

UCSA and USSA referendum

Shall the Undergraduate Student Association mandatory fee be increased by \$2.00/ quarter to support membership and participation in the United States Student Association (USSA) and the University of California Student Association (UCSA)?

USSA is the oldest and largest national student organization. USSA works on issues of educational access; including, increasing federal financial aid, recruitment and retention of traditionally underrepresented students, and campus safety. USSA represents and advocates for all students and is the only student voice on Capitol Hill, the White House, and in the Department of Education.

UCSA is the recognized voice of students to the UC Regents, and the California Legislature. UCSA works on systemwide issues such as tuition fee rollbacks, increasing state funding to higher education, admission and retention of underrepresented students to the University of California, and the annual nomination of the Student Regent.

19¢ of the increase would stay on campus to fund programs, campaigns, and travel of UCLA representatives to UCSA and USSA conferences, meetings, and statewide and national student lobby days. 91¢ would go to UCLA membership in USSA; 90¢ would go to membership in UCSA. This fee would also free up student activity fees in the amount of \$31,900 a year for student programming. Continuation of this fee must be approved by a majority of those voting, every 4 years, in the primary USAC elections.

Note: The referendum passed during the Spring 2000 USAC Elections with 63.30% of the students votes. The Office of the President did not approve the allocation of \$0.91 to go towards funding USSA membership and only USSA travel.