

2018 ELECTIONS INFORMATION

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Permanent Funding for Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum (HESSR)

Ballot Language:

Do you support a quarterly fee of \$16.00 for the eight 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 replace the current HESSR fee, effective Summer 2020
- Fee will be assessed in Fall, Winter, Spring, & Summer quarters
- 25% of the fee (\$4.00) will be returned to financial aid to help offset costs for students who are eligible for financial aid
- \$12.00 will be split evenly amongst the eight departments, with \$1.50 per quarter transferred directly to each department's budget.
- The eight departments include: African Student Programs, Asian Pacific Student Programs, Chicano Student Programs, LGBT Resource Center, Middle Eastern Student Center, Native American Student Programs, Undocumented 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 eight 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

Permanent Funding for Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum (HESSR)

Long Description:

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, Undocumented Student Programs, and Women’s Resource Center (“eight departments”).

The eight 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 eight departments have not grown.

In 2015, the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum was approved to temporarily enhance funding for seven ethnic and gender program offices providing vital student services to all undergraduate students. Since passage, available funding from Student Services Fees has not improved, while the need for student services provided by the ethnic and gender program offices has increased. In addition, Undocumented Student Programs has been established as a new office to help create equal opportunity at UCR for all students to get a quality education, regardless of immigration status.

The 2015 Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum provides temporary funding only through Spring 2020. The needs of students helped by HESSR funds are not temporary, however.

Since 2015, the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum fee has allowed the ethnic and gender program offices to provide vital resources and staffing. HESSR funding is critical to assisting distressed students, 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. HESSR funding results in new employment for students and co-sponsorship opportunities for student organizations. HESSR funding makes possible campus-wide speakers, performers, conferences, and community-building events that educate and empower all Highlanders.

Permanent funding for the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum will allow the eight departments to continue to 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 \$16.00 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 Summer 2020 quarter. Of the \$16.00 fee collected from undergraduate students, \$4.00 will go to student financial aid. \$12.00 will be split evenly amongst the eight 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 (\$4.00 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 eight departments will be governed by the Referendum Student Advisory Committee (“RSAC”), under the authority of the Chancellor or Chancellor's designate. RSAC will be made up of sixteen members to include eight UCR undergraduate students (with voting privileges) nominated by the Director of each of the eight departments; eight staff members representing the eight departments (ex-officio non-voting); and one staff member (ex-officio non-voting) nominated by the Chancellor or the Chancellor's designate to provide administrative support. RSAC will submit the Bylaws to UCR's Campus Counsel Office for review and endorsement. RSAC will recommend to the Chancellor or Chancellor's designate, for final approval, how the Highlander Empowerment Student Services Referendum funds will be utilized. A portion of the funds going directly to the eight 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.

Highlander News Referendum

Introduction:

The Highlander News Referendum is an effort by the Highlander Newspaper student staff to preserve UC Riverside's 63-year-long standing, independent student-run news source. As the only newspaper on campus, the Highlander champions free speech and serves as a source of critical, honest, and vital information for students on campus life, student leaders, the administration, and larger Riverside community.

Since setting the quarterly Highlander Newspaper fee at \$2.00 in 2001, the publication has provided numerous career opportunities for students despite the growing challenges of maintaining an independent media source. Now, as rising rental costs and declining print advertising threaten to take away these jobs and the paper altogether, your school newspaper needs your help!

The referendum proposes that the current Highlander Newspaper fee be raised by \$1.00 for undergraduates to fund rising printing costs, space rental increases and operational expansions, all to ensure the existence of jobs for students interested in journalism, marketing, media production, and design. At a school without a journalism program, providing students with practical experience in these fields is critical.

