

Ballot Measures

#1

USSA Referendum

Question:

Do you support continuing the Associated Students of the University of Oregon's membership in the United States Student Association, for \$50,223 per year, which is approximately \$1.00 per student per term, for a period of two years, to begin Fall Term 2000?

Explanation:

USSA is the nation's oldest and largest student organization. It works on issues of educational access, including increased federal financial aid, recruitment and retention of traditionally underrepresented students, child care, and campus safety. USSA represents students on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in the Department of Education.

#2

Grievances

Question:

Shall the following section be added to the ASUO Constitution and the subsequent section be renumbered accordingly?

15. Grievances

15.1 Any grievance filed by a member of the ASUO against an ASUO Program, excluding the ASUO Executive and ASUO Student Senate, must be filed first with the ASUO Programs Administrator. Any resolution to a grievance filed with the ASUO Programs Administrator may be appealed to the ASUO President within 7 business days. Decisions made by the ASUO President may be appealed to the Constitution Court within 7 business days if the grievance falls under the jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to Section 10.2.

#3

Designated Driver Shuttle

Question:

Shall student incidental fees be increased by approximately \$0.52 per student per term to generate \$25,000 to enable the ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle to purchase a replacement 15-passenger van, for increased service during peak weekend operating hours?

Background:

When the ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle was founded in 1993, the only operating vehicle was a 1980 Ford Custom Deluxe van with seating

capacity for 6, obtained from the ASUO Saferide Program. The vehicle has been in constant use for 20 years.

Statement:

The Designated Driver Shuttle currently operates 7 days a week, 350 days out of the year. The Designated Driver Shuttle picks up UO students and takes them to their place of residence. During the 1999-2000 school year, the Designated Driver Shuttle's overall ridership has increased over 50%. In order to accommodate this increase in demand, the Designated Driver Shuttle must run three vehicles on peak weekend nights and two vehicles on peak weekday nights.

The proposed funding will go to the purchase and repair of a 15-passenger vehicle, which will replace the eldest of the Designated Driver Shuttle vans. This funding is a one-time request, separate from the operation cost funding ballot.

#4

Workers' Rights Consortium

Question:

Shall it be resolved that the students of the University of Oregon formally request the UO adopt the code of, and join with, the Workers' Rights Consortium, all membership fees to be financed by profits from UO licensing contracts?

Explanation:

The Workers' Rights Consortium monitors factories outside the U.S. that produce goods for U.S. based corporations. It utilizes unannounced factory visits by independent monitors and establishes networks of human rights and labor organizations local to the producing regions to respond to workers' reports of violations of code of conduct and/or collective bargaining agreements.

#5

International Resource Center

Question:

Shall student incidental fees be increased by approximately \$1.00 per student per term for a period of two years to generate \$50,000 per year to allow the Office of International Education and Exchange to purchase books, periodicals, supplies, and equipment, and to staff an International Resource Center within the International Lounge in the EMU?

Explanation:

This International Resource will provide newspapers and periodicals from around the world, computer links and information for traveling, working, studying, and living abroad. About 10% of UO students are from other countries, 14% of UO students study abroad, and some students travel overseas. This resource center will be available to the entire campus community.

#6

ASUO Constitution Changes

Question:

Shall Section 14.5 of the ASUO Constitution be struck and replaced with the following language?

14.5 The wording of all proposals to be placed on the ballot must be reviewed and approved by the Constitution Court. None of the steps outlined in Sections 14.1-14.4, including circulation of petitions, gathering of signatures, or placement on the ballot by the ASUO President or Student Senate, may be taken until the Court has approved the proposed measure. To be approved by the Court, the proposed measure must meet the following standards:

14.5.1 The proposed ballot measure must consist of two parts: a brief question and a separate statement. The statement shall provide any pertinent background information and an explanation of the effects of the measure. The statement may be omitted only when there is no pertinent background information and when the effects of the measure are clear from the question alone. Both the question and the statement are subject to all requirements of this review.

