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Highlander Newspaper Revitalization Referendum

Introduction:

The Highlander Newspaper Revitalization is an effort set forth by the Editorial Board of the Highlander Newspaper to secure the funds necessary to ensure the preservation of UC Riverside's 63-year-long standing, independent student-run news source. As the only newspaper on the UCR campus, the Highlander continually champions free speech and serves as a source of critical, honest and often vital information for students regarding their campus, administration and surrounding community. Since establishing the Highlander newspaper fee at \$2.00 in 2001 (the current fee), the publication has successfully managed to withstand the uphill battles of a growing student body, rising space rental costs and an increasingly obsolete print advertising landscape. Now, as these challenges continue to mount, your school newspaper needs your help!

Due to the decline in print media and in an effort to adapt to this media age without the overarching burden of financial hardship, added funds will not only provide the Highlander a more stable source of income and thus lower the reliance on advertisements, but will ensure the preservation of UCR's only student-run news source.

The plan proposes that the current quarterly Highlander Newspaper fee be raised by \$2.00 for undergraduates in order to fund rising printing costs, space rental increases, operational expansions and the provision of more jobs for students interested in journalism, marketing, media production, etc.

Funding/Oversight:

A \$2.00 increase to the quarterly Highlander Newspaper fee (less than the cost of your regular Starbucks coffee) will be established by a referendum vote of the student body, and be run through the Associated Students office. The Highlander Editorial Board will monitor the expenditures created by the additional revenues.

The current undergraduate fee to fund the Highlander Newspaper is \$2.00 per quarter. The proposed increase of \$2.00 will increase that fee to \$4.00 per quarter. In accordance with campus and Universitywide policies, 25% of the fee increase, or \$0.50, would be returned to financial aid. The remaining \$3.50 would fund the Highlander Newspaper starting in fall 2017. The fee would be collected fall, winter, spring and summer quarters.

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 on the issue.
2. A majority of the votes cast must vote in favor of the issue.

Ballot Language:

Standing for 63 years as UC Riverside’s independent and student-run news source, The Highlander Newspaper has continually served as a critical source of unique and often vital information for students and the surrounding community. Yet, in a declining print media landscape where financial challenges continue to mount, the Highlander’s existence into the near future is at risk. In short: Your student paper needs your help. A \$2.00 increase to the current quarterly fee of \$2.00 (to be collected fall, winter, spring and summer quarters — effective starting fall 2017) will not only provide a remedy for rising print, maintenance and operating costs but will also serve you and the campus in the following areas:

- Expansion of jobs for students interested in journalism, marketing, media production, etc.
- The continuation of a weekly print and online publication
- Expanded multimedia coverage to provide accessible and critical information for the UCR student body, faculty and surrounding community
- Current and important news updates to keep you informed about your campus, administration and student life

In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the fee increase, or \$0.50, would be returned to undergraduate financial aid. Do you support a \$2.00 quarterly fee increase for the Highlander Newspaper Revitalization as described above?

_____ Yes

_____ No

University of California, Riverside

Winter 2017

Graduate Student Sustainability Fund (GSSF) Referendum

The assessment of a continued GSSF fee of \$1.33 would not expire and be continuous beginning with Fall 2017.

Introduction:

The Graduate Student Sustainability Fund (GSSF) is a collective effort by the Graduate Student Association of the University of California, Riverside to partner with the Office of Sustainability to significantly reduce the campus' overall environmental impact, address issues of inequality, and advocate for sustainable economic decisions.

The GSSF proposes the continual funding of Graduate Student Sustainability Grants to empower graduate students and their respective organizations, support the GSA Sustainability Committee to promote sustainable actions within GSA, and fund the GSA Sustainability Liaison annual stipend.

The aim of the GSSF is to transform UCR's commitment to sustainability into one of bold and effective leadership at the graduate student level, ultimately contributing to the university's role as a premier research institution that inspires, educates, and leads the community it serves.

