

S.A.F.E. - Proposed Spring 2005
ASUCLA Student Union Fee Referendum
STUDENTS, ACTIVITIES, FACILITIES AND EMPLOYEES

Referendum Question:

The Associated Students UCLA (ASUCLA) is seeking an increase to the Student Union Fee. The increased revenue will help secure the financial position of our Student Association (the largest student-run organization of its kind), will safeguard its current structure, its independence, and keep the student-majority Board of Director's oversight. The new revenue will be used for the following:

- a) ASUCLA Student Union and food service building projects, including the construction of a new ASUCLA South Campus Student Center to replace the Bombshelter, a renewed Ackerman A-level recreational food space, a new healthy foods restaurant and future Food Service Master Plan projects. (Each project will be constructed to comply with UC Regents Presidential Policy for Green Building Design and Clean Energy Standards.)
- b) An additional allocation of funding for student-generated programs and access to ASUCLA programming facilities including meeting rooms, lounges and study areas.
- c) Providing a \$0.50 per hour wage increase for ASUCLA student employees and allowing for University negotiated wage increases and improved employee advancement training and promotion opportunities for full-time food service and custodial employees.

Subject to the statements set forth in the supplemental ballot information, shall the ASUCLA Student Union Fee (currently \$7.50/year) beginning Fall 2006 be increased \$12 per year for four consecutive years, so that the total amount of the ASUCLA Student Union Fee as of 2009-2010 shall be \$55.50 per year (summer fees to be assessed on a prorated basis)? After 2009-2010 fees shall be subject to a U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor every three years thereafter. However, based on financial criteria and capital project funding targets being met, the ASUCLA Board of Directors can return some or all of the fees to students from ASUCLA Net Income. In addition, should the structure of the ASUCLA Board of Directors change, the fee will need to be reviewed by a vote of the student body. The additional fee by academic year would be as follows:

05-06	\$ 0
06-07	\$ 12
07-08	\$ 24
08-09	\$ 36
09-10	\$ 48

 YES

 NO

(For further information on the SAFE proposal, please see the supplemental ballot information)

Supplemental Ballot Information

History of Ackerman Union and the Student Union Fee

The ASUCLA Student Union Fee was established by a vote of the UCLA student body in 1958 at \$12.00 per year. The revenue from this fee financed the construction of the original Ackerman Union building which opened in 1961. If the fee amount had been adjusted by the U.S. CPI Index between June 1958 and June 2004, the original \$12.00 fee would have increased to \$78.65 per year for the 2004-2005 academic year.¹

The current level of the ASUCLA Student Union Fee is \$7.50 per year, or less than 10% of the hypothetical CPI-adjusted fee amount for 2004-2005. The Student Union fee was reduced by student referendum in 1989 when the original long-term debt for the construction of Ackerman Union was retired. The fee was not indexed or scheduled for adjustment at that time.

Since 1961, ASUCLA has undertaken the following major improvements for student facilities for the UCLA student body, coordinated with the overall UCLA construction program for major academic buildings and student housing. By longstanding State of California policy, State funding is not available for the construction of student facilities. During the past three decades, the major construction additions for student facilities undertaken by ASUCLA have been:

- Two major expansions of Ackerman Union and Store (1975-1976 and 1995-1996)
- The construction of the North Campus Student Center (1975)
- The development of Bruin Plaza and Bruin Walk (1983)
- The construction of the James LuValle Commons (1985)

In addition, the UCLA student body, by separate student votes in 1978 and 2000, authorized the initiation of permanent mandatory fees for the construction of the John Wooden Center and the Student Activities Center, respectively. Included with the student body's approval of these fees was, in each case, an adjustment factor (based on the U.S. CPI) to address inflationary impacts related to maintenance and eventual renewal of these facilities.

Unlike the student-approved facility fees for the Wooden Center and the Student Activities Center, the ASUCLA Student Union fee of \$7.50 currently has had no adjustment factor included in it.