14.5.2 If a proposed ballot measure requests or otherwise alters incidental fee funding, it must specify an exact figure for the total allocations and an estimate of the per student assessment. Such measures shall, in the explanation, specify the amount of any incidental fees currently being allocated to the program, department, project, or service affected, as well as the total incidental fee allocation to that program, department, project, or service should the measure pass.

14.5.3 The proposed ballot measure must be worded in a clear and objective fashion.

14.5.4 The proposed ballot measure may contain no language inclined to influence voters.

14.5.5 The proposed ballot measure must be consistent with the ASUO Constitution.

14.5.6 With the exception of proposed amendments to the ASUO Constitution, the proposed ballot measure must be consistent with all rules promulgated under the ASUO Constitution.

14.5.7 The proposed ballot measure must be consistent with the University of Oregon Clark Document.

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Explanation:

In July of 1999, the University of Oregon Clark Document was revised. This document is named for its original author, former University of Oregon President Robert Clark. It is the compact between the University President and the ASUO, mandated by ORS 351.070, which allows the ASUO to participate in the process of assessing and allocating the incidental fee. The revisions included the following language:

"In execution of the authority delegated to the ASUO to recommend Incidental Fee levels, the appropriate branch of the ASUO will review initiative language before it is presented to the student body for direct vote. This review shall determine compliance with the ASUO Constitution and rules promulgated under it, and compliance with the statutory standard advantageous to the cultural or physical development of the student prescribed in ORS 351.070(3)(d)."

The constitutional amendment proposed in this measure represents one way of bringing the ASUO Constitution in line with the revisions to the Clark Document. The Constitution Court currently reviews all proposed ballot measures for clarity, objectivity, and lack of language inclined to influence voters (ASUO Cons. Article 14.5). This measure would add the Clark document's new requirements for ballot measure review to the Court's current review. In addition, the measure specifies and clarifies the Constitution Court's current standards of review for clarity and objectivity.

#7

Designated Driver Shuttle

Question:

Shall student incidental fees be increased by approximately \$0.35 per student per term to generate \$16,843 in addition to the Programs Finance Committee allocation of \$63,157, to fund the ASUO Designated

Driver Shuttle in such a manner that the Designated Driver Shuttle will be able to operate multiple vehicles during peak weekday and weekend shifts?

Statement:

The Designated Driver Shuttle currently operates 7 days a week, 350 days out of the year. The Designated Driver Shuttle picks up UO students and takes them to their place of residence.

Funding for the year 2000-01 will come from multiple sources. Without additional funding, the ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle will utilize approximately \$63,157 allocated from the Programs Finance Council to operate five days a week with one 8 passenger vehicle per evening. In order to accommodate the current demand of 250 riders per evening on the weekends, the ASUO Designated Driver Shuttle requests that the incidental fee be increased in order to provide an overall budget for the program of \$80,000 for the year of 2000-01.

#8

LTD

"Explanation:

Student fees currently fund unlimited bus service within the Lane Transit District service area for all registered UO students. Unlimited bus service means that any current registered UO student may ride the bus anywhere in Lane Transit District's service area as often as desired by showing the bus driver valid and current UO identification. This unlimited bus service is also provided between terms, meaning that a valid identification card for one term continues to be valid until the first day of the next term/semester.

Question:

Shall a student incidental fee be established at approximately \$7.29 per student per term for the 2000-2001 academic year to generate \$365,000, and approximately \$7.52 per student per term for the 2001-2002 academic year to generate \$375,000, to fund unlimited bus service for all currently registered U of O students?

Law students would pay approximately \$10.94 per student per regular semester for the 2000-2001 academic year, and approximately \$11.28 per student per regular semester for the 2001-2002 academic year. Law students would pay approximately \$7.29 per student for summer semester for the 2000-2001 academic year, and approximately \$7.52 per student for summer semester for the 2001-2002 academic year."