

SUMMARY OF KEY PROPOSED REVISIONS

UC San Diego Compulsory Campus-Based Fees and Voluntary Student Contributions Policy

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This document summarizes the key proposed revisions to the UC San Diego *Compulsory Campus-Based Fees and Voluntary Student Contributions Policy*. These revisions were discussed and reviewed by the Fee Referenda Work Group and the Vice Chancellor – Student Affairs prior to the Campus Comment period. Additionally, members of the Work Group discussed key changes with their constituencies.

Please note that revisions of titles, gender pronouns, section references, sentence re-ordering, and language improvements are not summarized in this document.

- Overall Notes
 - This *Policy* is in the process, along with other University of California PACAOS (Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students) Implementing Procedures, of moving into the UC San Diego Policy & Procedure Manual (PPM). The document format is evidence of this change.
 - The impetus to revising this *Policy* was the inconsistency of a variety of related policies. The current campus *Policy* was not fully in line with the system wide PACAOS sections on this topic (Sections 80.00 and 90.00). Further, language in the Associate Students, Graduate Student Association, and respective college councils governing documents were either not in compliance with UCOP requirements or directly in conflict with the campus *Policy*.
 - Along with this *Policy*, the related governing documents for Associated Students, Graduate Student Association, and respective college councils will be revised to be in compliance with this *Policy*. Additionally, a procedures document and Frequently Asked Questions sheet have been developed to aid interested parties in their use of this *Policy*.
- Section 2 – Policy Summary
 - The *Policy* describes the process for establishing, increasing, modifying, and eliminating Compulsory Campus-Based Fees or Voluntary Student Contributions. It also describes the process for students to request pro rata refunds and how Compulsory Campus-Based-Fee funded facilities are addressed.
- Section 3 – Definitions
 - A detailed list of definitions for terms used in the document has been added. The definitions are designed to create a common understanding of key terms and their application to the processes described in the *Policy*.
- Section 4 (A) – Referendum Proposals
 - We clarified the process for proposing the establishment, increases, renewal, reduction, or elimination of Compulsory Campus-Based Fees or Voluntary Student Contributions. Specifically, we revised the voting approval and petition thresholds to put a referenda on an election ballot.
- Section 4 (B) – Ballot Language
 - This section describes necessary information and requirements to be used by Associated Students and Graduate Student Association for referendum ballot language for both Compulsory Campus-Based and Voluntary Student Contributions.

- Section 4 (C) – Referendum Requirements
 - This section implements the requirements of PACAOS Sections 84.12 – 84.14, which describe the minimum voting pools, majority vote for approval, and separate referendum principle. This section creates uniformity across campus as it replaces conflicting requirements found in the governing documents of campus Authorized Student Governments.
 - We also clarified that referendums will follow the processes outlined in the relevant Associated Students elections procedures because many Authorized Student Government governing documents have conflicting elections procedures, thereby creating inconsistency across campus.
- Section 4 (D) – Fee Payment Initiation
 - This section implements the requirements of PACAOS Section 84.16 preventing the campus from initiating fee payment until the time students can actually benefit from use a new or renovated building.
- Section 4 (E) – Fee Advisory Board Charter
 - This section clarifies the topics addressed and/or included in a Fee Advisory Board charter and the Fee Advisory Board’s written facility report for a proposed facility.
- Section 4 (F) – Pro Rata Refunds
 - This section described the process for students to request Pro Rata refunds when they believe any portion of their compulsory student government fees support political, ideological, or religious organizations or activities.
- Section 4 (G) – Annual Reports & Financial Information
 - This section adds a requirement that Authorized Student Governments and Fee Advisory Boards will make financial and annual reports for currently collected fees available for public review. This was added to increase transparency on how fees are used for the services and programs they fund.