¹ Los Angeles-area Consumer Price Index statistics, provided by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, based on 1982-1984 index = 100. June 1958 = 28.9; June 2004 = 189.4. In percentage terms, the adjustment factor from June 1958, as of June 2004, would be 6.554 x the original amount in June 1958. See: <http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm>.

Fee Proposal

The ASUCLA student-majority Board of Directors has now requested a student referendum in Spring 2005 that would:

1. increase the ASUCLA Student Union Fee on a graduated basis beginning in Fall 2006 so that, by 2009-2010, the amount of the fee would be assessed at a level equal to 62% of what the fee would have been had the original \$12.00 fee been adjusted for CPI since its inception in 1958.
2. include in the ASUCLA Student Union Fee an adjustment factor beyond 2009-2010 to allow for inflationary adjustments in the same manner as that previously approved by the student body for the Wooden Center and the Student Activities Center.

For specific years, the ASUCLA Student Union Fee would be:

	Original Fee Per Year	Adjustment to Student Union Fee Per Year	Total Student Union Fee Per Year	Total Student Union Fee Per Quarter
2005-2006	\$ 7.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 2.50
2006-2007	\$ 7.50	\$ 12.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 6.50
2007-2008	\$ 7.50	\$ 24.00	\$ 31.50	\$ 10.50
2008-2009	\$ 7.50	\$ 36.00	\$ 43.50	\$ 14.50
2009-2010	\$ 7.50	\$ 48.00	\$ 55.50	\$ 18.50

Beginning in 2009-2010, the Student Union fee would remain fixed for successive two-year periods, subject to a U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor every three years (i.e., 2012-2013, 2015-2016), rounded upward to the nearest full dollar amount when divided by three (as long as UCLA remains on the quarter academic calendar).

Uses of Fee Revenue

The additional revenue to ASUCLA from the Student Union Fee would be used for three purposes:

ASUCLA Facilities

The primary focus of the additional fees will be the introduction of new and remodeled food service operations throughout campus. State-of-the-art operations will be introduced with modern facilities and improved production methodology and equipment. Future students will experience improved food quality and variety and enhanced facilities, all designed to create unique and inviting social and community spaces. The development of each project will be under the oversight of the ASUCLA student-majority Board of Directors.

- A. Construction of a South Campus Student Center in the Court of Sciences, similar to the North Campus Student Center (North Campus Shop, North Campus Food and Northern Lights). *Proposed opening date 2007-2008
- B. Remodeling of the Ackerman A-level Cooperage into a new recreational food space. *Proposed opening date 2008-2009
- C. Development and construction of a new healthy foods restaurant. *Proposed opening date 2006-2007
- D. Repairs and renewal of the North Campus Student Center (North Campus Shop, North Campus Food and Northern Lights), which will be 35 years old by 2010. *Opening date to be determined
- E. Renewal of the Health Sciences Student Store. *Opening date to be determined
- F. Completion of other projects in the ASUCLA General Campus Food Services Master plan, including:
 - 1. Future upgrades to LuValle Commons.
 - 2. Future upgrades to Ackerman Union 1st floor food operations.
 - 3. Continual upgrades to all other food operations.

(Additional information about these projects and the ASUCLA Food Services Master Plan is available at the following website: <http://www.safe.asucla.ucla.edu>. *All project completion dates subject to change based on campus construction scheduling)

Student Programming Support

Up to an additional \$100,000 of the annual student union fee revenue will be added, by the student-majority ASUCLA Board of Directors, to the existing \$100,000 currently allocated to the ASUCLA Interaction Fund and the \$125,000 currently allocated to the Facilities Waiver Pool for a new overall total of \$325,000. This additional money will further assist in providing support for student-generated programming and making available at the lowest possible cost Ackerman Union and Kerckhoff Hall facilities for student programming.

