not limited to: an increased presence on campus, the Internet, social media, mobile technology, and/or other goals.

**Funding:**

An increase of the Highlander Fee will be established by a referendum vote of the student body. In addition to covering already existing permanent funds, the referendum will provide specific funds for the following expansion initiatives: (1) The creation of marketing positions for students to expand our social media presence, (2) The growth of our video, marketing and advertising departments through the hiring of student staff, (3) The provision of resources and jobs for students and the campus community.

The current undergraduate fee to fund the Highlander Newspaper is currently \$2.00 per quarter. The proposed increase of \$2.00 will increase that fee to \$4.00 per quarter. In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the new fee, or \$0.50, would be returned to financial aid. The remaining \$3.50 would fund the Highlander Newspaper starting in fall 2016.

**Oversight:**

The Highlander is an entirely student-run newsroom.

**Referendum Passage:** In compliance with UC and UCR policies, this referendum must meet the following criteria during election 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.

**Ballot Language:**

The Highlander News Reformation (HNR) is an effort set forth by the Editorial Board of the Highlander Newspaper aimed at securing the funds needed to sustain and improve the services provided by the Highlander Newspaper in order to progress student life and the overall campus community. The proposed increase of \$2.00 will allow for the formation of new jobs for students and the generation of more content important to the University of California, Riverside.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ No

**Student Voice Initiative (SVI) Resolution  
University of California, Riverside**

**Spring 2011**

**Authored By: Albert Yum**

**Winter 2016**

**Amended by Shafi Karim**

**Winter 2016:** This amendment does **not** increase any student fees, but changes the designated use of student fees in the existing Student Voice Initiative (SVI) Resolution Referendum, which was approved by the majority of the student body in the 2011 ASUCR elections. If this amended version is approved, it will replace the original Student Voice Initiative (SVI) Resolution Referendum, and shall take effect on July 1, 2016. If this amended version does not get approved, the original referendum will still continue to be valid.

**Introduction:**

In the original SVI referendum of 2011, .50 is allocated for dues to the University of California Student Association (UCSA), and .50 is allocated to the ASUCR V.P. of External Affairs budget to provide funding for students attending various UCSA conferences statewide. This amendment would allocate the entire amount (\$1.00) for the conferences, thus removing the .50 allocation to UCSA. Justification for this is that UCSA currently has a .75 referendum in place in addition to the .50 from SVI. ASUCR feels that the .75 is sufficient for UCSA dues, and that the .50 from SVI could be better utilized for UCSA conferences as outlined below. If this amendment passes in the ASUCR 2016 election, existing funds in the V.P. of External Affairs budget will also be reallocated to provide further ASUCR-sponsored programs, conferences and events for students.

**Funding:**

The Student Voice Initiative will be funded through student fees as established by a referendum vote of the student body. The proposed undergraduate fee to fund these initiatives would be \$1.33 per quarter, collected in the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer Quarters. In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the fee would be returned to financial aid. The remaining \$1.00 per quarter would be allocated as follows:

- \$1.00 of the fee per quarter would be allocated to the ASUCR External Affairs UCSA budget to provide funding for students attending various conferences state-wide - they include: UCSA Congress where UC students collectively decide UCSA Undergraduate and Graduate campaigns for the year, as well as engage in UCSA's Vote Project for upcoming elections. Students participate in skill-building workshops focused on advocacy and organizing, higher education issue workshops, and strategy sessions in preparation for choosing the campaigns; The UC Student Lobby Conference, where

students participate in lobbying, organizing and higher education issue workshops, as well as strategy sessions designed to empower them to effectively lobby their elected representatives on UC Student Lobby Day; The UCSA Students of Color Conference is a safe space to come together to learn about the issues that collectively affect them and to discuss and strategize ways to collectively organize for access

### **Oversight Committee:**

To ensure that student interests are served, the ASUCR Finance Committee will oversee the distribution of the funds.

The ASUCR Finance Committee shall adhere to all policies and procedures of ASUCR, UCR and UCOP in the delegation of these fees.

### Referendum Passage:

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## Elections Timeline for 2016

**Look here for updates throughout the year.**

- Filing for candidacy begins on **February 4, 2016** at 8 am.
- Filing for party affiliation begins **February 4, 2016** at 8 am.
- Mandatory Candidate Workshops will be held between **February 8, 2016 through March 4, 2016**.
- Candidacy, party affiliation, and referendum/initiative paperwork is due **March 11, 2016** at 5pm.
- Campaigning will be from **March 28, 2016 to April 15, 2016** (Week 1-3 of Spring Quarter).
- Voting will take place **April 11-15, 2016**.
- Candidates will be able to post election announcements on campus the Saturday prior to campaigning, **March 26** at 10 am.
  
