

The 2004 State & National UCLA Student Voice Referendum

As required by the USSA and UCSA referenda approved by undergraduates in 2000, shall the Undergraduate Students Association mandatory fee be renewed to support membership and participation in the University of California Student Association (UCSA) and national student advocacy organizations at a rate of \$1.50 per student per quarter?

YES _____

NO _____

UCSA has been the recognized voice of students to the UC Regents and the California State Legislature since 1971. UCSA works on systemwide issues such as increasing funding to higher education, tuition fee rollbacks, admission and retention of underrepresented students to the University of California, appoints students to systemwide policy committees, and the annual nomination of the student regent.

The UC Office of the President currently prohibits direct referenda funding to national student advocacy organizations. This referendum would provide 34¢ per student per quarter for the Undergraduate Students Association to use to fund basic level membership and participation in such an organization. For example, UCLA has most recently been a member of the United States Student Association (USSA), the oldest and largest national student organization, to work on issues of educational access, including increasing federal financial aid, childcare access and campus safety.

The original referendum approved by undergraduates in 2000 was for \$2.00 per student per quarter. The proposed referendum would decrease the approved fee to \$1.50 and extend it indefinitely. 19¢ would continue to stay on campus to fund programs, campaigns, and travel of UCLA representatives to UCSA and national conferences, meetings, and statewide and national student lobby days. 97¢ would go to UCLA membership in UCSA, and 34¢ would be set aside for use if USA entered into membership of a national student advocacy organization, to be spent in compliance with Regents policy. If a membership agreement did not exist, or was terminated, then this 34¢ would not be collected.

The continuation of this fee would sustain the availability of student activity fees previously designated for state and national student association membership in the amount of \$31,900 per year for student programming.