ASUCLA Wage Adjustments

ASUCLA student employee wages will be increased \$ 0.50 per hour beginning in 2005-2006 to be more consistent with the equivalent scale for similar positions of student employment in other UCLA facilities such as UCLA Housing. In addition, this fee will help support any increases to full-time food service and custodial workers as negotiated by the University with AFSCME and to allow for improved employee advancement training and promotion opportunities.

Conditions

The expenditure of the fee revenue for these and other capital projects of ASUCLA would be subject to the approval, on a project-by-project basis, of the student-majority ASUCLA Board of Directors.

After 2009-2010, the ASUCLA Board can return some or all of the fees to students from ASUCLA Net Income if the accrued balance of fee revenue has reached a level beyond that necessary to cover the costs of ongoing maintenance, equipment replacement, repairs, renewal, or replacement of the ASUCLA student union facilities, including the satellite student facilities managed by ASUCLA.

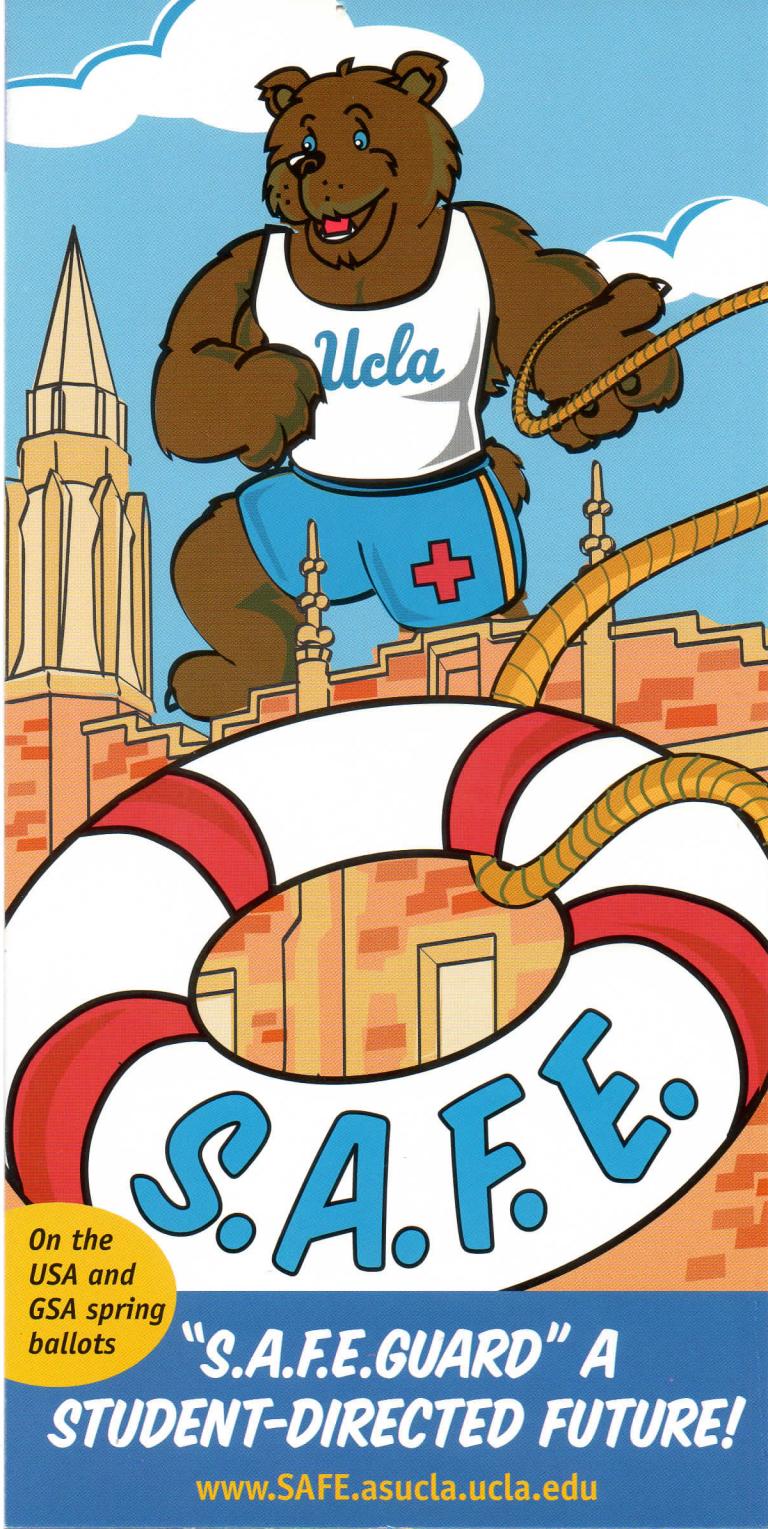
By securing ASUCLA's financial position and meeting its operational and facilities obligations as specified in the 1996 Advance Agreement, the current Board of Director structure, with equal representation by graduate and undergraduate students appointed by the graduate and undergraduate student governments respectively, will be safeguarded. Should the structure of the ASUCLA Board of Directors change, the fee will need to be reviewed by a vote of the student body.

