

UCSD students to elect student body officers and vote on two referendums & an opinion poll

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University of California, San Diego students will go to the polls Monday, May 5, to elect student body officers for next year and to vote on two referendums and one opinion poll that have stirred considerable interest on the campus and in the San Diego community this spring.

The polls will be open at two locations on the campus from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Revelle College students will vote in booths in front of the Undergraduate Sciences Building adjacent to Revelle Plaza. Muir College students will vote in booths in front of the cafeteria on the Matthews Campus.

Noon rallies for the candidates were held on the campus on Thursday and Friday, May 1 and 2. A "Meet the Candidates" program is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the Revelle Commons. Only undergraduate students are eligible to vote for Associated Student body officers, but both undergraduates and graduates are eligible to vote on the referendums and the opinion poll. A total of 2,600 undergraduates and 1,073 graduates are eligible to vote.

The two referendums deal with financial support to varsity athletes and the charging of additional student fees for construction of a student union. The opinion poll asks the students to indicate the type of on-campus recruitment and placement program UCSD should operate.

Five students are running for the office of student body president and three are running for vice president. Candidates for the office of president are: Jeffrey A. Benjamin, a Revelle College sophomore from Los Angeles; Charles F. Chong, a Revelle College junior from Alhambra; Glen R. Forsch, a Revelle College junior from Sun Valley; Brian Ritter, a Revelle College sophomore from San Diego; and Mark Waxman, a Revelle College junior from Northridge.

Candidates for the office of vice president are: Mark I. Butler, a Revelle College junior from Whittier who is running on a ticket with Waxman; Randy Erichson, a Revelle College junior from San Diego running independently; and Michael "Heavy" Palcic, a Revelle College sophomore from San Diego who is running on a ticket with Benjamin.

UCSD students will also select one upper-division senator, one lower-division senator, three Revelle senators-at-large and three Muir senators-at-large. Only one student, Arthur S. Lujan, a Revelle College freshman from San Diego, is running for the office of head cheerleader.

The referendum concerning varsity athletics was placed on the ballot as a result of recent demands by 28 UCSD student athletes that athletic scholarships be offered by the campus. UCSD does not presently offer athletic scholarships of any kind. UCSD Chancellor William McGill asked the Intercollegiate Athletic Board for recommendations on the problem and the Board suggested that athletic scholarships be offered and funded only from private sources, not University sources.

The referendum asks the students to vote yes or no on the statement: "Should some special financial assistance (drawn exclusively from private sources) be awarded to athletes irrespective of their need?"

The referendum asking students to decide if they should be asked to pay up to an additional \$6.00 each quarter to go toward the construction of a student center or student union requires a vote by at least 60 percent of the entire student body for validity and at least a two-thirds affirmative vote for passage. It states: "Should students be required to pay, beginning in the fall quarter of 1969, a special fee, not to exceed \$6.00 per quarter, to be utilized exclusively for the construction and operation of one or more student centers or student unions at UCSD?"

The students are currently charged a \$6.00 per quarter Associated Students fee. If the referendum passes, the fee could go as high as \$12.00 per quarter.

Probably the most controversial question on the ballot is simply an opinion poll asking the students if student registration fees should be used to support the Career Education Planning and Placement Center. The Center and the question of support was pushed into the limelight recently when a small group of UCSD students barred a Marine Corps recruiter from entering the Center building. The students barring the way contended that military activities such as recruiting on the campus are immoral and should not be supported by student fees.

The item on the ballot reads: "This poll is conducted for informational purposes only. Some students feel that some of the issues raised here are based on moral questions which, of course, cannot be resolved by popular vote. "The validity of this poll is directly proportional to the number of students who, by voting, express their interest in the issue."

Four yes or no questions then follow: "(A) Should student registration fee monies be utilized to support the Career Education Planning and Placement Center? (B) Should the University continue to support the existing 'open recruitment' policy? (C) Should the University move to a 'closed to recruitment' policy, i.e., a policy which excludes all recruiters from the campus? (D) Should legal avenues be explored to exclude from the campus some recruiters, including those representing the military services, on the grounds, for example, that their presence is incompatible with the educational objectives of the University?"