

UC **SANTA BARBARA**

## Graduate Student Association

General Assembly Minutes

January 17 | 2022 | 6-8 PM

Hybrid Format

Meeting called by the GSA Co-Presidents Becky Martin and Eugene Riodan Jr

Minutes recorded by Annjulie Vester, VP of Communication & Events

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Introduction and sign-in

Community Agreements

Roll Call (34 representatives present)

Approval of last meeting minutes – – MOTION APPROVED

Approval of current agenda – – MOTION APPROVED

Administrative Report: Giuliana Perrone (Graduate Council - Academic Senate)

- Contact: [gperrone@ucsb.edu](mailto:gperrone@ucsb.edu) if you have concerns or questions

Presentation: Campus Housing for graduate students

- Contact: Jennifer Birchim at '[jbirchim@housing.ucsb.edu](mailto:jbirchim@housing.ucsb.edu)'
- On Campus Housing
  - San Clemente Villages: Applications will be open from March 1 to March 13 this year
    - Late March: Contracts are offered
    - July 1: roommate process Deadline
    - July 17th: Early Cancellation Deadline (\$100)
    - August 31st: Late Cancellation Deadline (\$350)
    - July 28th: Roommate assignments for continuing students
  - Renovations are still scheduled to commence this summer
  - There are 375 continuing student spaces - allocation of these is determined by Graduate Division, Campus Housing and the GSA
- Family Housing (Christina Martinez)
  - Waitlist: 3-6 months with children
  - Waitlist: 6-12 months without children
  - Can get on waiting list before starting your study
- [Community Housing Website](#)
  - Lists property providers
  - Only accessible for faculty, students and staff
- Facebook Groups

- "UCSB Housing"
- "IV housing for UCSB students"
- Beware of scams: There has been an uptick of scams in the last months → If you are unsure, contact Campus Housing with the ad
- Review your lease: Campus Housing can help you review your lease to make sure your renter's rights are respected
- Campus Housing can show you how to videotape the new property before moving in to document any damages to your property
- Rental Fair
  - Storke Plaza: February 13
  - SRV: February 20
  - Corwin: February 8th
- Housing Resources
  - Financial Crisis Response Team: If you experience hardship in relation to housing, food insecurity or medical costs, reach out to the FCRT!

### Co-Sponsorship Presentations

- WAIL (Workshop on American Indigenous Languages): \$300
  - MOTION APPROVED

### Discussion Items (to be voted on during February General Assembly)

- AS Coastal Fund
  - Lock-In Fee Proposal
  - Student run organization on campus focused on protecting the coastal region around school
  - requests \$3 per student increase (\$6) → fees would be covered under free remission for TAs and GSRs
- Rec Center Fee
  - New fee proposal
  - Lock-in Fee is running out this year as the Rec Cen has paid off its 30-year loan
    - Original finance plan did not include projection for maintenance and upkeep of facilities; thus the Rec Cen risks running into financial trouble after the academic year concludes
  - Current fee: 24.68 per student
  - Proposed fee: ~\$80 per graduate student and ~\$100 for undergraduate students
- Emergency Grant Fee
  - Proposed language would double the mandatory fee (\$4.08 → \$8.16 per quarter, Summer excluded) in order to provide ~16 additional grants to students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship
- Food Bank Fee
  - Graduate Student currently contribute less than \$1 dollar to every ~\$5 undergraduates pay for the AS Food Bank
  - Proposal: Increase fee to match undergraduate contribution

### Executive Board Reports

- Internal Co-President (Becky Martin)

- External Co-President (Eugene Riordan Jr)
- VP Communications & Events (Annjolie Vester)
- VP Graduate Student Affairs (Sara Tyberg)
- VP External Affairs (Anne Berry) - *absent*

#### Special Election: Vice President of Financial Affairs

- Winner Adrienne Tsikewa (15 votes)
- 2nd candidate: Nadine Snyder (7 votes)

#### Adjournment – – MOTION APPROVED

- Next General Assembly Meeting January 17th, 2023

Questions or comments concerning the meeting minutes should be directed to the GSA Co-Presidents, Becky Martin, at [int-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:int-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu) and Eugene Riordan Jr, at [ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:ext-co-president@gsa.ucsb.edu) or the VP of Communications & Events, Annjolie Vester, at [vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu](mailto:vpce@gsa.ucsb.edu).

# General Assembly

January 17th, 2023

Sign in here!



# Community Agreements

## Community Agreements

- No recording
- Respect the speaker
- One mic one diva
- Step up step back
- Decorum

## Zoom Specific Agreements

- Please keep your mic muted when you're not speaking
- We will NOT use the private chat function
- If you have any questions/doubts, please raise your *blue hand* and you will talk shortly.