- Debates will be held on these dates and in this order:
  - **March 28, 2016:** Senator Debate
  - **March 30, 2016:** Director Debate
  - **April 4, 2016:** Executive Cabinet Debate
  - **April 6, 2016:** Presidential Debate
- Hours and locations of Polling Sites will be 10 am-3 pm **Monday, April 11, 2016 through Friday, April 15, 2016** near the Bell Tower.

- Election Results will be announced the following Monday **April 18, 2016** at noon, near the Bell Tower.

More details will be announced as the quarter progresses

## 2016 ASUCR Referenda and Constitutional Amendment Results

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES	Yes	No	Result
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - GENERAL REVISIONS	2987	718	<b>PASSES</b>
(Required 20% voter turn out)	<b>MET</b>		
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT - VP OF FINANCE	2970	864	<b>PASSES</b>
(Required 20% voter turn out)	<b>MET</b>		
GCAP CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	3129	718	<b>PASSES</b>
(Required 20% voter turn out)	<b>MET</b>		
REFERENDA	Yes	No	Result
HIGHLANDER NEWSPAPER REFORMATION REFERENDUM	1675	2412	<b>DOES NOT PASS</b>
(Required 20% voter turn out)	<b>MET</b>		
STUDENT VOICE INITIATIVE REFERENDUM	2425	1445	<b>PASSES</b>
(Required 20% voter turn out)	<b>MET</b>		

## 2016 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
<b>TOTAL</b>	5470	17,322	31.5 %	<b>YES</b>

## 2016 ASUCR Election Results

NAME	# of Votes
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NAME	# of Votes
<b>President</b>	
Shafi Karim	2851
<i>President Alternate</i>	
Arturo Gomez	1650
Carl Keiser	205
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	
Wen-Yu Chou	3828
<i>Executive Vice President Alternate</i>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Vice President of External Affairs</b>	
Oscar Loera	2859
<i>Vice President of External Affairs Alternate</i>	
Arman Azedi	1846
<b>Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs</b>	
Dalshawn Boson	2886
<i>Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs Alternate</i>	
Shigufa Saleheen	1865
<b>Outreach Director</b>	
Angelica Tan	2913
<i>Outreach Director Alternate</i>	
Zena Hallak	1775
<b>Personnel Director</b>	
Alan Alcantara	2858
<i>Personnel Director Alternate</i>	
Arjan Sindhu	1834
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotions Director</b>	
Joshua Lopez	3713

NAME	# of Votes
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotions Director Alternates</b>	
N/A	N/A
<b>Elections Director</b>	
To be appointed	
<b>Vice President of Finance</b>	
To be appointed	
<b>CHASS Senators</b>	
Jonathan Javier	1662
Semi Cole	1644
Ariel Chen	1607
Annette Jimenez	1584
Valerie Nunez	1559
Connie Fan	1537
Shaun Nzeribe	1528
Aram Aryapetyan	1525
Jenifer Nkosi	1515
Jose Cortez Hernandez	1499
<b>CHASS Alternates</b>	
<i>Danielle Flores</i>	1007
<i>Dina Muhammad</i>	1002
<i>Alissa Espiritu</i>	962
<b>CNAS Senators</b>	
Carisha Moore	745



<b>NAME</b>	<b># of Votes</b>
Johnathan Li	740
Beau Young	733
T.K. Nguyen	715
<b>CNAS Alternates</b>	
<i>Mojan Deriss</i>	466
<i>Jasper Kuo</i>	435
<i>Breanna Javier</i>	428
<b>BCOE Senators</b>	
Arneil Liban	332
Nicole Kato	321
<b>BCOE Alternates</b>	
<i>Kyle Dansby</i>	217
<i>Ana Paola Laveaga</i>	174

## 2016 Graduate Student Association Election Results

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>No of Votes</b>
<b>GSA President</b>	Lewis Luartz	203
<b>GSA Executive Vice President</b>	Maiko Le Lay	216
<b>GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs</b>	Shawn Ragan	208
<b>GSA Finance Officer</b>	Melania Abrahamian	140
<b><i>GSA Finance Officer Alternate</i></b>	<i>Heran Bhakta</i>	80
<b>GSA GSHIP Committee Chairperson</b>	Christina Guest	142
<b><i>GSA GSHIP Committee Chairperson Alternate</i></b>	<i>Reed Harrison</i>	96
<b>GSA Public Relations Officer</b>	Drew Story	163
<b><i>GSA Public Relations Officer Alternate</i></b>	<i>Richard Vincent Kanadi</i>	57

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES	Yes	No	Result
REDUCE ELECTORAL VOTING MINIMUM FROM 20% to 10%	202	75	PASSEs
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		

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	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
<b>TOTAL</b>	600	2858	20.9%	<b>YES</b>