March 5th, 2020

HOWARD GILLMAN
CHANCELLOR

Re: Approval of AGS Student Referendum Fee Initiative

In accordance with the "Guidelines for Compulsory-Based Fees", your approval is requested for the following fee initiative approved by the AGS Council accordingly:

AGS Student Referendum Fee Initiative, AKA: AGS Student Support and Resources Referendum, R20-05 on March 2nd, 2020 by a vote of 12.5-9-1.5.

The Student Fee Advisory Committee also reviewed and gave any necessary feedback on said fee initiative on Friday, February 21st, 2020.

Attached is the ballot for the initiative, which indicates the purpose of the fee, amount of the fee, and wording of the ballot. The fee would be effective Fall Quarter 2020. A copy of the guidelines that would govern the distribution of funds is also included.

Balloting would take place between April 13th, 2020 and April 17th, 2020 in conjunction with the AGS Elections and in accordance with the AGS Elections procedures. For approval, at least 8% of graduate students affected by the fee must submit a ballot. At least 60% of those students who voted “yes” or “no” on the referendum in question must have voted “yes”.

Submitted by:

[Signature]

Shane K.M. Wood
President
Associated Graduate Students, UCI
Recommended for Approval.

W. Banks, PhD
Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

3-6-20

Howard Gillmen
Chancellor

Date

Cc: Stephanie N. Van Ginkel, Executive Director, Student Government Student Media

Attachments:
Proposed Ballot Language - AGS Student Referendum Fee Initiative
Accompanying Guidelines - AGS Student Referendum Fee Initiative
Guidelines for Compulsory Campus-Based Fees (Current 2016)
AGS Resolution R20-05
SFAC Review Documentation
Quorum Adjustment Approval
AGS STUDENT FEE REFERENDUM

As shown in the table below, do you approve increases of $8.00 per student per quarter or $12.00 per student per semester to the existing Associated Graduate Students (AGS) graduate student fees starting Fall Quarter 2020 with annual inflationary increases starting in Fall Quarter 2021 to support the programming costs of the Associated Graduate Students of UC Irvine.

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* Per University and campus policies, increases to the AGS Fee are subject to return-to-aid.
** Per term rates are assessed to all graduate students, with the exception of students at the Paul Merage School of Business and School of Business, whose per-term rates are specified in this chart.
*** The fee increases will sunset (expire) at the end of AY 2049-50 unless the fee is renewed. If the fee is not reaffirmed, the AGS Fee will return to AY 2019-20 levels.
**** Beginning Fall 2021, the fee increase portion (excludes the AY 2019-20 base fee level) is subject to annual CPI adjustments.

This proposed increase to the AGS fee shall provide more funding towards student-based programming including, but not limited to:

- Increase in travel funding - both to raise the individual amount to be more appropriate for the cost of conference attendance, and to increase the number of individuals awarded.
- Allow for more students to have the opportunity to train and participate in state, national, and global level advocacy and allow for safe, direct, and responsible travel and accommodations.
- Underwriting social events and arts programs so that all graduate students have access to top-rate performances.
- Need for staff and equipment will only grow with the increased graduate population over the next five years.
- AGS wants to be proactive in being able to support worthy causes and continue to help students thrive.

In addition, funding will be provided for new student-based programming to accommodate the demands of the graduate students at UC Irvine.