# Meeting Agenda

Assembly Vote Required

# Meeting Agenda

- Greetings
- Last Meeting Minutes/Current Agenda Approval
- Roll Call/Community Agreements
- Administrative Reports
- Campus Housing
- Fee Reaffirmation Discussion
- Co-sponsorships
- VPFA Election & Finance Update
- Executive Board Report
- Discussion Items: Emergency Grant
- Announcements
- Adjournment



# **Last Meeting Minutes and Current Agenda Approval**

Assembly Vote Required

# Administration Reports

GSA Advisor

Graduate Division

Graduate Council

Associated Students

# **Discussion Items - UCHS Housing Options**

Update from Jennifer Birchman

University of California, Santa Barbara

# University & Community Housing Services

## Residential & Community Living

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# SERVICES WE PROVIDE

- **UCSB housing contracts & assignments services**
  - <https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/>
  - Residence Halls
  - University Apartments
  - Graduate Housing
  - Family Student Housing
- **Community housing**
  - Rental Listings website
  - Roommate conflicts
  - Receive one-on-one assistance from our staff on your housing needs
  - Landlord/ tenant disputes
  - Educational programs
  - Forms and brochures
  - Success Guide
    - <https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/student-success-guide>

# Continuing Housing Application

Apply online at

<https://www.housing.ucsb.edu/apply>

CONTINUING  
STUDENT  
PROCESS

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Campus Housing

Apply   Prospective Students   Current Residents   Family/Visitors   Housing Options   Faculty/Staff   Services

Overview   Rates   Billing   Housing Resources   Accessible Housing   FAQs

**IN CAMPUS HOUSING** we foster a vibrant, inclusive, comfortable, and safe environment for our residents. We invite you to be part of our community! Please click on a button below to find out more about living with us and how to submit your application. Welcome to Campus Housing, Home of the Gauchos!

Continuing Students  
Residence Halls

Continuing Students  
Undergrad Apts

Continuing Students  
Graduate

# Housing Timeline

## March 1 | Housing Application Opens

Applying for housing is not a guarantee that you will receive a contract. Please check your U-Mail account directly and frequently so that you don't miss any important messages from UCSB. It is not reliable to forward your U-Mail to an alternate email (gmail, yahoo, hotmail, etc.) If you don't receive a confirmation email from us within a few minutes of submitting your application, check your spam folder.

# Housing Timeline

## March 13 | Housing Application Closes

The housing application closes on March 13 for on-time consideration. All students applying after March 13 will be added to the late applicant list for consideration after our new student application processes are concluded.



# Housing Timeline

## Late March | Contracts Offered

Contract offers will be determined by a lottery process. Students who receive a contract may exercise the option to choose preferred roommates. We anticipate that available space in our housing communities will be limited. Students not awarded an offer initially, but who also applied by March 13, may remain on a priority list for future spaces. We recommend students without contracts explore other possibilities and attend our [educational programs](#) regarding community housing options.

# Housing Timeline

## July 1 | Roommate Process Deadline

Students who have a 2023-24 contract can create a roommate group with other contract holders in the university apartments by using the optional roommate process. This is optional and those who do not complete the process by July 1 will be matched based upon the answers to their roommate preference questions.

# Housing Timeline

## July 17 | Cancellation Deadline for \$100

There is a \$100 cancellation fee from the time of signing the contract until July 17. After July 17 there is a \$350 cancellation fee until August 31.

## August 31 | Cancellation Deadline for \$350

The deadline to cancel your housing contract for a \$350 cancellation fee is August 31. If you've already moved in or it's after September 1, you may cancel by submitting a 30-day notice of termination and will be responsible for rent through the end of that 30 days.

# Housing Timeline

## July 28 | Room Assignments

Assignment letters will be sent along with instructions for signing up for a time to arrive on campus.

# Housing Priority

- We typically house 40% of our graduate student population between San Clemente and Family Student Housing
- ALL students must apply on time to be considered for a continuing student contract for San Clemente
- No housing guarantees
- Please check your UCSB email DAILY including your spam folders so you do not miss any updates

# How Are Contracts Assigned

**Students with completed applications ON TIME will be considered for a contract**

- Continuing students will apply for a continuing housing application
- Once they do this they will be considered for a contract
- We anticipate that we will be limited to about **375 spaces** for continuing graduate students.
- Last year we had a weighted lottery for spaces because we had more applicants than space available for continuing students
- Students **WILL** be notified if they are offered a contract by late March
- If you do not receive a contract offer it is important that you seek community housing as we cannot guarantee an offer at a later date

**NOTE: Students MUST check their UCSB email daily for updates**

# Family Student Housing

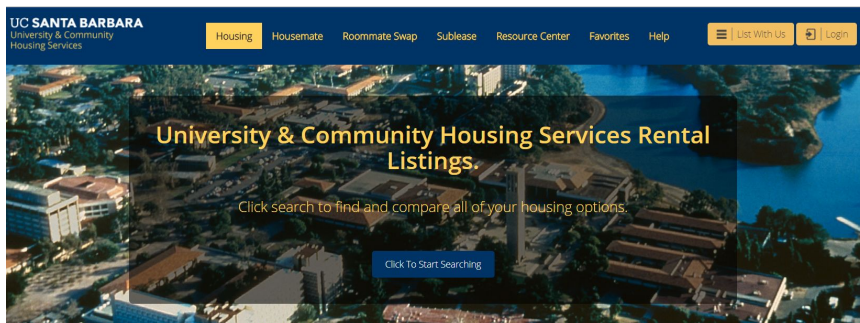
- Family Student Housing is available to registered, full-time student with families
- Contracts are allocated through a waitlist process
- Average wait time:
  - 6 to 12 months - families without children
  - 3 to 6 months - families with children
- Priority is given to families with children
- Prospective students do not need to be enrolled at UCSB at the time of application to the waitlist



# Community Housing

Available for a variety of housing needs!

