

Good Clothes Good People Basic Needs Referendum

Shall the Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) institute a new fee of \$0.33 per undergraduate student per quarter beginning in Fall 2020 to fund school supplies and hygiene products to be distributed for free to UCLA undergraduate students at USAC's Good Clothes Good People redistribution center?

This fee would be collected from all undergraduate students enrolled in Fall, Winter, and Spring.

The fee will be increased annually thereafter by the amount of the L.A. County CPI, if any, beginning in Fall 2021.

25% of the amount collected will be returned to undergraduate financial aid.

Yes

No

Supplemental information:

Good Clothes Good People, a project housed within the USAC Community Service Commission, is primarily a clothing redistribution center, where individuals can donate clothing and UCLA undergraduate students can pick up clothing for free, no questions asked. We also offer a number of hygiene products and school supplies, also free for UCLA undergraduate students to pick up, and we additionally have wheelchairs, crutches, formal clothes, and umbrellas that we allow UCLA undergraduate students to borrow. The center is open to UCLA undergraduate students during all academic quarters.

We had our grand opening in November of 2018 and since then, we have had over 2700 visitors check out from our center, meaning we have had over 2700 students who found something they wanted to take home with them, and we have had many more visitors who have not checked out from our center. We have also put on numerous events, collaborating with over 50 organizations to reach at least an additional 1000 students outside of our center.

The desire for this referenda is based in the fact that college can be a time of economic strain for many people, and we aim to alleviate that pressure by providing the day-to-day products used by students - blue books, notebooks, folders, soap, menstrual supplies, etc. - for free so that students can direct their money to the more pressing costs, such as food and rent, and so that they can dedicate more of their energy toward their school work and not feel that they are at a disadvantage because they could not access these items. We are requesting that each student pay \$0.99 annually to make these products freely accessible in our center in the hopes of saving students money throughout the course of the year and improving their ability to focus on what they came to UCLA to do - study. We hope you will take this opportunity to support our organization so that we can support you and all your fellow students.