Funding/Oversight:

A \$1.00 increase to the quarterly Highlander Newspaper fee (less than half 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 \$1.00 will increase that fee to \$3.00 per quarter. In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the new fee, or \$0.25, would be returned to financial aid. The remaining \$2.75 would fund the Highlander Newspaper starting in fall 2018. 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:

Your student paper needs your help. The Highlander Newspaper has stood for 63 years as UC Riverside's independent and student-run media outlet, serving as a critical source of vital information, engaging commentary and quality storytelling for students and the community. Though, as independent media is disappearing, The Highlander is struggling to stay afloat. A \$1.00 increase to the current quarterly fee of \$2.00 (to be collected fall, winter, spring and summer quarters — effective starting fall 2018) would help absorb the Highlander's steadily rising print, maintenance and operating costs to ensure it continues serving you and the campus by:

- Providing practical experience for students interested in journalism, marketing, media production, and design on a campus without a journalism program
- Delivering breaking news and commentary on the issues that affect the future of our campus
- Expanding media team and resources to consistently hold campus administrators, faculty, and student leaders accountable
- Giving a platform for students, clubs, and organizations to tell their stories and highlight their service to campus

In accordance with campus policy, 25% of the new fee, or \$0.25, would be returned to financial aid. Do you support a \$1.00 quarterly fee increase for the Highlander Newspaper Revitalization as described above?

_____ Yes

_____ No

University of California, Riverside
Spring 2018
Green Campus Action Plan (GCAP) Referendum

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 world's overall environmental impact, assist in achieving UCR's 2025 carbon neutrality goal, and bring recognition to the UCR campus or its affiliates.

The plan proposes the continued funding of environmental and basic-needs internship opportunities, the availability of Green Grants to empower students and their organizations to help reduce the world'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 and sustainability 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 that heavily incorporate renewable energy sources.
- Green Grants for student organizations, projects, and GCAP events.
- 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 \$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.

\$0.10 cents of the fee per quarter would be allocated to the GCAP Green Grants for student organizations and clubs

\$0.57 cents of the fee per quarter would be allocated to fund annual student positions in organizations that strive to improve our environment and dedication to 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 an Undergraduate Sustainability Director, 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 merit funding and run efficiently.
- 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 the rephrasing of referenda, altering the fee distribution and inclusion of food-security in the GCAP referenda?

- 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 referendum changes

___ **No, I hereby do not support the Green Campus Action Plan referendum changes**

Referendum
GSA Conference Travel Grant Expansion Fee

Summary:

This fee would increase the Conference Travel Grant fee by \$10.00 per quarter, thereby raising the total fee collected from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per quarter (the current \$10.00 fee is collected within the \$24.18 GSA Membership fee). This fee will provide the funds necessary to increase the GSA Conference Travel Grants funds. This is critical to preventing potential funding decreases and will enable the GSA to expand the current award cap amounts by up to \$200 per award, subject to an annual cap, which will provide more affordable access to professional conferences.

In accordance with the return-to-aid policy, 25% of the fee increase, or \$2.50, would be returned to financial aid. The remaining \$7.50 would fund the Conference Travel Grant program expansion starting in fall 2018. The fee would be collected fall, winter, and spring quarters.

A yes vote means that you support the Conference Travel Grant Expansion Fee of \$10.00, which will begin in Fall 2018 and will provide the necessary funding for the expansion of the grant by up to \$200 per award, subject to an annual cap.

A no vote means that you do not support the Conference Travel Grant Expansion Fee of \$10.00, which will begin in Fall 2018 and will provide the necessary funding for the expansion of the grant by up to \$200 per award, subject to an annual cap.

Exact text of the Fee Modification follows:

Yes, I vote to pass the GSA Conference Travel Grant Expansion Fee of \$10.00, which would begin in Fall Quarter 2018.

No, I do not vote to pass the GSA Conference Travel Grant Expansion Fee of \$10.00, which would begin in Fall Quarter 2018.

Referendum

A Fee Modification to Lower the UCSA Fee and to Change it to the External Advocacy Membership Fee

Purpose:

The purposes of this referendum are to 1) lower the student fee collected for external advocacy (currently the UCSA Fee) from \$1.80 to \$1.50 per graduate student each quarter and 2) subsequently change the name of the fee to External Advocacy Membership Fee and to permit the Graduate Student Council to determine the beneficiary of the fee (for example, UC Graduate and Professional Council) by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board and Graduate Student Council. This change would go into effect in Fall 2018.