Funding:

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

- Graduate Student Sustainability Grants for mini-GSAs, graduate students, graduate student clubs, GSSF events
- UCR GSA Sustainability Committee
- Sustainability Liaison stipend
- Unused funds in each category would individually roll over annually

The proposed graduate student fee to fund this initiative would be of \$1.33 per quarter, including summer. This fee will be run through the Graduate Student Association and not the Office of Sustainability. The fee will be collected during the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters.

"Return to Aid":

In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the amount collected from this fee (\$0.333 cents) would be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of undergraduate financial aid. The remaining \$0.997 would continue to fund the GSSF starting in the Fall of 2017.

Distribution of Fees:

All allocations will be made in accordance with GSA by-laws. The fee will be allocated as follows:

\$0.03 of the fee collected per quarter would be allocated to the GSA Sustainability Committee.

\$0.333 of the fee collected per quarter would be allocated in the form of "Return to Aid".

\$225 of the total fees collected per quarter will fund the stipend of the GSA Sustainability Liaison.

The remainder of the total fees collected per quarter would be allocated to the GSSF Graduate Student Sustainability Grants for mini-GSAs, graduate students, graduate student clubs, and GSSF events.

Governance:

The GSA Sustainability Committee is chaired by the GSA Sustainability Liaison and consists of no fewer than three (3) mini-GSA representatives.

The GSA Sustainability Committee would be responsible for:

- Ensuring the Graduate Student Sustainability Grants are allocated equitably and adhere to all GSSF and GSA policies
- Promoting the availability of GSSF funds to the graduate student population
- Continuing the goal of keeping GSSF accountable and transparent to the UCR graduate student body

The GSA Sustainability Committee shall adhere to all further rules prescribed by the GSA, UCR Policies, and any standing orders that may arise.

Referendum Passage:

In compliance with UCR and GSA 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 in the election
2. A majority of the votes cast must vote in favor of the issue

BALLOT LANGUAGE:

Do you support a \$1.33 per quarter fee to implement the Graduate Student Sustainability Fund to enable graduate students and their organizations to promote sustainability on our campus through the distribution of Graduate Student Sustainability Grants? In turn, the GSA Sustainability Committee would have a working budget and the GSA Sustainability Liaison would have a yearly stipend currently equivalent to the Legislative Liaison.

- The fee will begin Fall Quarter of 2017.
- The fee will be collected during the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters.
- This fee will be run through the Graduate Student Association and not the Office of Sustainability.
- In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the fee (\$0.333) will be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of financial aid.
- After the return to aid, the remaining \$0.997 will be used for the Graduate Student Sustainability Fund.

___ Yes, I hereby support the Graduate Student Sustainability Fund at a \$1.33 per quarter fee

___ No, I hereby do not support the Graduate Student Sustainability Fund at a \$1.33 per quarter fee

2017 Election Timeline

Look here for updates throughout the year.

- Filing for candidacy begins on Monday **February 6, 2017** at 8 am.
- Filing for party affiliation begins Monday **February 6, 2017** at 8 am.
- Party Campaign Platform Form, Candidate Nomination Form, & Declaration of Candidacy Form must be filed by Monday **March 6, 2017** at 5 p.m.
- (6) Mandatory Workshops will be held starting **March 6, 2017 - March 17, 2017**.
- Candidacy Information Packet due Monday **March 6, 2017 at 5 p.m.**
- Referendum/initiative paperwork is due **January 15th at 5pm.**
- Campaigning will be from **April 3, 2017 at 8 a.m. to April 15, 2017 at 5 p.m.**
- Voting will take place **April 17 – 21, 2017**.
- Candidates will be able to post election announcements on campus the Saturday prior to campaigning, **April 2 nd , 2017 at 8 am.**
- Debates will be held on these dates and in this order:
 - **April 5th, 2017:** Senator and Director Debates (**Wed**)
 - **April 12th, 2017:** Executive Cabinet and Presidential Debates (**Wed**)
- Hours and locations of Polling Sites will be 10 am-3 pm **Monday, April 17, 2017 through Friday, April 21, 2017** near the Bell Tower and Rivera Library. (*Polling sites and lap-topping logistics are still being deliberated. The location of official polling sites are still to be determined.*)
- Election Results will be announced the **first week of May** at noon, near the Bell Tower.
- Special Elections (Run-off/Appointments) will take place **May 8 - May 12, 2017**.

