

Associated Students entities and Senate have a history of poor communication dynamics. On many occasion, Senate liaisons have been ineffective with providing accurate information to all members of Associated Students' entities. In recent weeks, the bill titled *Student Fee Reaffirmation Reform* was brought forward during Senate meetings. Senate liaisons did not communicate this information to those it would impact the most. This bill directly affects the ability of A.S. entities to deliver vital services to our fellow students.

During the Chairs meeting last Friday, some of us were provided with a detailed presentation on the background of the reaffirmation bill. We have come to voice our opinions as members of entities that devote much our time and thought towards the work we do not just for this Association, but especially for the students we service.

This bill was created as part of an observation on the fiscal responsibility of other UC campuses. However, it is unfair to compare our campus to others, which have businesses that can supplement their student fees. UCLA has a hospital to help generate revenue. UC Berkeley has a student-run bookstore to fund student services. Other UC campuses can fund their student programs through revenue gained from such businesses. Furthermore, unlike other UC schools, UC Santa Barbara has a large number of students that live in close proximity to campus. UC Irvine and UC Davis do not have such a large population of students that utilize student services, as most of their students choose to commute. While we agree on being responsible stewards of student fees, this bill greatly obstructs our ability to serve the students we represent. Before removing fee revenue, UCSB needs to come up with ways to replace that revenue.

Changing the voting percentage requirements would put the funding for some entities at risk. Instead of spending more time engaging with the student body, entities will be forced to campaign to maintain funding or risk being unable to continue operating. Rather than putting this funding on the line, Associated Students needs to come together to find ways to reduce student fees without impacting services.

There is more our Chairs and committee members would like to say regarding this bill, as well as questions that can only be answered by members of Senate. However, we feel a discussion in the the traditional Senate meeting format would not be conducive to having a proper conversation about the matters that this reaffirmation bill elicits. With that in mind, we ask that Senate provide an opportunity for student leaders and Senate members to have an open discussion regarding the *Student Fee Reaffirmation Reform*.

As a final thought, alongside our concerns with this bill, we also have an underlying concern with the communicative dynamics between Senate and entities in Associated Students. We deserve accountability and responsiveness from our senators, the elected officials of AS. We

would be more than happy to collaborate with Senate and discuss ways of achieving lower student tuition, while preserving crucial student services and programs. We are all Associated Students and we must work together to bring forward the best student experience for members of UCSB.

Thank you,

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