Background Summary:

Currently, UCR GSA collects a UC Student Association (UCSA) Membership Fee of \$1.80 per quarter from each graduate student to pay for membership to UCSA during the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters. In collaboration with other UC Graduate Student Associations, the UCR GSA Executive Board and Graduate Student Council decided to withhold membership funds from UCSA while leaving UCSA and forming a new association of UC GSAs in order to better advocate for graduate students.

Proposed New Fee Referendum:

This referendum changes the previous UCSA membership fee referendum as follows:

- Lowering the current membership fee from \$1.80 to \$1.50 per quarter, collected from each graduate student during the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters, beginning Fall 2018.
- Changing the membership fee from the UCSA Fee to the External Advocacy Membership Fee, with the beneficiary determined by a 2/3 vote of the GSA Executive Board and Graduate Student Council.
- Pay the UCSA fees collected in the 2017-2018 Academic Year and held by vote of the GSA Executive Board and the Graduate Student Council to the UC Graduate and Professional Coalition (UCGPC).

Vote:

A YES vote means that you approve reducing the External Advocacy Membership Fee to \$1.50 instead of the current \$1.80 during the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters and that this revised External Advocacy Membership Fee will be allocated to pay for membership

to the organization decided on by 2/3 vote of the GSA Executive Board and Graduate Student Council. This change would go into effect in Fall 2018.

A NO vote means that you do not approve reducing the External Advocacy Membership Fee to \$1.50 instead of the current \$1.80 during the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters or that this revised External Advocacy Membership Fee will be allocated to pay for membership to the organization decided on by 2/3 vote of the GSA Executive Board and Graduate Student Council.

Exact text of fee modification follows:

Yes, I approve reducing the External Advocacy Membership Fee to \$1.50 instead of the current \$1.80 during the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters, beginning Fall 2018, and that this revised External Advocacy Membership Fee will be allocated to pay for membership to the organization decided on by 2/3 vote of the GSA Executive Board and Graduate Student Council. The funds collected during the 2017-2018 Academic Year will be paid to The University of California Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC).

No, I do not approve reducing the External Advocacy Membership Fee to \$1.50 instead of the current \$1.80 during the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters or that this revised External Advocacy Membership Fee will be allocated to pay for membership to the organization decided on by 2/3 vote of the GSA Executive Board and Graduate Student Council.

2018 Election Timeline

Look here for updates throughout the year.

- Referendum/Initiative paperwork due **January 15, 2018** at 5pm
- Filing for candidacy begins on Monday **February 5, 2018** at 8am
- **Filing for party affiliation begins Monday **February 5, 2018** at 8am
- **Party Campaign Platform Form must be filed by **February 19, 2018** at 5pm
- **Party Campaign Platform Form must be filed by **February 19, 2018** at 5pm
- Candidate Nomination Form & Declaration of Candidacy Form must be filed by Monday **February 19, 2018** at 5pm
- 6 Mandatory workshops held starting **March 12, 2018 - March 23, 2018**
- Campaigning will be from **April 8, 2018** at 8am to **April 27, 2018** at 5pm
- Candidates will be able to post election announcements on campus the Saturday prior to campaigning, **April 7, 2018** at 8am
- Debates will be held on these dates and in this order:
 - **April 11, 2018** (Wednesday): Senator and Director Debates
 - **April 18, 2018** (Thursday): Executive Cabinet and Presidential Debates
- Voting will take place **April 23-27, 2018**
- Hours and location of Polling Sites will be 10am-3pm and 5pm-7pm
- Monday, **April 23, 2018** through Friday, **April 27, 2018** near AI, Bear's Den, Student Recreation Center, and Rivera Library. (*Polling sites and lap-topping logistics are still being deliberated. The times and locations 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 7- May 11, 2018**

2018 Election Timeline Summary

- Second (2nd) and Third (3rd) week of Spring quarter = **CAMPAIGNING**
- Week 4 = **VOTING WEEK**

** = Pending decisions pertaining to the indicated deadline

2018 ASUCR Referenda Results

REFERENDA	Yes	No	Result
HIGHLANDER EMPOWERMENT STUDENT SERVICES REFERENDUM	1965	369	DOES NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	NOT MET		
HIGHLANDER NEWS REFERENDUM	1873	593	DOES NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	NOT MET		
GREEN CAMPUS ACTION PLAN REFERENDUM	1934	426	DOES NOT PASS
(Required 20% voter turn out)	NOT MET		

