

# **VOTER INFORMATION PAMPHLET**



Channel Islands

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

**California State University Channel Islands**

**2012 Student Fee Referendum**

**Monday, November 5, 2012**

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**Tuesday, November 6, 2012**

## **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this Channel Islands (CI) Student Fee Referendum is to provide students the opportunity to increase funding for programs and services provided for students through Category II Fees. The five Fee Oversight Committees recommending an increase in fees are: the Student Health Advisory Committee; the Recreation and Athletics Advisory Committee; the Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors; the Instructionally Related Activities Committee; and the Materials, Services, Facilities and Technology Fee Committee.

## **Voter Eligibility**

All enrolled CI students are eligible\* and are encouraged to vote in the Student Fee Referendum. Please bring your CI Student Identification card with you to vote.

\*With the exception of those students who do not pay Category II Fees (i.e. Extended Education and Open University students).

## **Polling Location & Hours**

Monday, November 5, 2012 – South Quad (behind the Bell Tower) – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 – Broome Library Plaza – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **Fee Proposals at a Glance**

The following chart provides a summary of all Category II Fees incorporating the increases proposed in the 2012 Student Fee Referendum.

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>Current Fee per Semester</b>	<b>Proposed Fee per Semester</b>		
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Student Health Services Fee	60.00	80.00	95.00	95.00
Recreation and Athletics Fee	50.00	70.00	70.00	70.00
Associated Students Fee	62.00	67.00	72.00	75.00
IRA Fee	50.00	50.00	55.00	60.00
MSFT Fee	35.00	60.00	60.00	65.00
Health Facilities Fee**	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Student Body Center Fee**	162.00	162.00	162.00	162.00
Total Category II Fees per Semester	422.00	492.00	517.00	530.00
Semester Increase from Previous Year	0.00	70.00	25.00	13.00

\*\*Indicates no proposed increase to this Category II Fee during the 2012 Student Fee Referendum

In the next few pages please find a description of each fee proposal. In the weeks leading up to the vote in November, students are encouraged to attend forums where the fee proposals will be deliberated and join in on the discussion.

## **Student Fee Committees Website**

For more information, please visit the Student Fee Committees website at [www.csuci.edu/sfc](http://www.csuci.edu/sfc)



## **Student Health Services Fee**

### **Summary:**

The Student Health Services Fee was instituted in fall 2002 to establish and implement student health services on campus. The initial rate of \$60.00/student/semester has not increased since it was instituted. The fee built a substantial reserve balance over the first five years the campus was open. The reserve balance has declined rapidly over the past three years due to required staff increases and an increase in overall services. The Student Health Advisory Committee is proposing that the fee be increased by \$35.00/student/semester over the course of the next three years (increasing the rate \$20.00/student/semester in fall 2013, \$15.00/student/semester fall 2014, and no increase in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$60.00 to \$95.00 beginning in fall 2014.

### **Breakdown:**

The proposed use of the increase is to maintain and enhance current student health services; maintain and enhance the current personal counseling services provided to students; and increase health programs and services through additional staffing in the next three years.

### **What your vote means:**

**YES:** A YES vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would pay an additional \$20.00 per semester in fall 2013, \$15.00 per semester in fall 2014, and no increase in fall 2015 (a total increase of \$35.00 by fall 2014). The additional funding would be available for the Student Health Advisory Committee to allocate for the 2013/2014 academic year.

Student Health Services	Current 2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Fee Amount/Semester	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$95.00	\$95.00
Amount of Increase	N/A	\$20.00	\$15.00	No Increase

**NO:** A NO vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would continue to pay the current rate. Existing health programs and services will be reduced in the 2013/2014 academic year. The Student Health and Personal Counseling Center will likely reduce hours of operation and students will experience longer wait times to receive an appointment with a medical or counseling professional.

### **Arguments:**

**Pro:** With the additional funds the Student Health and Personal Counseling Center will be able to maintain the current level of service, demand for which has increased approximately 400% since fall 2002. The increased fee will also allow the essential redevelopment of reserve funds for use in the event of a significant health event requiring increased services or immunizations. Personal counselors will be available at the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) recommended ratio of counselors to students. The Student Health and Personal Counseling Center would also be able to hire a health educator in 2014 to proactively support student health and wellness.

**Con:** Not all students utilize the programs and services offered through the Student Health and Personal Counseling Center. The benefits derived may not be considered by all students to be worth the \$35.00 increase per semester. This fee may also place a financial burden on some students.

## **Recreation and Athletics Fee**

### **Summary:**

The Recreation and Athletics Fee was instituted in fall 2007 to establish and implement a quality recreation and intercollegiate athletics program and improve the quality of current recreational opportunities available on campus. The initial rate of \$50.00/student/semester has not increased since it was instituted. The Recreation and Athletics Advisory Committee is proposing that the fee be increased by \$20.00/student/semester, raising the fee from the current rate of \$50.00 to \$70.00, beginning fall 2013.

