

## 2014 ELECTIONS INFORMATION

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## ASUCR REFERENDUM 2014 (Draft)

### **Preface**

The Associated Students (ASUCR) serves students in many ways. We fund the campus Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), provide for a free Legal Education Clinic for all students, maintain the sustainability Green Campus Action Plan for the campus, fund scholarships, operate the Bear's Den, provide student internships and fellowships, coordinate the annual Senior BBQ and Food Truck Festival, sell discounted tickets on line, represents and advocates for student interests, and many more programs and services. In order to sustain these services and provide more in the future, we are asking for our fee to be increased by \$4.50.

### **Justification**

The last time the ASUCR fee was raised was in the amount of \$1.00 in 1986. 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 1986 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, programs and representation for the students of UCR.

### **Distribution of Fees and Implementation:**

The current \$12.50 ASUCR fee is already distributed to ASUCR services, operations and RSOs. This section will describe the distribution of the additional funds ASUCR would receive if the students pass the \$4.50 quarterly increase to the ASUCR membership fee.

As in all referenda, a student initiated "return to aid (RTA)" policy, mandated by the University of California Office of the President, provides for 25% of referenda income to be taken from the fee and given back to Financial Aid for scholarships.

**(<http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/ucpolicies/aos/uc80.html>)**

The RTA amount for this increase would be \$1.13 per student, leaving \$3.37 remaining for the expansion, efficiency and new services of ASUCR.

\$2.00 will go to create funding for new paid student positions, and to improve and expand events and services listed above and including student travel grants, promotional gifts and food, and 24-hour library during finals and to support these rising operational costs.

\$1.00 will go to fund conference participation and travel for student delegations (i.e. UCSA/USSA training and conferences, etc.)

.15 will go to fund membership in the United States Student Association (USSA), an organization that advocates for student issues on a national level.

.05 will go to fund small stipends for our Legal Clinic Attorneys, who are currently operating on a volunteer basis, but whose UCR workload continues to increase every quarter.

**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

## **Spring 2014 Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum**

### **Introduction:**

This referendum acknowledges the student body of University of California, Riverside (“UCR”) is interested in improving and expanding campus services, resources, programs, and leadership activities through 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 (“seven departments”).

The seven departments are united in their mission to serve all UCR students. Even as UCR enrollment has increased, as well as expenses associated with providing services and programming, the permanent budgets of the seven departments have not grown.

The seven departments’ ability to provide needed support services, resources, and programs is limited by reductions in permanent professional staffing and less access to permanent funding through Student Services Fees. Student organizations are also seeking additional staff assistance from the seven departments to navigate campus policies and procedures, as well as staff time in helping students in distress to find needed campus support. Distressed students are struggling with issues ranging from hate crimes and incidents, family and financial situations interfering with academic success, sexual assault and sexual harassment, suicide and other mental health and wellness concerns.

Student organizations are requesting more co-programming and assistance navigating University policies and resources.

The Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum will allow the seven departments to better meet undergraduate students needs by providing:

- 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
- Operational support for student services programs as described above, as the costs of campus services continue to increase

**Funding:**

If approved, this referendum will provide \$14.00 per quarter (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer), as well as provide financial aid funds to meet the University of California “return-to-aid” requirement (see “Return-to-Aid” section below) beginning to be assessed in the Fall 2014 quarter.

Of the \$14.00 fee collected from undergraduate students, \$3.50 will go to student financial aid. \$10.50 will be split evenly amongst the seven departments, with \$1.50 per quarter transferred directly to each department’s budget.

**“Return-to-Aid”:**

In accordance with University of California policy, 25% of the amount collected from this fee (\$3.50 per quarter) will be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of undergraduate financial aid.

**Governance:**

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 appointed by staff of the seven departments. RSAC will meet regularly to govern the use of the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum funds, including permanent and temporary allocations. A portion of the funds going directly to the seven departments will be used to support and sustain the work of RSAC. An annual public RSAC report will summarize the use of Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum funds.

## **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 participate in the ASUCR ballot voting
2. A majority of the votes cast must vote in favor of the issue.

## **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?**

1. Fee will be effective Fall 2014
2. Fee will be assessed in Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer quarters
3. 25% of the fee (\$3.50) will be returned to financial aid to help offset costs for students who are eligible for financial aid
4. \$10.50 will be split evenly amongst the seven departments, with \$1.50 per quarter transferred directly to each department's budget.
5. 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

**For more information please review the entire resolution: (PDF TBA)**

**University of California, Riverside  
Spring 2014  
Student Services Support Fee Referendum**

**The assessment of a new fee supporting seven Student Services departments would begin Fall 2014.**

**Introduction:**

This referendum acknowledges the graduate student body of University of California, Riverside (“UCR”) is interested in improving and expanding support services, resources, and programs through 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 (“seven departments”).

Even as UCR enrollment has increased, as well as expenses associated with providing services and programming, the permanent budgets of the seven departments have not grown. The seven departments’ ability to provide needed support services, resources, and programs is limited by reductions in permanent professional staffing and less access to permanent funding through Student Services Fees. Student organizations are also seeking additional staff assistance from the seven departments to navigate campus policies and procedures, as well as staff time in helping students in distress to find needed campus support.

