

April 24, 2017

TO: Patty Mahaffey, Muir College Dean of Student Affairs

RE: Results of Muir College Activity Fee Referendum

Students Enrolled at Muir College at UC San Diego voted on a referendum to increase the Muir College Activity Fee during the Spring 2017 General Election that occurred the week of April 10, 2017. The ballot contained the following question:

Muir College Activity Fee Referendum

Do you approve an increase in the Muir College Activity Fee by \$6.00 per student per quarter, effective Fall Quarter 2017 to expand and increase student events and traditions, and increase funding for student organizations, services to students, and operations of the Muir College Council of the University of California, San Diego?

In accordance with University policies, 29% of this fee increase (\$1.74) will return to UC San Diego to help meet the financial aid needs of undergraduate students.

71% of this fee increase (\$4.26) will be used to expand and increase student events and traditions, and increase funding for student organizations, services to students, commissions, and operations of the Muir College Council of the University of California, San Diego. These would include, but not be limited to:

- Developing and expanding Muir College traditions: A portion of this fee will be allocated towards development of new College Traditions as we enter the 50th anniversary of the College and expanding traditions
- Developing College infrastructure: A portion of this fee increase will be allocated towards the renovation of existing study spaces and the potential development of new study areas for students at the college.
- Funding to student organizations to match organization requests: A significant portion of this fee will be allocated so that student organizations may receive adequate funding to more closely match their requested amounts and increasing funding towards student media and publication funding.
- Address increases in cost of operation: The Muir College Activity Fee has not undergone a referendum in approximately 10 years and a portion of this fee will be allocated to existing committees and organizations to help provide and account for increases in cost of services from vendors.



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The Muir College Activity Fee is currently \$11.00 per student per quarter. Neither the increase nor existing Muir College Activity Fee will be assessed during summer sessions.

If this fee referendum is approved and implemented, the Muir College Activity Fee would be \$17.00 per student per quarter effective Fall Quarter 2017.

Statement of Conditions:

1. This fee will be included in the determination of financial aid.
2. Annual budget reports will be made public and provided online.
3. Modifications to this fee may not be made without a subsequent student referendum held in accordance with the appropriate student governmental and University policies unless other means are explicitly provided in this ballot language.

In order for this referendum to be valid, it requires the number of students casting ballots to equal or exceed 20% of the registered, affected student population. It also requires that the number of affirmative votes exceed half the total votes cast on the specific referendum in question.

A total of 4,448 Muir College students were eligible to vote in this election, and 990 (22.3%) participated. There were 456 (51.6%) affirmative votes, and 428 (48.4%) negative votes.

I have certified that the election has concluded and the 2017 Muir College Activity Fee Referendum has passed.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Janani Natarajan'.

Janani Natarajan

Associated Students Election Manager