2017 Election Timeline Summary

- First (2) weeks of Spring quarter = **CAMPAIGNING**
- Week 3 = **VOTING WEEK**

2017 ASUCR Referenda and Constitutional Amendment Results

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES	Yes	No	Result
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE - GPA REQUIREMENT	2324	785	PASSES
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		
REFERENDA	Yes	No	Result
HIGHLANDER NEWSPAPER REVITALIZATION	1507	1541	DOES NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		

2017 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
TOTAL	3676	17,519	21%	YES

2017 ASUCR Election Results

NAME	# of Votes
President	
Aram Ayra	1057
<i>President Alternate</i>	
Kevin Tseng	839
John Tannous	581
Executive Vice President	
Carisha Moore	2180
<i>Executive Vice President Alternate</i>	

NAME	# of Votes
<i>Sergio Robles (write in)</i>	13
Vice President of Finance	
Jose Cortez-Hernandez	2030
Vice President of Finance Alternate	
<i>Salma Mahmoud (write in)</i>	79
Vice President of External Affairs	
Johnathan Li	2034
Vice President of External Affairs Alternate	
<i>Julia Darling (write in)</i>	53
Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs	
Semi Cole	1666
Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs Alternate	
<i>Louis Penafiel (write in)</i>	13
Outreach Director	
Serena Cheng	1182
Outreach Director Alternate	
<i>Joana Reyes</i>	999
Personnel Director	
Briana Perera	1285
Personnel Director Alternate	
<i>Katherine Tatley</i>	896
Marketing & Promotions Director	
Connie Wi	1523
Marketing & Promotions Director Alternates	
<i>Ryan Lo</i>	720
Transfer and Non-Traditional Transfer Student Director	
Maria Chavez	1518

NAME	# of Votes
<i>Transfer and Non-Traditional Transfer Student Director Alternates</i>	
Jose Saavedra	581
GCAP Director	
Austin Mok	1984
<i>GCAP Director Alternate</i>	
<i>(none)</i>	NA
Elections Director	
To be appointed	
CHASS Senators	
Roy Tongilava	910
Mariam Al-Khalili	808
Semere Mengistu	773
Solomon Demeku	738
Dana Dinh	671
Marco Ornelas	668
Martin Cuenca	620
Reginald Wong	619
Grant Nakaoka	600
Carolyn Chang	599
CHASS Alternates	
<i>Lauren Ledesma</i>	568
<i>Johnson Pau</i>	566
<i>Ariya Haghigat</i>	562
CNAS Senators	
Priyanka Garg	282

NAME	# of Votes
Andrew Ng	280
Valeria Orozco	279
Matt Shashaty	266
CNAS Alternates	
<i>Jorge Delgado</i>	210
BCOE Senators	
Patrick Le	193
Amanda Xaypraseuth	148
BCOE Alternates	
<i>Luis Orellana</i>	53

2017 Graduate Student Association Election Results

TITLE	NAME	No of Votes
GSA President	Shawn Ragan	102
GSA Executive Vice President	Ma'iko Le Lay	99
GSA Executive Vice President Alternate	<i>Holly Maton (wrote in)</i>	1
GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs	Nicole Ginnan	102
GSA Finance Officer	Michael Bentel	76
GSA GSHIP Committee Chairperson	Jasmine Jafari	103
GSA Public Relations Officer	Malika Ahuja	101

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES	Yes	No	Result
GSA Referendum	64	57	Does NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	NOT MET		

2017 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
TOTAL	124	2883	4.3%	NO