- The fee will be charged only to graduate students.
- The fee will be assessed during the Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters, and the fee increases will be assessed starting Fall 2020.
- The fees collected will be managed by the Associated Graduate Students of UC Irvine. An audit of the use of these funds may be provided upon request.
- In accordance with campus practice, 33% of the fee increase will be return-to-aid to help offset the cost of this fee for students who are eligible for financial aid.
- Starting Fall Quarter 2020, the $9 quarterly (or $13.50 semesterly) fee will increase by $8.00 per quarter or $12.00 per semester as shown in the table above.
- Starting Fall 2021, the portion of the fee related to this fee increase will be subject to annual adjustments based on the California Consumer Price Index (CPI) to offset the effects of inflation. The CPI will be taken from the California Department of Finance’s calendar year annual average of all urban consumers’ CPI-U.
- The Associated Graduate Students of UC Irvine is responsible for providing an annual report to the Chancellor on its programming and operations to ensure the proper and effective use of the fees collected. In addition, this report will be presented to the AGS Council. Upon request, this report shall be available.
- The fee increases ($8.00 per student per quarter or $12.00 per student per semester in AY 2020-21 and annual inflationary adjustments thereafter) will sunset (expire) on the 30th year (2049-50) unless the graduate student body reaffirms this fee. This fee can be reaffirmed as early as the 26th year (2045-46); otherwise, if there is no vote to reaffirm this fee by the end of its 30th year (2049-50), the fee will terminate and return to their current levels - $9.00 per quarter for graduate students, $14.00 per quarter for students in the Paul Merage School of Business, $19.00 per quarter for students in the School of Medicine, and $13.50 per semester for students in the Law School.
- Only the portion of the fee related to this fee increase ($8.00 per student per quarter or $12.00 per student per semester and annual inflationary adjustments) will be subject to the 33% Return-to-Aid (RTA), reaffirmation, and CPI.
- In order to pass, this referendum will require an 8% eligible graduate voter turnout rate during the 2020 AGS Spring Election, of which 60% of those votes need to be Yes votes.

Yes, I support an $8 per quarter (or $12 per semester) increase to the existing AGS fee starting in Fall 2020 with annual inflationary adjustments starting in Fall 2021.

No, I do not support an increase to the existing AGS fee.

Abstain
Guidelines Governing the Distribution of the AGS Student Fee Referendum

Per the AGS governing documents regarding the distribution of AGS student fees, fees will be collected on a monthly basis to be distributed based upon the AGS budget set-forth by the incoming, newly elected and appointed Executive Cabinet for the next academic year. Fees can be allocated within the AGS budget however the Executive Cabinet sees fit, as long as it falls within AGS Policy and Procedures as well as University Policy and Procedures. Approval of the AGS budget by the AGS Council must occur before distribution of fees can occur unless outlined within the AGS Policy and Procedures as well as University Policy and Procedures.
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
GUIDELINES FOR COMPULSORY CAMPUS-BASED FEES

This memo supersedes the memo entitled "Guidelines for Compulsory Campus-Based Fees" signed by Chancellor Drake in 2014.

These guidelines apply to the establishment, increase, or cessation of student compulsory fees for supporting student-related programs and services. Examples include sports programs, child care programs, and student fee-funded facilities. These guidelines apply to all compulsory fees for student fee-funded facilities or student governments.

These guidelines are provided in accordance with the University of California Policy 80 on Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees, which states "Chancellors shall establish in-campus implementing regulations, prior to any student referendum, procedures that meet at least the ... minimum system-wide standard for such referenda."

1. A proposal for the establishment or increase of a compulsory campus-based fee initiative may be submitted to the Chancellor for approval from one of the following sources:
   a. From ASUCI Senate for undergraduate student compulsory fees;
   b. From AGS Council for graduate student compulsory fees;
   c. From both ASUCI Senate and AGS Council for compulsory fees affecting all students;
   d. A petition signed by at least 8% of the undergraduate students and/or at least 8% of the graduate students;
   e. Directive of the Chancellor.

Prior to submission to the Chancellor by the Senate and Council in sources a, b, and c, the proposal shall be submitted to the Student Fees Advisory Committee for review.

2. The content of the compulsory fee initiative shall be submitted to the Chancellor for approval. Information shall include: sponsoring organization, purpose of fee, amount of fee, return-to-aid percentage, effective date of fee, reaffirmation date (with the exception of compulsory fees serving debt), and wording on ballot, and voting procedures. In addition, if undergraduate and graduate students are voting on the same initiative, both ASUCI Senate and AGS Council shall determine, prior to the election, whether the results of the balloting shall be combined or considered separately. Balloting for an initiative shall not take place without prior approval of the Chancellor.

3. Should UC Irvine administrative office(s) spend funds to produce printed materials in support of a fee initiative, it shall make available, through student government, an equal amount to produce printed material against the fee initiative. The amount of the funds shall be limited to the cost of printing these materials. An "Information Brochure" about the initiative shall be exempt from this policy. The allocation of these funds shall be determined by the ASUCI Senate and/or the AGS Council.
after reviewing proposals from registered UC Irvine Clubs and Organizations. Expenditures shall be administered through the student government’s business office.

