



INTERIM VICE CHANCELLOR ALAN HOUSTON

May 27, 2014

Student Affairs

SUBJECT: Result of Associated Students Transportation Fee Referendum

Dear Interim Vice Chancellor Houston:

The Associated Students and Graduate Student Association held a Special Election for undergraduate, graduate and professional students to vote on a proposed A.S. and G.S.A. new UCSD Student Transportation Fee of \$49.96 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 2014. The election was conducted on TritonLink in accordance with the *Standing Rules of the Associated Students of the University of California, San Diego* Section 18.12 of *UCSD Policies and Procedures Applying to Student Activities*.

The UCSD undergraduate, graduate and professional students voted in favor of the fee, with 4,867 undergraduate, graduate and professional students voting in the affirmative, and 1,780 undergraduate, graduate and professional students voting in the negative. The percentage of registered undergraduate students participating in the election was 24.57%, thereby satisfying the minimum voter turnout requirement to make the fee referendum valid. This number is based on the number of registered undergraduate on the last day of voting that is consistent with *The Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, San Diego* and *The Constitution of the Graduation Student Association of the University of California, San Diego* which state in relevant part that "the number of students casting ballots must equal or exceed 20% of the registered students affected by the fee at the time election is held."

The language of the referendum is specific about the purpose for which the funds may be spent; thus, the Associated Students is required to administer the funds in a manner consistent with that referendum language by *The Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of California, San Diego* and *The Constitution of the Graduation Student Association of the University of California, San Diego* which states in relevant part that "if [a] fee referendum is approved in the election and approved and implemented by the administration, the language of the referendum is binding on the Council unless it conflicts with the Constitution. In this way, the students may lock-in proportions of a campus-based student fee to certain financial areas by placing language to that effect in the referendum questions."

Attached is the Certificate of Election co-signed by Associated Students Election Manager Colin King which includes the actual ballot language, certifying the aforementioned to be true. I endorse the result of the election and recommend that you forward it to Chancellor Khosla for his approval and submission to President Napolitano for final approval.

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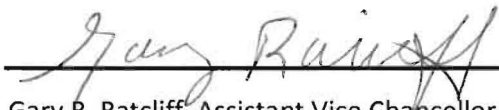
President

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Associated Students

Graduate Student Association

I ENDORSE THIS REQUEST:



Gary R. Ratcliff, Assistant Vice Chancellor-Student Life

5-22-14

Date

Attachment:

- c. G. Ratcliff
- E. Spriggs
- H. Belk
- H. Weddle

Associated Students President

RAHUL KAPADIA

Graduate Student Association President

SUBJECT: Certification of the Associated Students Special Election

The Associated Students and Graduate Student Association Special Election for the Transportation Fee Referendum began on Monday, May 19, 2014 and ended on Friday, May 23, 2014. The ballot contained the following question:

UCSD Student Transportation Fee Referendum

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UCSD Student Transportation Fee Referendum

Do you approve the establishment of a new Student Transportation Fee of \$49.96 per student per quarter? The fee will provide UCSD students with a Regional Transit Pass for all undergraduate, graduate and professional students who pay this fee. The Regional Transit Pass gives unlimited ridership during the fall, winter and spring quarters on all mass transit bus, trolley and light rail routes in the San Diego region provided by the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and the North County Transit District (NCTD) excluding the MTS rural and premium express routes.

The Student Transportation Fee will go into effect fall quarter 2014 and will not be assessed during summer sessions.

A Student Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) will provide oversight of the funds generated by the fee. A student will chair STAC and at least 80% of the voting membership will be students. The Associated Students, Graduate Student Association, and Vice Chancellors of Student Affairs and Resource Management and Planning will write and approve the STAC charter.

The fee revenue will be administered by UCSD Transportation Services in support of STAC and its oversight role. No portion of this fee will be used to compensate University employees. Transportation Services will provide STAC annual revenue and expense reports on the use of the fee no later than October 1st for the prior fiscal year. Annual budget reports will be made public and provided to all UCSD student governments.

29% of this fee will provide financial funding to be awarded by the Financial Aid Office based on student need. This fee will be included in the determination of financial aid.

71% of this fee will be used to provide the Regional Transit Pass.

If the cost of the Regional Transit Pass is less than 71% of the fee revenues collected, excess funds will be redistributed to the STAC to improve the safety, sustainability, and infrastructure of alternatives to student use of single-occupancy vehicles, including but not limited to bicycling, bike sharing, carpooling, car sharing, skateboarding and walking.

UCSD Transportation Services will operate a city shuttle program while this referendum is in effect.

The entire Student Transportation Fee will increase every fall quarter, beginning in fall 2015, by 1.5% annually for inflationary cost increases.

This fee will expire after spring quarter of 2019 unless renewed by a student referendum in accordance with the constitutions of the Graduate Student Association and Associated Students and University student fee policies. Modifications to this fee may not be made without subsequent student referendum held in accordance with the appropriate student governmental and University policies, unless other means are explicitly provided in this ballot language.