- Rental listing database
- Move in/ Move out  
Videotaping to secure your deposit
- Rights and responsibilities



## How To Use Our Rental Listing Database

- 1 Go to our website:  
[rentallistings.housing.ucsb.edu](http://rentallistings.housing.ucsb.edu)
- 2 Scroll to LOGIN (top right) and click STUDENT LOGIN
- 3 Sign in with your UCSBnetID and password
- 4 Search/filter listings. *Our site is only used by UCSB-affiliated individuals & property providers*



# Room In Private Homes

- Locations – Goleta and Santa Barbara
- Usually month to month
- Leasing usually can be found 1-3 months prior to your move in date
- Security deposit usually equal to one month's rent
- Furnished
- Private Room
- Shared or Private Bathroom
- Access to kitchen, laundry and other parts of the home
- Utilities included
- Prices range from \$750 to \$1200



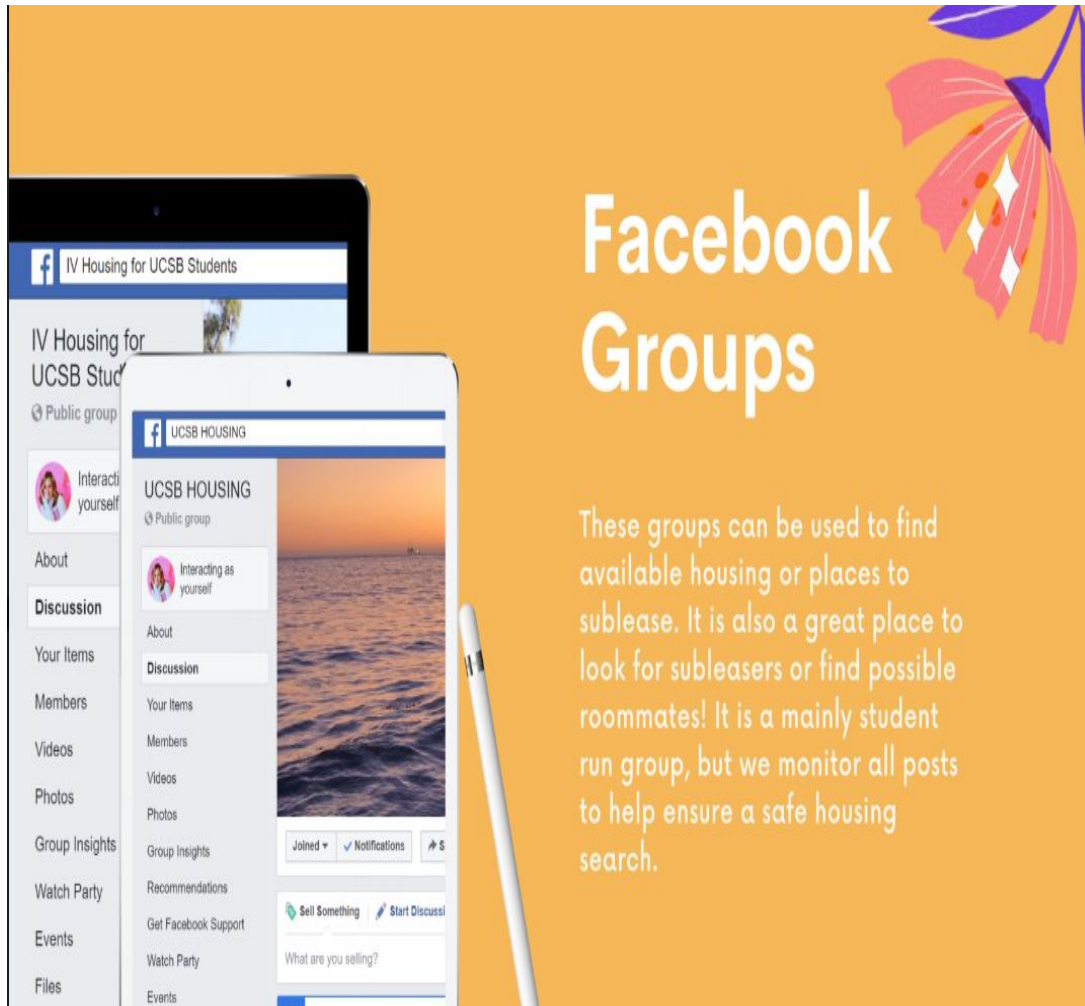
# Isla Vista

- 12 month lease term
- Leasing has started now for 2023-2024
- Joint and several lease vs By the bed space lease
- Co-signers/Guarantors usually needed
- Security deposit required (can be up to 2x the rent)
- First months rent and sometimes last months rent due upon lease signing (will vary from management company to management company)
- Not furnished
- Partial utilities included – trash/recycled and sometimes water
  - Gas, Electricity, Wifi and Cable (average \$100 a month per apartment)
  - Start up costs for utilities
- Mostly shared room
- Prices will vary depending on single, double or triple space
  - Most will be shared spaces

# Goleta/Santa Barbara

- 12 month lease terms
- Joint and several lease
- Security deposit required (can be equal to 2 times the rent)
- No cosigners so if you don't meet the income requirements we can usually work with the management company to see if you can pay an increased security deposit
- First months rent and sometimes last months rent due upon lease signing (will vary from management company to management company)
- Not Furnished
- Partial utilities included – trash/recycled and sometimes water
  - Gas, Electricity, Wifi and Cable
    - average \$100 a month per apartment
    - Start up costs for setting up utilities
- Singles or doubles depending on the price point you want to pay and the amount of people you want to live with

# Community Housing



## Facebook Groups

These groups can be used to find available housing or places to sublease. It is also a great place to look for subleasees or find possible roommates! It is a mainly student run group, but we monitor all posts to help ensure a safe housing search.

