

CLASS PASS ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

The following report on use of Class Pass Referendum funds was completed by Seamus Wilmot, Director of Parking & Transportation and chair of the Class Pass Advisory Committee.

The per-student per-semester fee for 2011-2012 was \$68.00. Revenue from the fees was expended as follows:

- \$33.00 payment to AC Transit per student per semester
- \$22.67 return to financial aid per student per semester
- \$9.95 to P&T for shuttle service per student per semester
- \$2.30 set aside for tech enhancements per student per semester

Total revenue received by Parking & Transportation from student fees for 2011-2012 was \$3,197,827.

Total Parking & Transportation expenditures for 2011-2012 from Class Pass funds were:

- \$2,284,788 total payments to AC Transit for 2011-2012
- \$752,039 total net payments to P&T for shuttle service
- \$161,000 set-aside for technology enhancement

Activities funded by the Class Pass fees as defined in the referendum did not change during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Class Pass Advisory Committee had many discussions about the Class Pass Referendum being on the ballot, it was seen as very favorable and something most students value and would support. During the fall of 2011 the Class Pass Committee met several times and discussed the Class Pass referendum, including the ballot language, the full referendum language, the cost and length of the referendum. The Class Pass Committee agreed to all parts of the referendum.

Seamus Wilmot worked closely with the Student Fee Referendum Committee (SFRC) and presented the Class Pass referendum terms and language to the SFRC in the Fall of 2011, the SFRC was in favor of the Class Pass. Representatives from Parking & Transportation, including Director Wilmot, attended a couple of ASUC Senate meetings to present the Class Pass Referendum and to answer any questions the Senate may have. The ASUC Senate voted on March 13th 2011 to place the Referendum on the ballot during their Student Fee Referenda Committee Meeting. The Class Pass Referendum was placed on the ballot for the April 2012 Election. There was strong support for the referendum, but also some opposition. The main opposition was not against the Class Pass, the opposition felt UC Berkeley students were not getting the best financial deal they could garner from AC Transit. The opposition felt P&T had not negotiated well on the student's behalf to try and get the lowest rate possible.

On the morning of the election the ballot language in the official voter guide and the language on the official voting website was incorrect, the language stated the referendum was for a 3 year period when in fact the referendum was approved by the ASUC Senate

for a 7 year term. The language was corrected on the voting website later in the morning of the first day of voting. The results of the Class Pass referendum were never released as an injunction was filed against the Class Pass for incorrect ballot language and for lack of full disclosure regarding the negotiations with AC Transit. After going through the judicial process, the Class Pass Referendum was disqualified, therefore all votes were invalidated.

The Class Pass Committee still feels very strongly that the Class Pass is very valuable to students and that it should be on the 2013 ballot. If the Class Pass does not make it on the 2013 ballot or it does not pass then the current Class Pass program will expire after the summer of 2013 and students will no longer have unlimited access to AC Transit and the campus shuttle service will have to be adjusted to accommodate the change in funding. Our hope is to get student support and place the Class Pass on the Spring 2013 ballot.

In the meantime, Director Wilmot will work with AC Transit to try and negotiate the best pricing available.

The Class Pass Advisory Committee student membership for 2011-2012 included:

- Bradley Froehle, Graduate Assembly
- Mike Urbancic, Graduate Assembly
- Ryan Cho, ASUC
- Felicia Lee, ASUC
- Steven Johnson, ASUC
- Stephanie Chamberlain, Residence Hall Assembly
- Ian Fong, Residence Hall Assembly
- Zita Aradi, Committee on Student Fees

Non-student Committee members for 2011-2012 were:

- Nichele Laynes, AC Transit
- Cleo Goodwin, AC Transit
- Victoria Wake, AC Transit
- Seamus Wilmot, UC P&T, Committee chair
- Glenda Waugh, UC P&T, Staff to the Committee

The Class Pass Advisory Committee met 6 times during the 2011-2012 academic year to discuss issues associated with the Class Pass, the referendum, and improvements to AC Transit service. During the 2011-2012 academic year the Committee met on the following dates. Brief excerpts from the minutes follow.

- **September 12th, 2011**
Class Pass Referendum: “Discussed if the students wanted to put the referendum on the Spring 2012 ballot as a student led referendum. Committee agreed it should be a student led referendum and should be on the Spring 2012 ballot.”
- **November 14th, 2011**

Class Pass Referendum: “It was reported by ASUC rep that Senate was very supportive of the referendum, none of the invited senators attended the meeting, it was agreed the ASUC rep would again try to get written feedback on the ballot language from the Senate.”

- **December 12th, 2011**

Class Pass Referendum: “Reviewed the ballot language, including pricing and length of contract, ASUC Rep was not able to attend, but through email he agreed to continue to try and get feedback from the Senate.”

- **February 3rd, 2011**

Class Pass Referendum: “Discussed the referendum and Seamus reported to the group that both Vishalli and Bahar will sponsor the referendum. ASUC Rep stated the senate will probably vote on Feb 8th to place the referendum on the ballot.”

- **March 9th, 2011**

Class Pass Referendum: “Discussed the Class Pass Referendum not passing.”

- **April 20th, 2011**

Class Pass Referendum: “Discussed the Class Pass Referendum not passing.”

The goal of the Class Pass referendum is to provide unlimited AC transit service to UC Berkeley students at a heavily discounted rate. That goal was accomplished during the 2011-2012 academic year. However, we will need to have the referendum on the ballot and pass so that we can provide this service after 2013.