



Student Union Assembly (SUA), Office of the Chair

1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064
Student Union Assembly 2nd floor, c/o Soar

February 14th, 2014

Re: Voting Requirements on Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees

Dear Chancellor George R. Blumenthal,

I am writing to formally notify you to request a change in the minimum voting pool in campus elections and for this action to take immediately into effect for spring 2014. The current language under Section 80.00 on the policy for Compulsory Campus-Based student fees in the UCSC Student Policies and Regulations Handbook states that Compulsory Campus-Based fees may be established, eliminated, or modified in an election in which a majority (50% + 1) of a minimum voting pool of thirty-three percent (33%) of undergraduate students officially registered at the time of the election votes to approve or to modify the fee.

After much deliberation, the Student Union Assembly supports my decision to reduce the threshold to twenty-five percent (25%) of registered undergraduate students. In addition to the twenty-five percent threshold, we have decided to increase the minimum percentage of those voting on the measure in which sixty-six (66.00%) must vote yes for the measure to pass.

The SUA leadership hopes this will set a reasonable standard for all undergraduate fee measures, and wants to make sure every measure will have the opportunity to meet the twenty-five percent threshold. However, we have recognized the trade-off in having more student fees and thereby established the supermajority clause to ensure that there must be overwhelming support for each referendum.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaz Umer".

Shaz Umer, Student Union Assembly Chair
Undergraduate, Merrill College

Cc: Associate Chancellor Ashish Sahni,
Executive Assistant Margaret McGuire,
Campus Elections Commissioner Lucy Rojas
Undergraduate Student Union Assembly, University of California, Santa Cruz
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