2018 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
TOTAL	2818	19,202	14.39%	NO

2018 ASUCR Election Results

NAME	# of Votes
President	
Semi Cole	1493
President Alternate	
Diana Jekki	967
Furry Boi (Write-In)	113
Executive Vice President	
Andrea Cuevas	1258
Executive Vice President Alternate	
Johnathan Li	1233
Vice President of Finance	
Johnston Pau	1613

NAME	# of Votes
<i>Vice President of Finance Alternate</i>	
<i>(none)</i>	NA
<i>Vice President of External Affairs</i>	
Martin Cuenca	2257
<i>Vice President of External Affairs Alternate</i>	
<i>(none)</i>	NA
<i>Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs</i>	
Jose Cortez-Hernandez	2376
<i>Vice President of Campus Internal Affairs Alternate</i>	
<i>TDB</i>	
<i>Outreach Director</i>	
Carolyn Chang	1434
<i>Outreach Director Alternate</i>	
<i>Isaiah Kim</i>	972
<i>Personnel Director</i>	
Nataly Morales	1480
<i>Personnel Director Alternate</i>	
<i>Jordan Steinhauser</i>	751
<i>Marketing & Promotions Director</i>	
Connie Wi	2158
<i>Marketing & Promotions Director Alternates</i>	
<i>(none)</i>	
<i>Transfer and Non-Traditional Transfer Student Director</i>	
Vanesa Salinas	2179
<i>Transfer and Non-Traditional Transfer Student Director Alternates</i>	
<i>(none)</i>	
<i>GCAP Director</i>	

NAME	# of Votes
Austin Mok	2279
GCAP Director Alternate	
<i>(none)</i>	NA
Elections Director	
To be appointed	
CHASS Senators	
Avi Idea	653
Alyssa Tocker	651
Mehvish Ali	633
Julian Gonzalez	606
Chelsea Davemport	598
Alex Gonzalez	591
Asia Ou	575
David Melgoza	564
Jacky Chang	564
CHASS Alternates	
<i>Kiley Atwood</i>	520
<i>Joaquin Malta</i>	517
<i>Jonathan Escobar</i>	489
<i>Brandon Lieu</i>	476
<i>Alex Zhou</i>	434
<i>Tony Xu</i>	416
<i>LenninKuri</i>	396
<i>Luis Huerta</i>	394
<i>Juan Riley</i>	376
<i>Justin Domecillo</i>	334

NAME	# of Votes
<i>Evan McGuffin</i>	327
<i>Munther Tabel</i>	158
CNAS Senators	
Abigail Gigi Cortes	409
Andy G. Veliz	468
Josiah Davis	422
Kenneth Thai	497
CNAS Alternates	
<i>(none)</i>	NA
BCOE Senators	
Sarah Al-Khalili	145
Joel Sanchez	121
BCOE Alternates	
<i>Johnathan Thai</i>	92
<i>Ivan Acquaah</i>	73
<i>Maurice Armstrong</i>	73

2018 Graduate Student Association Election Results

TITLE	NAME	No of Votes
GSA President	Shawn Ragan	708
GSA Executive Vice President	Stephanie King	682
GSA Vice President of Academic Affairs	Siddarth Agarwal	685
GSA Finance Officer	Michael Bentel	679
GSA Graduate Student Health Insurance Committee Chaisperson	Jasmine Jafari	682

TITLE	NAME	No of Votes
GSA Public Relations Officer	Tommaso Menara	680

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES	Yes	No	Result
GSA Referendum 1 - Conference Travel Grant Expansion Fee...	749	124	PASSED
(Required 20% voter turn out)	MET		
GSA Referendum 2 - Fee Modification to Lower UCSA Fee...	836	42	PASSED

2018 Voter Turnout Chart

	Total Voter Turnout	Total Students	% of Students Voting	20% Met?
TOTAL	888	2950	30.1%	YES