# Reviewing Your Lease

## Reviewing Your Lease

Make sure to have us look over your lease with you before you sign it! Have some questions prepared, and then anything you want to know we will review with you.



# Move In/ Move Out Videotaping



## Saving Your Security Deposit

Make sure to have us record your home before you move in, and after you move out. This will help to save your security deposit as you will have evidence of what your home looked like before and after you lived there.



[How to videotape unit](#)

# Rental Fair

**Storke Plaza** - week of Feb 13

**Student Resource Building Walkway** - week of  
Feb 20

**Corwin Pavilion evening event** - February 8th  
from 7-830pm

# Off Campus Resources

## AS Legal Resource

- <https://legal.as.ucsb.edu/>
- (805) 893-4246
- Zoom appointments available

## Isla Vista Tenants Union (IVTU)

- <https://ivtu.as.ucsb.edu/>
- (805) 968 – 6704
- ivtenantsunion@gmail.com

## Isla Vista Community Service District

- Rental housing mediation services
- (805)-770-2752
- islavistamediation@gmail.com

## UCSB Basic Needs Resources

- <https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/housing>
- [thrive@ucsb.edu](mailto:thrive@ucsb.edu)
- 805-893-2786





# Basic Need Resources



# Financial Crisis Response Team

- Assists students facing financial difficulties that may impact their path to graduation in the form of emergency funding and resource connection

- **Types of Emergencies:**

- Housing Insecurity, homelessness
- Food Insecurity
- Outstanding Medical Bills—
  - SMERF Student Medical Emergency Relief Fund
- Change in income/ Parent job loss
- Academic
- Family related emergency



# Food Security Resources

Food.UCSB.edu

- Cal Fresh
- AS Food Bank
- Food Security Advisors
- Dining Co-Op Program
- Swipes for Students
- Café Picasso
- Healthy School Pantry
  - Isla Vista Elementary
  - Harding Elementary
  - Lompoc Adult Education Center
  - Veteran's Memorial Hall



# CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Location:** 3rd floor of the UGENE

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## **Fee Reaffirmation Discussion**


- AS Coastal Fund's Lock-In Fee Proposal
  - Kaley Sten
- RecCen Lock-In Fee Proposal



# AS Coastal Fund's Lock-In Fee Proposal

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Anannya Deshmukh, Chair  
Kaley Sten, Graduate Board Member  
Sarah Siedschlag, Staff Advisor



# AS Coastal Fund

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## Mission Statement

- “Coastal Fund connects people and the environment by allocating funds to programs that celebrate, explore, and protect the coastal ecosystems in and around the University of California, Santa Barbara.”

## Our Values

- Community
- Exploration
- Joy
- Opportunity
- Protection
- Trust

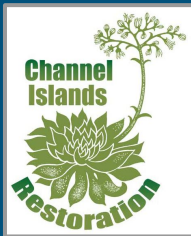
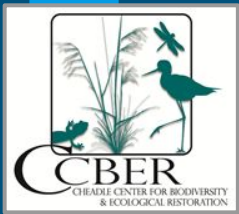


# Partners and Projects

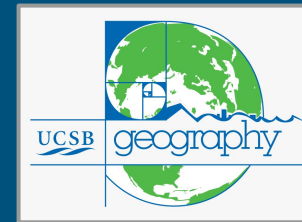
## Research



## Restoration

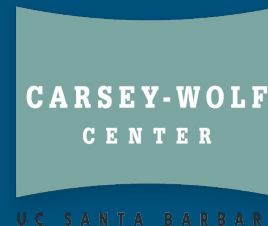


## Advocacy



## Accessibility

## Arts and education



*and many more!*





# Projects We Fund

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- Field studies and **research projects** run by graduate and undergraduate students
- Increased **accessibility for historically marginalized communities** through programs such as The Sea League, a new Black-led organization in Santa Barbara that seeks to engage youth and communities of color in ocean sports, and programs that provide wheelchair users with all-terrain devices to explore our local beaches and trails
- **Paid restoration internships** and student org volunteer opportunities with CCBER at the North Campus Open Space, the campus lagoon, and other areas of campus
- Support for UCSB students working in **environmental and outdoor education** via the Kids in Nature program with CCBER, and NatureTrack
- Funding for the Coastal Media Project with the Carsey-Wolf Center/Film Studies, a new nine-week intensive environmental media production and **documentary studies** program

# Current Funding Structure

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## CEC Lock-In Fee

- \$3.00/quarter for F, W, & S from undergrads and grads (approved 1999)

## AS Lock-In Fee

- \$3.42/quarter for F, W, S, & Summer from undergrads (approved 2006)

## Overall

- Undergrads - \$6.42/quarter F, W, & S | \$3.42 for Summer (\$22.68/year)
- Grads - \$3.00/quarter F, W, & S (\$9/year)
- Total - estimated \$450,000

