

April 13, 2018

TO: Drew Calandrella, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

RE: Results of Student Transportation Fee Referendum

During the 2018 General AS Elections, undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at UC San Diego voted on and approved a referendum to allow continuation of the Student Transportation Fee. Voting occurred April 9-13, 2018, and the ballot contained the following question:

Student Transportation Fee Referendum

Do you approve of a six-year extension and an increase to the existing Student Transportation Fee by \$11.56 per student per quarter (fall, winter, and spring) beginning fall quarter 2019? The current fee is \$52.24, per student per quarter.

The fee will provide UCSD students with a continued Regional Transit Pass for all undergraduate, graduate and professional students who pay this fee. The Regional Transit Pass has given and will continue to give 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 premium express routes.

The current Transportation Fee expires in Spring 2019. The extended Student Transportation Fee will go into effect fall quarter 2019 and will not be assessed during summer sessions.

Consistent with the current Transportation Fee referendum passed in spring quarter 2014:

- A Student Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) will provide oversight of 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 retain responsibility for a city shuttle program while this referendum is in effect.

The entire Student Transportation Fee will increase every fall quarter, beginning in fall 2020, by 1.5% annually for inflationary cost increases.

This fee will expire after spring quarter of 2025 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.

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 33,386 students were eligible to vote in this election, and 8722 (26.12%) participated. There were 5,808 (71.9%) affirmative votes, and 2,270 (28.1%) negative votes.

I have certified that the 2018 election has concluded that the Student Transportation Fee Referendum has passed.

Kind Regards



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