### **Breakdown:**

The proposed use of the increase is to enhance support of the current and future sports clubs; provide support for CI's new Channel Islands Boating Center; build new fields and maintain current and new recreation fields on the North Campus expected to open fall 2013; and provide additional professional staff to assist with coordinating programs and services.

### **What your vote means:**

**YES:** A YES vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would pay an additional \$20.00 per semester beginning fall 2013 for Recreation and Athletics. The additional funding would be available for the Recreation and Athletic Advisory Committee to allocate for the 2013/2014 academic year.

Recreation & Athletics	Current 2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Fee Amount/Semester	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Amount of Increase	N/A	\$20.00	No Increase	No Increase

**NO:** A NO vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would continue to pay the current rate. The ability to support existing recreation programs and services, and offer new programs, may be reduced in the 2013/2014 academic year and beyond.

### **Arguments:**

**Pro:** With the additional funds the campus will construct additional fields for recreational and programmatic use including two new soccer/lacrosse/football fields and one softball field located across from the north parking lot. The University, in collaboration with the County of Ventura, will open the Channel Islands Boating Center, located in Channel Islands Harbor. This new facility will be home for the CI Waterfront and Outdoor Adventures programs as well as a center for CI retreats and conferences. The increase of funds will also fund additional staff to provide fitness, strength and conditioning programs, as well as the overall management of all programs, services and facilities within Campus Recreation.

**Con:** Not all students utilize the programs and services offered through Campus Recreation. The benefits derived may not be considered by all students to be worth the \$20.00 increase per semester. This fee may also place a financial burden on some students.

## **Associated Students Fee**

### **Summary:**

The Associated Students Fee was instituted in the fall of 2004 to provide opportunities for leadership development, political activism, and campus involvement. This fee supports initiatives such as funding for student organizations, the four ASI entities (Student Government, Student Programming Board, The CI View student newspaper, Nautical yearbook), student employment, Career Development Services, Multicultural Programs, Family Weekend, and Island View Orientation as well as many additional Student Life programs.

This fee at \$62/student/semester has not increased since it was instituted. The Associated Students Fee supports student learning and development through integrative and co-curricular approaches. The Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors is proposing the fee be increased by \$13.00/student/semester over the course of the next three years (increasing the rate \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2013, \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2014, and \$3.00/student/semester in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$62.00 to \$75.00 beginning fall 2015.

### **Breakdown:**

The proposed fee increase will provide additional financial support to current and future student organizations, the four ASI entities, and a variety of Student Life programs as well as provide funding for additional student and professional staff that directly support student engagement.

### **What your vote means:**

**YES:** A YES vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would pay an additional \$5.00 per semester in fall 2013, \$5.00 per semester in fall 2014, and \$3.00 per semester in fall 2015 (a total increase of \$13.00/semester by fall 2015). The additional funding would be available for the ASI Board to allocate for the 2013/2014 academic year.

Associated Student	Current 2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
<b>Fee Amount/Semester</b>	\$62.00	\$67.00	\$72.00	\$75.00
<b>Amount of Increase</b>	N/A	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00

**NO:** A NO vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would continue to pay the current rate. There may not be an expansion of programs and support for ASI and Student Life programs.

### **Arguments:**

**Pro:** ASI funds are used to provide programs and services, which engage students with the CI community, support a holistic learning experience, and assist in the University's retention efforts. In essence, students who are connected with CI stay at CI. With the additional funds, the Associated Students Fee will be able to provide greater financial support for student organizations, the ASI entities (Student Programming Board, Student Government, *The CI View* and *The Nautical* yearbook), and Student Life programs, all of which provide engagement and/or support of our student body.

**Con:** Not all students choose to utilize the programs and services offered through the Associated Students Fee. The benefits derived may not be considered by all students to be worth the eventual \$13.00 increase per semester. This fee may also place a financial burden on some students.

## **Instructionally Related Activities Fee**

### **Summary:**

The Instructionally Related Activities Fee (IRA) was instituted in fall 2002 to provide financial support for several beneficial educational experiences and activities that aid and supplement the fundamental educational mission of the institution that cannot be paid for with tuition or state funding. The initial rate of \$50.00/student/semester has not increased since it was instituted. The Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee is proposing that the fee be increased by \$10.00/student/semester over the course of the next three years (no increase in fall 2013, increasing the rate \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2014, and \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$50.00 to \$60.00 beginning fall 2015.

### **Breakdown:**

The proposed use of the increase is to provide funding for activities supported by the IRA Fee. Examples include: the Campus Reading Celebration, which this year features *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Pulitzer Prize-winning, best-selling author Junot Díaz. The IRA Fee also provides opportunities for students to participate in field trips and activities in the sciences, social sciences and fine arts, supports on-campus speakers and conferences, student participation in professional conferences and competitions, domestic and international travel courses, concerts and performances and service learning projects.