4. Fee initiatives:

   a. For undergraduate fee initiatives, at least 20% of registered undergraduate students affected by the fee must submit a ballot;

   b. For graduate fee initiatives, at least 20% of registered graduate students affected by the fee must submit a ballot.

   c. For initiatives that are a joint-action proposed by both undergraduates and graduates, at least 20% of the total registered student body affected by the fee must submit a ballot;

   d. For fee-funded facilities, at least 20% of the total registered student body affected by the fee must submit a ballot;

   e. At least 60% of those students who voted "yes" or "no" on the referenda in question must have voted "yes".

   f. If approved by students, the results shall be sent to the Chancellor for approval. The Chancellor will then forward the compulsory fee recommendation to the Regents for their approval.

5. Compulsory fees not tied to debt services may be reduced, eliminated, or raised by amending referenda, governed by the above guidelines.

6. If referenda fees are tied to debt service, those fees must end when the debt obligation has been retired. If fees are not tied to debt service, the fees must be reaffirmed through referenda starting at a maximum of 26 years after the fee is enacted. If there is no vote to reaffirm a fee by the 30th year after the fee's initiation, the fee will sunset. If referenda debt is refinanced, it should be done so in good faith and the fee tied to that debt should be reduced or adjusted accordingly.

7. The above guidelines apply to the establishment or increase of student compulsory fees. The Chancellor has the authority to establish the process for the elimination or reduction or an existing compulsory campus based fee. This process, including timelines, shall take into consideration commitments and obligations of the existing fee.

Approved:

Howard Gillman
Chancellor

Date

12-16-16
Resolution 20-05
To Approve AGS Student Support and Resources Referendum

Sponsored By: Amy Shine, Arts
Date of Presentation: March 5, 2020

WHEREAS the current AGS fee has remained at its current amount since it was approved in 1996; and
WHEREAS no consideration for the rate of inflation in the subsequent twenty-four years was factored into the fee assessment; and
WHEREAS AGS is committed to continuing to expand its programs and opportunities for graduate and professional students and needs increased funding to do so;
LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the AGS Student Support and Resources Referendum be added to the ballot for the Spring 2020 elections with the approval of AGS Council.
LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the ballot language reads as attached.

Attachments: AGS+student-fee+referendum-final-language.pdf

Vote Required: Majority
Final Vote: Pass
Date Voted On: March 5, 2020

Yea: 12
Nay: 9
Abs: 1
Hi Stephanie:

The SFAC reviewed the latest version of the AGS referendum and the committee voted to move it forward with their changes as shown in the attached draft. The changes are not substantive (mostly grammatical and/or for clarification in the case of the term “sunset.” I tried to make changes to the document, but it wasn’t tracking the changes, so where I could I made the changes and in some cases I lined through some of the words/letters and also included the changes in my comments.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Karen

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Hi Richard:

As we discussed, the campus agree that the ballot language discussing the distribution of the AGS fee revenue should be taken out of the referendum and how the revenue will be disbursed is best left to be negotiations between campus stakeholders.

The revised version of the ballot also includes responses your comments on CPI (confirmation CPI will only be applicable to the increase portion of the fee), and agreement on the termination language. Your suggested language has been incorporated into the revised ballot language.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,
Karen

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December 2nd, 2019

RE: Consideration of lowering graduate election quorum for the 2020 AGS Elections

Good morning

This memo is for review and consideration of a request from the AGS President to the Chancellor to lower the quorum percentage for the 2020 AGS Election to 8% as indicated in the attached letter. I have attached the following for review and consideration:

- Letter of Request from the AGS President
- PACAOS governing this request
  - 80.00 Policy of Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees
    - Please refer to Page 4-5: 84.12 B

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information concerning the request.

Best Regards,

Stephanie N. Van Ginkel
Executive Director
Student Government Student Media

Recommended for Approval

Willie L. Banks, Jr., Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

Howard Gillman
Chancellor

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