

University of California, Riverside
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Student Recreation Center Expansion Fee Referendum
Week of April 19-23, 2010

This referendum has been approved by the Chancellor and is a legally binding document. Please read the referendum carefully and cast your vote accordingly on the ballot below. The assessment of the new Student Recreation Center Expansion fee would begin when the first major phase of the expansion is completed, expected to be Winter Quarter 2014.

Introduction:

This referendum acknowledges the campus community's interest in renovating and expanding the existing Student Recreation Center to accommodate the growing recreational activity needs and demands of UCR students. It acknowledges that the existing Student Recreation facilities were built to serve a student population of 11,000 and therefore cannot accommodate the current population of 19,000 as well as any future growth in the student body.

The existing Student Recreation Center consists of four multi-use indoor sports courts, three multi-purpose rooms, four racquetball courts, one squash court and a 7,000 square foot fitness center. The SRC Outdoor Complex consists of ten tennis courts, a roller hockey rink, two sand volleyball courts and an outdoor jogging trail. The proposed Student Recreation Center expansion is an approximately \$52.2 million project which seeks to satisfy the recreation needs of students by increasing the number and type of recreation facilities available. Based on information collected from recent UCR student surveys the Recreation facilities expansion may include these amenities:

- An outdoor recreational swimming pool complex with approximately 14,000 square feet of deck space and a large spa;
- Tripling the size of the fitness center to approximately 20,000 square feet;
- Doubling the number of multi-purpose rooms from three to six;
- A multi-function “wet classroom” space that accommodates aquatic classes and includes a demonstration kitchen for a variety of cooking classes;
- An indoor jogging track;
- A juice bar;
- An indoor climbing wall with bouldering area;
- A new indoor MAC (Multi-Activity Court) gymnasium for basketball, badminton and volleyball; and
- Fitness testing and massage therapy space

The proposed expansion is expected to include approximately 70,000 gross square feet of new space and the renovation of roughly 8,000 square feet of existing SRC space. Specific usage and scheduling policies for the facility will be drafted and approved by the Recreation Facilities Governing Board, a governing group responsible for assuring that

student priorities are considered foremost in program policies, procedures and practices for the facility.

Funding:

Nonacademic facilities, such as Recreation, must be funded primarily through student fees established by a referendum vote of the student body. If approved, this referendum will provide funds for the expansion, renovation, maintenance, recreation programming and operation of the expanded Recreation facilities as well as financial aid funds to meet the University of California “return-to-aid” requirement (see “Return-to-Aid” section below).

As noted above, the total project cost will be approximately \$52.2 million. The proposed Student Recreation Center Fee would cover the costs of this project and would be \$149 for each of the fall, winter and spring quarters and pro rated during the summer (approximately 50 percent of \$149 for each session). This fee would be assessed to both undergraduate and graduate students and charged separately from the existing Student Recreation Center Fee of \$59 per quarter.

The project will be financed over 30 years and the debt is expected to be retired in approximately 2043-44. At that time the Recreation Facilities Governing Board is expected to reduce the Fee by approximately \$90 per quarter. The actual reduction amount would be predicated upon the annual funding needed to support the operational and maintenance requirements of the Student Recreation Center. The Recreation Facilities Governing Board will make a final recommendation to the Chancellor regarding a reduction in the fee based upon a thorough financial and operational analysis, student needs assessment, and of evaluation of campus enrollment trends.

The amount of the fee may be increased on a periodic basis of not more frequently than every four years, with such increases based on the percentage increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index, or other relevant measure, in the same period. The Recreation Facilities Governing Board would make a recommendation to the Chancellor regarding any such increase in the fee.

The \$149 per quarter fee will commence during the quarter that the first major phase of the proposed Recreation facilities expansion is completed and available for student use. The initial phase of construction is expected to be complete during Winter Quarter 2014.

“Return-to-Aid”:

In accordance with University of California policy, 25% of the amount collected from this referendum (\$37.25) will be returned to UC Riverside students in the form of undergraduate and graduate financial aid.

Building Committee:

To ensure that student interests are served throughout the entire process of creating a new and expanded Student Recreation Center, membership of Building Committee will consist of a minimum of 50% students. Student representatives will come from the Recreation Facilities Governing Board, ASUCR, and GSA.

Governance:

The proposed facilities shall be controlled by the Recreation Facilities Governing Board, a student governing board that is advisory to the Chancellor. The Recreation Facilities Governing Board consists of six undergraduate students, three graduate students, the Recreation Director (ex-officio non-voting), and the Chancellor or his/her designate (ex-officio non-voting). The student members shall be nominated by ASUCR and GSA and appointed by the Chancellor or the Chancellor’s designee. The chairperson of the governing board shall be a student, and the board shall meet at least bi-monthly (unless deemed otherwise by the Chair).

Upon completion of the facility, the Recreation Facilities Governing Board will be responsible for:

1. Developing all facility operations policies;
2. Approving all budgetary aspects (including annual budget, usage fees, etc.);
3. Developing usage policies for the facilities;
4. Submitting through the chair, performance evaluations of facilities management personnel; and
5. Approving an annual report developed by the Student Recreation Center detailing the fiscal and management operations of the facility to the Chancellor and students.

Referendum Passage: In compliance with UC and UCR policies, this referendum must meet the following criteria during elections to be approved by the student body.

1. At least 20% of the student body must vote on the issue.
2. A majority of the votes cast must vote in favor of the issue.

REFERENDUM BALLOT WORDING

Shall a Student Recreation Center Expansion Fee of \$149 per quarter (effective no earlier than Winter 2014) be assessed to undergraduate and graduate students to provide funds for the expansion, renovation, maintenance, recreation programming and operation of expanded Student Recreation Center Facilities?

_____ Yes

_____ No

The approval of this referendum would provide:

- A. The assessment of the fee would begin when the first major phase of the expansion is completed, expected to be Winter Quarter 2014.
- B. It is expected that the expanded Student Recreation Center will consist of the following amenities upon completion of the entire project:
 - a. An outdoor recreational swimming pool complex with approximately 14,000 square feet of deck space and a large spa
 - b. Tripling the size of the fitness center to approximately 20,000 square feet
 - c. Doubling the number of multi-purpose rooms from three to six
 - d. A multi-function “wet classroom” space that accommodates aquatic classes and includes a demonstration kitchen for a variety of cooking classes
 - e. An indoor jogging track
 - f. A juice bar
 - g. An indoor climbing wall with bouldering area
 - h. A new indoor MAC (Multi-Activity Court) gymnasium for basketball, badminton and volleyball
 - i. Fitness testing and massage therapy space
- C. The fee would be prorated during the two summer sessions; students that enroll in a single summer session would pay approximately 50% of the \$149 fee; students that enroll in both summer sessions would pay a total of \$149.
- D. One quarter of the fee collected (\$37.25) will be returned to financial aid in accordance with University of California policy.
- E. The project will be financed over 30 years and the debt is expected to be retired in approximately 2043-44. At that time the Recreation Facilities Governing Board is expected to reduce the Fee by approximately \$90 per quarter.
- F. The fee may be increased on a periodic basis of not more frequently than every four years, with such increases based on the percentage increase in the U.S Consumer Price Index or other relevant measure.