MEASURE 9: Campus Sustainability Programs Fee

QUESTION:

Shall a permanent **Campus Sustainability Programs Fee** of $3.00 per quarter be assessed to all undergraduates, effective Fall 2003, to create a new standing committee whose purpose will be to provide funding to UCSC student organizations for programs and events that facilitate collaboration between students, the administration, faculty, and the community to create, implement, and monitor environmentally sound practices on campus established through the protocol to be outlined in a *blueprint for a sustainable campus*?

SUMMARY POINTS:

- New undergraduate compulsory fee of $3.00 per quarter.
- Fee begins Fall Quarter 2003, permanent fee (no ending date).
- Fee will be assessed to all undergraduates enrolled in the fall, winter, and spring quarters, and to undergraduates enrolled in State-funded summer programs.
- Fee will generate approximately $118,980 in 2003-2004.
- Sponsored for placement on the ballot by the Student Union Assembly (SUA).

BALLOT STATEMENT

The $3.00 fee will provide funding to the Student Union Assembly (SUA) for the purpose of creating a new SUA committee named the Campus Sustainability Council (CSC).

The CSC will distribute funds from this fee on an annual basis to UCSC student organizations for programs and events that facilitate collaboration between students, the administration, faculty, and the community to create, implement, and monitor environmentally sound practices on campus, established through the protocol to be outlined in a *blueprint for a sustainable campus*.

This $3.00 per quarter fee will provide funding for (but not be limited to) the following:

- UCSC's annual Campus Earth Summit - a forum for students to set the agenda and collaborate with the University administration to advocate for the implementation of, and audit the University for accountability to a blueprint for a sustainable campus. Such efforts will encourage the University to reach environmentally responsible benchmarks such as:
- Reduce green house gas emissions.
- Increase 'Green' transportation alternatives.
- Promote sustainable building design.
- Establish community food systems that utilize sustainable production,

distribution, and acquisition procedures.
- Conserve water and energy.
- Ensure comprehensive waste reduction, recycling, and composting.
- Reduce the use of toxic pesticides and encourage biological alternatives.
- UCSC's annual Campus Earth Festival, which encourages student involvement in campus sustainability initiatives that facilitate collaboration with the administration. Its purpose is furthermore to provide education with celebration of initiatives that lead to campuswide reduction of negative externalities on the environment and practices that have positive repercussions among the communities inhabiting UCSC's ecosystems.
- Additional education/networking events that facilitate communication among diverse members of our community, including administration, students, faculty, and community members.
- Stipends for student leaders, interns, and advising staff who would be responsible for facilitation of the above mentioned events, supporting grant-writing efforts, and promoting the educational and institutional protocol to be established within the language of a blueprint for a sustainable campus.

The CSC will consist of the SUA director of environmental affairs and a voting body comprised of one undergraduate representative from each respective college sustainability organization (college governments can send a representative if there is no such collective existing at that college), two campus community representatives, one representative from the SUA, one representative from the Student Committee on Committees (SCOC) and one representative from each of the four following UCSC constituencies: Family Student Housing, Faculty Housing, The Village, and the Trailer Park. Council membership can be changed by amendments to the CSC bylaws.

The CSC shall have full and sole decision-making power over all funding allocation and programming decisions so long as those decisions are consistent with SUA and University policy and the law.