PRO STATEMENT	CON STATEMENT
KEEP IT MOVING - SAVE OUR SHUTTLES!	Let's face it. You've been duped by your own student

<p>VOTE YES on this student-driven solution to bring an end to the transportation crisis! Transportation is ESSENTIAL to maintaining access to and from campus for ALL students, undergraduate and graduate alike. This referendum was written by students for students and based directly on preferences indicated in survey data.</p> <p>A YES vote ENSURES:</p> <p>(1) A Regional Pass with EXPANDED ACCESS to any MTS or NCTD bus and light rail route in the San Diego region for the next 5 years</p> <p>(2) Preservation of Arriba Nobel City Shuttle services for the next 5 years</p> <p>(3) Establishment of student oversight - NO CHANGES WITHOUT OUR CONSENT</p> <p>(4) NO MORE STICKER HASSLES AND UNCERTAINTY! Technology will be integrated into I.D. cards</p> <p>If this vote fails:</p> <p>(1) Students will have no say in our transportation services</p> <p>(2) Cuts to shuttle services will be needed for Transportation Services to address its financial deficit</p> <p>(3) Elimination of MTS free bus zone and possible elimination of Arriba/Nobel.</p> <p>(4) When using MTS services students will either pay per ride or have to purchase individual passes ranging around \$100 PER QUARTER!</p> <p>(5) Without a bus program, more students will drive to campus - PARKING LOTS WILL BE MORE CROWDED</p> <p>(6) Over 10,000 students that depend on buses will not have a bus program</p> <p><i>Read more about what is at stake with this referendum here: http://www.KeepItMovingUCSD.com</i></p>	<p>government.</p> <p>(1) This referendum will not solve the long lines you are used to at the shuttles or the long wait at the parking lot. Instead you will begin to pay \$149.88 to stand in that line. Why? Because your money will NEVER go to the Arriba/Nobel buses or new parking structures. It's going to the City of San Diego Metropolitan Transit System. In fact, in their 600 page 50 year plan, MTS only mentions UC San Diego nine times. Not for new buses. Not for new expansion. So, in the end, you will have the same issue as you had before. You will not see anything changed, except a bigger bill. Can we pay more money for an already overpriced education? No.</p> <p>(2) Your tuition fee has never gone to Transportation. You, as a student, do not pay for it. But if this referendum passes, your fees will start going to MTS not Transportation. In return for your support, the students will have NO CONTROL and will have NO IDEA on how your money will be used at MTS. In short, it will be just the campus taking less responsibility in our education. Is that what we need? I don't think so.</p> <p>(3) This referendum is gone after four years. Then, they will come back with a higher price. It's happened at UCSC, at UCR, and at UC Berkeley. Every five years, there will be a new referendum with a higher fee for the same services. Are we going to keep saying yes to higher and higher prices so we get the same services? No.</p> <p>It's time to say "No". It's time they stop using student fees to solve campus problems. By saying "No", you are telling UCSD administration that they have the responsibility to support the needs of this campus and the students who attend this University. After all, this referendum is about not your campus shuttles - it's about MTS profitability. Why pay for the status quo?</p>
<p>REBUTTAL OF PRO STATEMENT</p>	<p>REBUTTAL OF CON STATEMENT</p>
<p>But, what does the referendum exactly say?</p> <p>(1) This is the 3rd most expensive transit referendum (after UC Merced and UC Santa Cruz)</p> <p>(2) NO MONEY goes to the Campus Shuttles (so you won't</p>	<p>(1) If the referendum fails we won't worry about long lines because the ARRIBA/NOBEL SHUTTLE & subsidized MTS bus program WILL BE ELIMINATED</p> <p>(2) A STUDENT Transportation Advisory Committee will be established with oversight over the referendum</p>

<p>see any changes in the Arriba/Nobel shuttles and definitely no changes in the lines you have to wait)</p> <p>(3) NO CHANGES in the MTS Lines (no new bus lines)</p> <p>(4) NO discount for commuters (they will pay BOTH their parking permit and this referendum)</p> <p>(5) NO SUMMER program (so for those students who are in summer session, tough luck)</p> <p>(6) PROMISE to increase our fee every year.</p> <p>Vote NO to fixing a problem we didn't make.</p>	<p>funds, allowing us to pay a fair share & expand on services we NEED</p> <p>(3) The 5 year timeline was chosen with student interests in mind because that's when the Trolley will arrive at campus, which will allow us to negotiate a lower price for even better services</p> <p>CURRENTLY:10 bus routes Vote NO: walk to school Vote YES: every bus or light rail in the region</p>
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The views expressed in these statements are of the authors alone, and do not necessarily express the views of UC San Diego Associated Students or the UC San Diego Graduate Student Association

Select One:

Yes	4867
No	1780

Result Vote for 2014 ASUCSD Referendum Election

Total Number of Students		
Numbers	Percentage	
Graduate School	4231	
Roosevelt College	3510	
Pharmacy School	233	
Sixth College	3589	
Muir College	3812	
Internation Relations	265	
Revelle College	3678	
Marshall College	3575	
Medical School	430	
Rady School	230	
Warren College	4074	
Campus-wide Total	27627	
As of Date for Total above:		
Number of Students that voted		
Numbers	Percentage	
Graduate School	709	
Roosevelt College	993	
Pharmacy School	10	
Sixth College	927	
Muir College	1063	
Internation Relations	32	
Revelle College	1005	
Marshall College	952	
Medical School	41	
Rady School	8	
Warren College	1050	
Total	6790	
Time of Last Vote		

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Colin King', written in a cursive style.

Colin King

Special Election Manager

Associated Students

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Rahul Kapadia

President

Graduate Student Association