## Something to Note

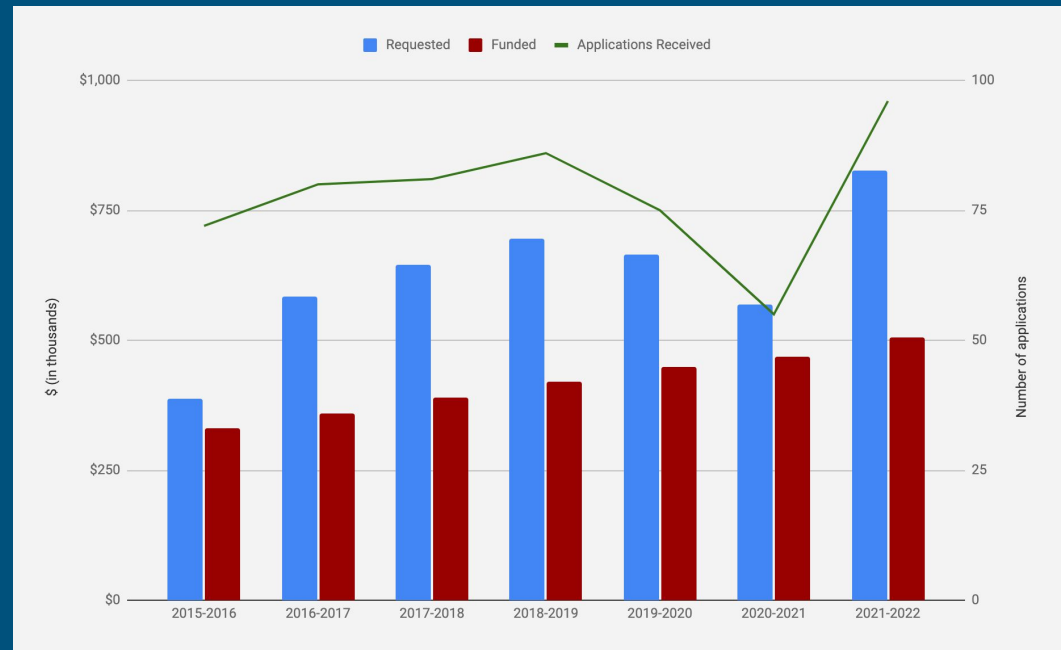
- Undergraduates pay twice as much per student as graduate students, but graduate students request funds much more frequently than undergraduates



# Our Problem

## Increasing Demand & Price Tag

- Number of applications for funding has substantially increased
- Demand **immediately** bounced back after COVID
- Average amount requested per application has steadily increased, especially with wage increases
- Operating on a budget that is outdated and has only increased due to growth in the student population

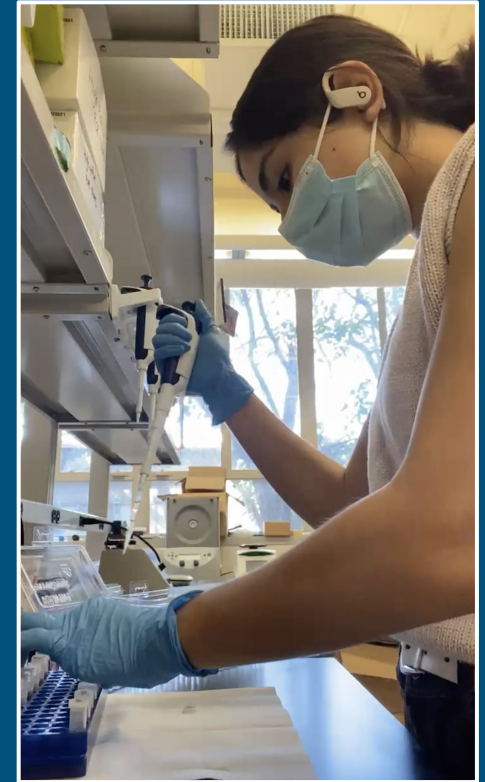


# Coastal Fund is Unique

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## Funding Decisions Made by UCSB Students

- Prioritize **our campus' needs** instead of those of outside funders and government agencies
- Help new academics develop their **first projects** rather than further concentrating funding amongst already prestigious researchers
- Student-centered emphasis on **equitable wages** for labor and quality of experience



# Our Ask

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**To approve our request to add a \$3.00/quarter lock-in fee increase to the ballot for the upcoming election in Spring quarter**

- Total amount to be paid if voted in: \$6.00/quarter for F, W, & S
- Fees are covered for graduate students with fee remission



Thank You!

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Any Questions?



# Recreation Lock-in Fee Proposal

Prepared for Graduate Students Association (GSA)

Eric Zimmerman  
Staff Representative  
Recreation Center Governance Board

# Introductory Remarks





# Rec Cen By The Numbers

- Average **18,613 visits weekly** (high of 24,381)
- Average **2,659 visits daily** (high of 4,708)
- **~60% of undergraduates** utilize the facility
- **~50% of graduate students** utilize the facility
- **~390 faculty & staff** members
- **Employ ~280 Rec Cen Student Employees**
  - ~700 total across the whole department

# Rec Cen I Lock In Fee

- Originally passed in **1990**
  - Build, operate, and maintain the Rec Cen
- Grand Opening in **1995**
- Bond (mortgage) will be paid off this year and the original ballot language states that the **Lock In Fee will end** at that time.
- Original architects of the Lock In Fee didn't factor in ongoing **operating expenses** and **maintenance**.
- Rec Cen receives **NO financial investment/** support from Campus, State, or Tuition