### **What your vote means:**

**YES:** A YES vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would not pay an increase in fall 2013, would pay an additional \$5.00 per semester in fall 2014, and \$5.00 per semester in fall 2015 (a total increase of \$10.00 by fall 2015). The additional funding would be available for the Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee to allocate for the 2014/2015 academic year.

IRA	Current 2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Fee Amount/Semester	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
Amount of Increase	N/A	No Increase	\$5.00	\$5.00

**NO:** A NO vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would continue to pay the current rate. There may be fewer programs and activities that can be supported.

### **Arguments:**

**Pro:** In recent years the IRA fund spent reserve funds to provide the current level of programming for students. An increase is needed to continue to provide our growing student body with the same level of program support that current students experience. An increase will permit IRA to further support a range of experiences that enrich the learning on campus, to enable students to participate in travel courses, and to bring speakers and performances to the campus.

**Con:** Not all students utilize programs and activities supported through the IRA Fee. The benefits derived may not be considered by all students to be worth the \$10.00 increase per semester. This fee may also place a financial burden on some students.

## **Materials, Services, Facilities, and Technology Fee**

### **Summary:**

The Materials, Services, Facilities, and Technology (MSFT) Fee was instituted in fall 2002 (then named Materials, Services, and Facilities Fee) to expand useable space at the University including purchase of instructional equipment, furniture, special repairs, and deferred maintenance, to provide upgrades or improvements that enhance the learning environment, and to outfit computer labs with equipment, software, and peripherals. This fee is also used to provide support services including tutoring or other academic support services to students. The initial rate of \$35.00/student/semester has not increased since the fee was instituted. The Materials, Services, Facilities and Technology Advisory Committee is proposing that the fee be increased by \$30.00/student/semester over the course of the next three years (increasing the rate \$25.00/student/semester in fall 2013, no increase in fall 2014, and \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$35.00 to \$65.00 beginning fall 2015.

### **Breakdown:**

The proposed use of the increase is to enhance support of technology in the classrooms and lab, to provide additional resources for student support programs including tutoring and disability resource programs, to upgrade equipment in the science labs, to repair and replace furniture in the classrooms, to provide additional outdoor furniture in the courtyards, and to provide additional technology support for students in student-directed projects.

### **What your vote means:**

**YES:** A YES vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would pay an additional \$25.00 per semester in fall 2013, no increase in fall 2014, and \$5.00 per semester in fall 2015 (a total increase of \$30.00 by fall 2015). The additional funding would be available for the Materials, Services, Facilities and Technology Advisory Committee to allocate for the 2013/2014 academic year.

MSFT	Current 2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Fee Amount/Semester	\$35.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
Amount of Increase	N/A	\$25.00	No Increase	\$5.00

**NO:** A NO vote on this fee means: Each enrolled student at CSU Channel Islands would continue to pay the current rate. The ability to support ongoing programs, services, and equipment may be limited starting in the 2013/2014 academic year.

### **Arguments:**

**Pro:** With the additional funds the campus will be able to upgrade technology in both computer labs and classrooms, provide additional tutoring services for students, replace science equipment that is near the end of its life expectancy, and update classroom furnishings in need of a refresh.

**Con:** Some materials, services, programs, and technology provided by this fee are not utilized by all students. The benefits derived may not be considered by all students to be worth the \$30.00 increase per semester. This fee may also place a financial burden on some students.



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## **2012 Student Fee Referendum Sample Ballot**

Shall the current **Student Health Services Fee** be increased by \$35.00/student/semester over the course of the next two years (increasing the rate \$20.00/student/semester in fall 2013, \$15.00/student/semester fall 2014, and no increase in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$60.00 to \$95.00 beginning in fall 2014?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Shall the current **Recreation and Athletics Fee** be increased by \$20.00/student/semester, raising the fee from the current rate of \$50.00 to \$70.00, beginning fall 2013?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Shall the current **Associated Students Fee** be increased by \$13.00/student/semester over the course of the next three years (increasing the rate \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2013, \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2014, and \$3.00/student/semester in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$62.00 to \$75.00 beginning fall 2015?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Shall the current **Instructionally Related Activities Fee** be increased by \$10.00/student/semester over the course of the next three years (no increase in fall 2013, increasing the rate \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2014, and \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$50.00 to \$60.00 beginning fall 2015?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Shall the current **Materials, Services, Facilities & Technology Fee** be increased by \$30.00/student/semester over the course of the next three years (increasing the rate \$25.00/student/semester in fall 2013, no increase in fall 2014, and \$5.00/student/semester in fall 2015), gradually raising the fee from the current rate of \$35.00 to \$65.00 beginning fall 2015?

YES ☐

NO ☐