The purpose of the Student Services Support Fee is to allow the seven departments to better meet student needs, by providing:

- 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 Graduate Student Association (GSA)
- Peer mentoring and peer education programs support
- More resources in each student program office and center, such as student computer support and educational materials
- Basic operations support as the costs of campus services continue to increase

**Funding:**

If approved, this referendum will provide \$14 per quarter (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer) to increase student support services, programming, and resources through the seven departments, as well as financial aid funds to meet the University of California “return-to-aid” requirement (see “Return-to-Aid” section below). Seventy-five percent of the amount collected from this fee will be split evenly amongst the seven departments, with \$1.50 per quarter transferred directly to each department’s budget.

**“Return-to-Aid”:**

In accordance with University of California policy, 25% of the amount collected from this fee (\$3.50 per quarter) will be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of graduate financial aid.

**Governance:**

If passed, the Referendum Student Advisory Committee (“RSAC”) will be formed. It shall be made up of undergraduate and graduate UCR students appointed by the seven departments, and shall meet regularly to advise on the use of funds. A portion of the funds will be used to support and sustain the work of RSAC. Once allocated, department directors are responsible for the proper use of funds to meet the purpose of the Student Services Support Fee.

**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 graduate student body must vote on the issue.
2. A majority of the votes cast must vote in favor of the issue.

BALLOT LANGUAGE:

**Do you support a quarterly fee of \$14 for student services departments to meet growing student needs by providing programming, collaborative student events & projects, center infrastructure, and staffing for student support?**

6. Fee will begin effectively, Fall 2014
7. Fee will be assessed in Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer quarters
8. 25% of the fee (\$3.50) will be returned to financial aid to help offset costs for students who are eligible for financial aid
9. Fee will be split equally between seven departments: 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
10. Fee will go directly to each department's budget

**The approval of this referendum would provide:**

1. Increased co-programming with student organizations and student-led initiatives, including funding and advising
2. Staffing to assist students in finding support and resources
3. Support for conference hosting and conference travel
4. Support for Common Ground Collective projects & collaborative initiatives with GSA
5. Peer mentoring and peer education programs support
6. More resources in each student program office and center, such as student computer support and educational materials

In order for GSA to pass the above referendum, 20% of the UCR Graduate Student body must vote **and** the referendum must be approved by a majority of Graduate Student voters. The Graduate Student population **shall not** be combined with the undergraduate student population in order to reach the 20% voting population necessary for this referendum to pass.

**Yes**, I hereby support the Student Services Support fee.

       **No**, I hereby do not support the Student Services Support fee.

## 2014 ASUCR Referenda and Constitutional Amendment Results

REFERENDUMS	Yes	No	Result
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FEE	2853	2918	DOES NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		
GREEN CAMPUS ACTION PLAN (GCAP)	3826	2004	PASSES
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		
HIGHLANDER EMPOWERMENT STUDENT SERVICES	2874	3055	DOES NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		

## 2014 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
<b>TOTAL</b>	6,557	17,291	38%	<b>YES</b>

## 2014 ASUCR Election Results

NAME	# of Votes
<b>President</b>	
Nafi Karim	2550
<b>Executive Vice President</b>	
Michael Ervin	2613
<b>Vice President of External Affairs</b>	
Abraham Galvan	3226
<b>Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs</b>	
Fernando Echeverria	2655

NAME	# of Votes
<b>Outreach Director</b>	
Jessica Urquidez	3248
<b>Personnel Director</b>	
Ashley Harano	2678
<b>Marketing &amp; Promotions Director</b>	
Ravin Rathod	2523
<b>CHASS Senators</b>	
Collette King	1657
Fabian Escobedo	1551
Summer Shafer	1529
Alison Iles	1518
Reem Blaik	1490
Devin Plazo	1470
Christian Arredondo	1444
Akeem Brown	1302
Jackie Jacoby	1126
Delaynie Koenig	1113
<b>CHASS Alternates</b>	
John Dell	1104
Constance Towers	1079
Trelynd Bowles	1076
<b>CNAS Senators</b>	
Pricilla Perey	625

NAME	# of Votes
Herman Sangha	588
Sam Uweh	578
Richard Le	501
<b>CNAS Alternates</b>	
Silvia Abdulnour	476
Oren Shimshi	415
Ranier Rivera	325
<b>BCOE Senators</b>	
Carlton Nguyen	323
Jason Ramirez	319
<b>BCOE Alternates</b>	
Benjiman Roden	271
Katherina Zecca	267

## GSA

REFERENDUM	Yes	No	Result
STUDENT SERVICES SUPPORT FEE	86	101	<b>DOES NOT PASS</b>
(Required 20% voter turn out)	<b>NOT MET</b>		

## 2014 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
<b>TOTAL</b>	206	2,601	8%	<b>NO</b>

## 2014 Graduate Student Association Election Results

TITLE	NAME	No of Votes
<b>GSA President</b>	Preston Williams	140

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>No of Votes</b>
<b>GSA Executive Vice President</b>	Lewis Luartz	130
<b>GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs</b>	Danae Gmuer-Johnson	128
<b>GSA Public Relations Officer</b>	Danielle Pitt	128
<b>GSA Finance Officer</b>	Ting (Adela) Ng	124
<b>GSA GSHIP Committee Chairperson</b>	Melania Ebrahimi	130