# Rec Cen I Lock In Fee & Inflation

- The fee has **not increased** since it was passed
- Inflation has gone up **128.57% since 1990**
- You need \$228.57 to buy today what cost \$100 in 1990

	<b>1990</b>	<b>TODAY</b>
Average Price of a Movie Ticket	\$4.23	\$9.57
Average Price of Gas	\$1.15/gallon	\$5.90/gallon
<b>Minimum Wage</b>	<b>\$4.25</b>	<b>\$15.50</b>

- Student employee cost (wages & benefits) in 1995: ~\$545,000
- Student employee cost projected for 2022-23: ~\$1,968,000

# Student Fees Currently Invested to Recreation

## UNDERGRADUATE

- **Rec Cen I** **\$24.68**
- Rec Cen II \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch** **\$15.00**
- RecSports \$7.00
- Students Initiative \$13.50
- Intramurals \$2.50

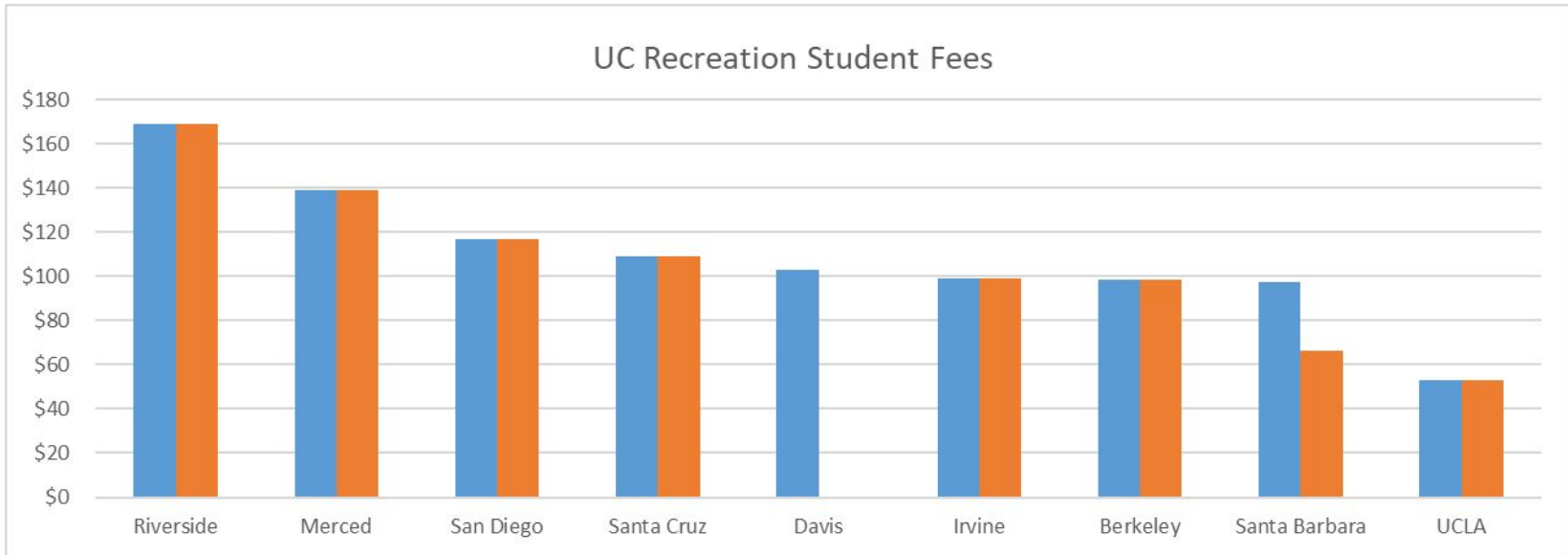
TOTAL: \$97.18

## GRADUATE

- **Rec Cen I** **\$24.68**
- Rec Cen II \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch** **\$0.00**
- RecSports \$7.00
- Students Initiative \$0.00
- Intramurals \$0.00

TOTAL: \$66.18

# Student Lock In Fee Comparison



	Riverside	Merced	San Diego	Santa Cruz	Davis	Irvine	Berkeley	Santa Barbara	UCLA
<b>UG Fees</b>	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$102.99	\$99.00	\$98.25*	\$97.18	\$53.00
<b>Grad Fees</b>	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$0 **	\$99.00	\$98.25*	\$66.18	\$53.00

\* Equivalent quarterly rate, they are on the semester system

\*\* No Grad student lock in; out of pocket access @

# Ballot Proposal

## Replace Rec Cen I Lock In Fee with a Rec Cen Operations Fee

- **\$41.60/** quarter Fall, Winter, Spring
  - \$29.17 Rec Cen, \$10.39 RTA, \$2.04 Admin Assessment
- **\$27.74** Summer
  - \$19.45 Rec Cen, \$6.93 RTA, \$1.36 Admin Assessment
- Beginning Fall 2023
- Reaffirmation every 4 years
- COLA every 5 years

# Proposed Student Fees Collected by Recreation Starting Fall 2023

## UNDERGRADUATE

- **Rec Cen Operations**     **\$41.60**
- Rec Cen II                 \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch**         **\$2.00**
- RecSports                 \$7.00
- Students Initiative     \$13.50
- Intramurals               \$2.50

