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May 8, 1978

Chancellor Charles E. Young  
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Dear Chancellor Young:

We are pleased to inform you that the UCLA student body, in a referendum conducted on May 3-4 as part of the primary student body elections, has voted by an overwhelming margin to support the construction of the proposed Sports and Recreation Complex and to assist in the funding of the construction by assessment of a special student fee not to exceed \$3.25.

The actual vote was 4,442 aye votes to 1,628 nay votes, a margin of 73.2% to 26.8%, well in excess of the 55.0% approval margin required, as set forth in our February 24, 1978 letter to you. A total of 22.0% students or 6,070 of the 27,595 eligible students, voted in the referendum, again in excess of the 20.0% minimum turnout required in our letter. A breakdown of the vote total by undergraduate and graduate voters, as well as a comparison between the 1978 and 1977 referendums on this issue, is attached for your information.

Your March 15, 1978 response to our letter of February 24, 1978 indicated your reluctance to accept the establishment of the student fee at a reduced level of \$3.25 per quarter. The referendum was based upon that fee level; therefore, it is only on that basis that we can ask you to proceed with this project.

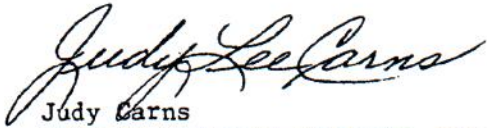
If you agree to accept the referendum results and proceed with the project with the student funding as described, we would like to proceed immediately with the appointment of the student members of the Board of Governors of the project. The Board would initially function as the building committee as set forth in the Statement of Conditions, which were attached to our February 24 letter. We would like to make the student appointments as soon as possible, perhaps by even early June so that planning for the project could commence promptly.

We believe that the referendum results speak for themselves. This project, when realized, will be a fitting addition to the student facilities on the campus as well as an appropriate tribute to former basketball coach John Wooden from the students of UCLA. We are glad, therefore, to know that the student body shared with us our enthusiasm for this project, and we look forward to its development, completion and use by the student body.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us immediately if you have any questions.



Judy Carns  
1977-78 Graduate Students Association  
Administrative Office Officer



Craig Ehrlich  
1977-78 Undergraduate Student  
Body President

Attachment

WOODEN CENTER REFERENDUM

1978 -- 1977 COMPARISON

1978

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Total</u>
Undergraduate	3,970 (76.9%)	1,192 (23.1%)	5,162 (100.0%)
Graduate	472 (52.0%)	436 (48.0%)	908 (100.0%)
TOTAL	4,442 (73.2%)	1,628 (26.8%)	6,070 (100.0%)

At end of third week of spring quarter, there were 18,428 registered undergraduates and 9,167 graduate students, excluding Extended University students and interns and residents.

Undergraduate	5,162 of 18,428 =	28.01% turnout
Graduate	908 of 9,167 =	9.91% turnout
TOTAL	6,070 of 27,595 =	22.00% turnout

55.0% of 6,070 votes is 3,339 votes  
66.7% of 6,070 votes is 4,044 votes

Referendum passed by 1,103 votes over the 55.0% margin required.

1977

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Total</u>
Undergraduate	2,799 (64.0%)	1,556 (36.0%)	4,355 (100.0%)
Graduate	860 (51.1%)	826 (48.9%)	1,686 (100.0%)
Total	3,659 (60.4%)	2,372 (39.6%)	6,041 (100.0%)

Turnout

Undergraduate	4,355 of 18,839 =	23.1% turnout
Graduate	1,686 of 9,449 =	17.8% turnout
Total	6,041 of 28,288 =	21.4% turnout

55.0% of 6,041 votes is 3,323 votes  
66.7% of 6,041 votes is 4,028 votes

Referendum failed by 369 votes of the 66.7% required margin

May 30, 1978

MR. ROBERT DAHLSTEDT:  
MR. CRAIG EHRLICH:

RE: Sports and Recreation Center

This is to respond to the letter from Judy Carns and Craig of May 8, 1978 advising me of the student referendum results from the May 3-4 balloting regarding the proposed Sports and Recreation Center Complex.

Based upon the significant margin of aye votes to nay votes and upon the substantial voter turnout of the student body, I am convinced that this project should proceed.

Because the student referendum was based upon the question as to whether the student body would assess itself a student fee not to exceed \$3.25 per quarter for this project, the financing package for the project will, of necessity, not exceed this fee level. As agreed, private and other non-State funds will be sought to augment this student funding.

As discussed in our luncheon of March 22, I believe that the revised Statement of Conditions contained in your letter of February 24 to me is a sound document upon which the Board of Governors can base its operations, with the exceptions I noted in my letter of March 15 to Craig and Judy and the luncheon meeting of the following week. Because I believe it would be useful for a final version of the Statement of Conditions to be produced prior to the appointment of the Board of Governors, I am asking, by copy of this letter to them, Dean Peter Dalis and John Sandbrook to work with you to prepare such a final version.

I would very much appreciate receiving your appointments for the Board of Governors as soon as possible. I will also be asking Vice Chancellor James Hobson to convene the architect selection committee (upon which you sit) to review potential executive architects for this project, using the 1975 draft Project Planning Guide as a discussion document only. On June 13, I will be having a staff meeting with key members of the administrative staff to go over the many details of the proposed project. Please feel free to attend should you wish to do so. I would like to seek Regental approval at either the July, 1978 or September, 1978 Regents' meeting of several technical aspects of this project, including appointment of the executive architect.

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In closing, I would like to say that the inspired leadership which Craig and Judy gave to this project has been impressive and I believe the student body as a whole appreciated that leadership. This project and the opportunities it will provide the students of the future will be directly related to that leadership.

Charles E. Young  
Chancellor

cc: Dean Peter T. Dalis  
Assistant Chancellor Adrian H. Harris  
Vice Chancellor James W. Hobson  
Dr. Judith R. Holland  
Vice Chancellor Norman P. Miller  
Mr. J. D. Morgan  
Mr. Rod Rose  
Mr. John R. Sandbrook ✓  
Vice Chancellor Elwin V. Svenson  
Assistant Chancellor Donald N. Trotter