



2004 Fall Special Election Supplement

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2004 A.S. Initiative

(This is a new funding initiative, and would increase your current A.S. fee for Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer quarters.)

Text of the bill:

To approve the A.S. Initiative language for the Special Election to occur on November 16-18th, 2004.

- Associated Students base fee of \$9.10 has not been increased since 1972.
- Associated Students Boards and Committees have received massive reductions in the funds available during the fiscal year.
- A.S. Finance Board started the year with only \$2,000 per quarter for over 300 eligible clubs and organizations.
- Many student and A.S. organizations began the year with no operating budgets and are forced to seek other funding
- An additional \$10.40 would allow Associated Students to fund these organizations and assure the long-term financial solvency of the organization.

Therefore let it be it enacted by the Associated Students in the Legislative Council assembled: The following constitutional amendment shall be placed on the 2004 Special Election ballot to be ran November 16-18th, 2004 with wording as follows:

The Associated Students Initiative would guarantee needed funding for over twenty A.S. boards and committees and over 300 eligible student clubs and organizations through A.S. Finance Board. The current amount of money available to students is simply inadequate, and without existing re-charges, A.S. would be in deficit. The Associated Students membership fee has not increased since 1972, so it has never been adjusted for inflation and increases in operating costs. The fee increase would provide the needed funding and support for A.S. operations, programs, services and events dedicated to promoting awareness, entertainment, and social change for the student body. Visiting guest speakers, outreach, Fight Night, culture weeks, Take Back The Night, concerts, and other programming are all made possible by A.S. fees. In addition, the increased fee will fund Student Services such as the A.S. Bike Shop, A.S. Notetaking and Publications, and student organizations such as Academic Affairs Board, Environmental Affairs Boards, Student Lobby, and many other groups.

Ballot language:

Do you approve of a \$10.40 per student per quarter increase in the A.S. membership fee (Cited in Article II of the ASUCSB Constitution) for a total quarterly fee of \$19.50? The A.S. membership fee would be assessed all four quarters.

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