All new ASUCLA construction will comply with the UC Regents Presidential Policy for Green Building Design and Clean Energy Standards dated June 16, 2004. As required by this policy, projects will adopt the principles of energy efficiency and sustainability to the fullest extent possible, consistent with budgetary constraints and regulatory and programmatic requirements. Specific information regarding energy efficiency and sustainability will be provided when the projects are presented for design approval.

Student Union Fees at the Other UC Campuses

The Student Union fees at the other UC Campuses, for 2004-2005, are:

Campus	Annual Student Union Fee
UC Berkeley	\$12.00
UC Davis	85.50
UC Irvine	211.50
UC Riverside	60.00
UC San Diego	112.50
UC Santa Barbara	117.06
UC Santa Cruz	180.00
UCLA	\$ 7.50



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THROW YOUR STUDENT UNION A LIFELINE!

SAFE stands for **STUDENTS, ACTIVITIES, FACILITIES AND EMPLOYEES**. It is the name of the referendum that would increase the ASUCLA Student Union Fee from \$7.50 per year in increments of \$12 per year over several years. Increased revenue would go to:

S.	STUDENTS. SAFEGUARD THE STABILITY & STRUCTURE OF ASUCLA. The Associated Students UCLA is comprised of GSA, USA, a Communications Board, and campus Services and Enterprises. Student board members have the MAJORITY VOICE in all four entities and have enormous influence over decisions that affect students! Maintain student-directed oversight of Services & Enterprises!
A.	ACTIVITIES. MORE MONEY FOR PROGRAMMING STARTING 2005 ASUCLA currently dedicates \$225,000 annually to fund student activities. With S.A.F.E. that amount will increase to up to \$325,000. That means more money to student organizations and student programming for undergraduate AND graduate students.
F.	FACILITIES. BUILDING NEW AND IMPROVED FACILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A NEW SOUTH CAMPUS STUDENT CENTER similar to the North Campus Student Center; proposed opening date 2007-08• A REMODELED COOPERAGE into a new recreational food space; proposed opening date 2008-09...AND MORE! Students will be involved in these projects through the ASUCLA Board structure! Get info at www.safe.asucla.ucla.edu
E.	EMPLOYEES. MORE MONEY FOR STUDENT WAGES STARTING 2005 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50¢/hour increase in ASUCLA student employee wages.• Maintain the 1500 ASUCLA jobs on campus that offer convenience, flexibility, and competitive wages to students. Many of these jobs provide leadership opportunities for students PLUS management training and the opportunity for promotion!
HERE'S HOW THE FEE INCREASE BREAKS DOWN:	
It increases \$0 THE FIRST YEAR!	Then it increases  (about the cost of lunch) 
When it plateaus at \$55.50 in 2010 it'll still be one of the lowest student union fees in the country!	
Questions? Email safe@asucla.ucla.edu or visit www.SAFE.asucla.ucla.edu	