Do you approve the creation of a fee up to $66.00/student/quarter to build, operate, and maintain a new, state-of-the-art Student Wellness, Health, Counseling, and Career Building? The fee will NOT be charged until the new building is open and providing services to UC Irvine students (estimated for 2020). The University of California, Irvine has already committed $24.5 million to the construction of the building and is committed to seeking additional funding to offset construction costs and reduce the referendum fee.

The fee will be used in the construction, maintenance, and operational costs of the Student Wellness, Health, Counseling, and Career Building. As currently envisioned, the services to be housed in the building may include, but are not limited to: student health services, career services support, disability services, mental health counseling services, health promotion programs, social worker services, sexual violence support and prevention, and other health services. The building is intended to house services that support student well-being and success which means these services may change over time based on student need. These services are currently housed in locations that are inadequate to accommodate the growing student population.

The plan for the fee is as follows:

- This fee will NOT be charged until the new building is open and services are provided (estimated for 2020).
- The fee will be charged to undergraduate and graduate students.
- The fee will be assessed during the fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters.
- Starting the third year of the fee (estimated fall 2022), the portion of the fee that is not tied to debt will increase annually based on the California Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI will be taken from the California Department of Finance’s calendar year annual average of all urban consumers CPI-U.
- After 30 years (estimated 2050) or when debt service is retired, the quarterly fee will be reduced to cover the facility’s maintenance, operating expenses, major repairs and renovation. This reduced fee will be based on the average of the last three years of operating costs (estimated to be a $25/quarter/student) and will be adjusted annually based on the California Consumer Price Index.
- If debt is refinanced, the savings shall be used toward minor maintenance, major maintenance, renovation, and/or upgrades of the building.
- 29% of the fee will be returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of this fee for students who are eligible for financial aid.
- In accordance with the Policy for Student Fee Funded Facilities, a Facility Advisory Board shall be established whose membership will consist of a majority of students. Refer to Appendix 6 of the Policies Applying to Campus Activities Organizations, and Students.
- Further details on this referendum will be provided in the Memorandum of Understanding established between Student Government and Student Affairs. [Link to Memorandum of Understanding]
- In order to pass, this referendum will require a 20% eligible total undergraduate and graduate combined voter turnout rate during the Spring Elections, of which 60% of those votes need to be ‘Yes’ votes.

__Yes, I support a fee up to $66.00/quarter for the Student Wellness, Health, Counseling, and Career Building Fund.

__No, I do not support a fee up to $66.00/quarter for the Student Wellness, Health, Counseling, and Career Building Fund.

__Abstain

As of February 27, 2017