TOTAL: \$101.10

Currently \$97.18

## GRADUATE

- **Rec Cen Operations**     **\$41.60**
- Rec Cen II                 \$34.50
- **Flip the Switch**         **\$0.00**
- RecSports                 \$7.00
- Students Initiative     \$0.00
- Intramurals               \$0.00

TOTAL: \$83.10

Currently \$66.18

# What Would We Do With the Additional \$16.92?

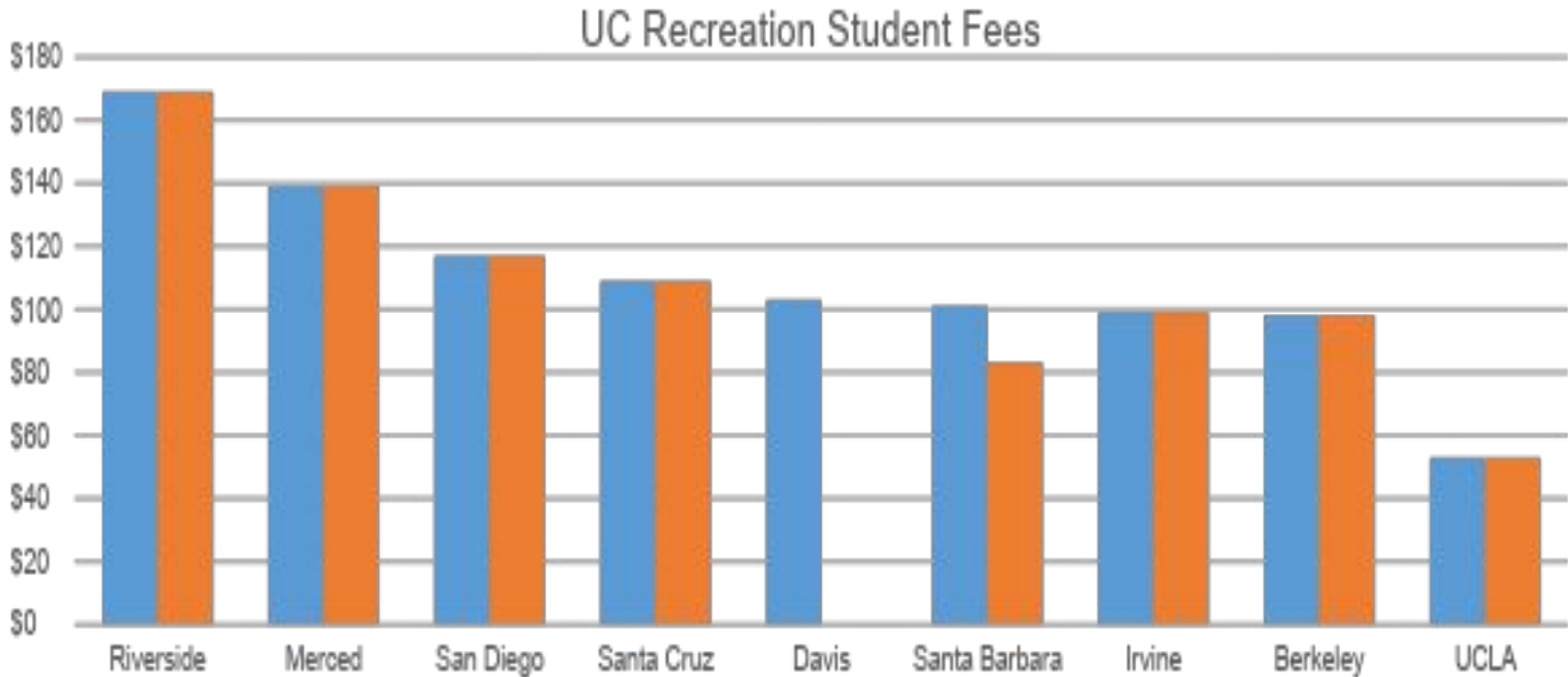
- Keep pace with inflation
- Keep pace with student wage increases
- Deferred maintenance
- Ongoing repairs & maintenance
- Re-establish the necessary reserve
- Provide discretionary funding for the Governance Board to fund new fitness equipment and other minor facility improvements



# What Would We Do With the Additional Revenue?



# Student Lock In Fee Comparison If Passed



	Riverside	Merced	San Diego	Santa Cruz	Davis	Santa Barbara	Irvine	Berkeley	UCLA
UG Fees	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$102.99	\$101.10	\$99.00***	\$98.25*	\$53.00
Grad Fees	\$169.00	\$139*	\$117.00	\$109.00	\$0 **	\$83.10	\$99.00***	\$98.25*	\$53.00

\* Equivalent quarterly rate, they are on the semester system

\*\* No Grad student lock in; out of pocket access @ \$600 per year

\*\*\* UCI going out for an additional \$145/ quarter

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Department of Recreation



FIND YOUR FIT

# UCSB



## Co-Sponsorships

- WAIL - Linguistic Conference
  - Jordan A.G. Douglas-Tavani



**A Premier Linguistics Conference**

# WHAT IS WAIL?

- WAIL is the Workshop on American Indigneous Languages
- It is an annual conference put on by the UCSB Graduate Students in Linguistics
- We are going on our 25th Year
- WAIL is a premier, prestigious conference that brings renown to our department & campus
- It attracts top-scholars in the field
- Usually have 100-150 attendees



The UCSB Department  
of Linguistics presents:

25TH ANNUAL

# WAIL

Workshop on American  
Indigenous Languages

Keynote Speaker

**GABRIELA  
PÉREZ BÁEZ**

University of Oregon

**APRIL 14 -15, 2023**

9am - 6pm

McCune Conference Room HSSB 6020

 [wailconference.org](http://wailconference.org)

 [wailconference.ucsb@gmail.com](mailto:wailconference.ucsb@gmail.com)

  
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# OTHER FUNDING

- WAIL has received \$800 from GradDiv, covering traveling expenses for our keynote speaker and food for conference attendees
- The Linguistics Department has pledged \$400 to fund the rest of the conference dinner
- GSA approved \$300 in the fall



# WHAT WE ARE ASKING OF THE GSA

- We are humbly requesting \$300 from the GSA (the remainder of the \$600 maximum)
- We would use these funds for:
  - Covering remaining expenses for the keynote
  - Breakfast and snacks for conference attendees
  - Graphic Design Commissions



QUESTIONS,  
COMMENTS,  
CONCERNS?

# **Vice President of Financial Affairs - Vacancy Election & Finance Update**

Nominations, Discussion, Voting, Finance Update

# **Executive Board Report**

Summary of all Executive Officers

## Co-Presidents' Report: Eugene Riordan Jr and Becky Martin

- Working on finance! We are getting closer!
- Going to be meeting with SEAL to ease requirements on grad student RCOs
- Met with Hugo, the UCen building manager, about installation of a ceiling projector
  - They can make this happen for us easily, but it might cost more than the amount of money we have allocated. Will follow up with firm numbers.
- **If you or anyone you loved left things in the GSA Lounge during the strike, please remove them by Jan 28th**

## **VP Communication & Events: Annjulie Vester**

- See Finance Update
- the February 9th Valentine's Day Event will be moved to a later date

## **VP Graduate Student Affairs: Sara Tyberg**

- No major updates
- UCSHIP Executive Oversight Board meeting (meeting with all of the UC campus representatives) in one week - likely to have some updates after this



# VP External Affairs: Anne Berry

## UC Graduate and Professional Council (UCGPC)

Board Committee on Conferences: *Winter Quarter 23 / Spring Quarter 23*

### Student Mental Health Advisory-

- Attend SMHOC UCOP meetings
- Maintaining partnership with engaging the Academy Taskforce, increasing access to long-term mental healthcare, formulating and recommending accessible, safe, and protective rather than reactive approaches to student mental health.

### Basic Needs, Housing and Healthcare-

- Research and data gathering for individual campus basic needs office to see gaps in services provided
  - AY 2022-2023 Plan
    - research and data gathering for individual campus basic needs office to see gaps in services provided

### Civic Engagement, Sustainability, and Legislative Advocacy

- Legislative research and analysis for elections and advocacy days. Organize Sacramento Advocacy Day and Day on the Hill. Voter education and registration. Systemwide policy education. Draft resolutions in support or against issues. Research UC sustainability efforts. Engage with systemwide sustainability committees. Outreach to campus sustainability groups.

### Board Committee on Bylaws and Legal Compliance

- Charge: Review and update corporate bylaws yearly. Review government agency annual requirements with the Secretary of State, Attorney General, etc. Oversee communication with legal counsel and CPAs.

## **Discussion Items**

- GSA Emergency Grant Fund
- Food Bank Contribution

# GSA Emergency Grant Fund

## INCREASE LANGUAGE

### Graduate Student Emergency Relief Grant Fund Fee Increase

Do you wish to increase the current Graduate Student Emergency Relief Grant Fund mandatory fee of \$4.08 by \$4.08 (\$2.89 goes to the fund, \$1.02 is for return-to-aid, and \$0.17 is for administrative tax) for a total of \$8.16 per graduate student, per quarter (excluding summer) to increase the number of available grants for registered graduate students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship? If passed, the increase would continue to be collected until subject to joint reaffirmation (original Graduate Student Emergency Relief Grant Fund plus this increase) in spring 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

The fee increase would allow the GSA to meet the current demand for this grant and award approximately 16 more allocations for graduate students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship.

## Summary:

- This proposed language would double the mandatory fee (\$4.08 → \$8.16 per quarter, Summer excluded) in order to provide ~16 additional grants to students experiencing temporary and acute financial hardship.

## Food Bank Contribution

- At present, undergraduate students contribute \$4.96/qtr and during summer towards the Food Bank
- Graduate students, by comparison, contribute \$0.85/qtr and nothing in the summer towards the Food Bank
- In the year of 2021-22 school year, 21.8% of undergraduates and 21.2% of graduate students used the food bank

### INCREASE LANGUAGE

#### Graduate Student Association Food Bank Fund **Fee Increase**

Do you wish to increase the current Graduate Student Association Food Bank Fund mandatory fee of \$0.85 by \$4.11 (\$2.89 goes to the fund, \$1.02 is for return-to-aid, and \$0.17 is for administrative tax) for a total of \$4.96 per graduate student, per quarter (excluding summer) to improve services provided by the AS Food Bank for registered graduate students experiencing food insecurity? If passed, the increase would continue to be collected until subject to joint reaffirmation (original Graduate Student Association Food Bank Fund plus this increase) in spring 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain

# Announcements

# Adjournment

Next General Assembly in October