

# UC Irvine

## Student Government Student Media

March 11, 2026

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**DEAN OF STUDENTS**

**RE: Pre-Election Approval of the *UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum***

On behalf of Student Government Student Media (SGSM), I am submitting the UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum pre-election packet for review and subsequent final approval to be eligible for ballot during the 2026 ASUCI & AGS Spring Election to be held April 13-17, 2026.

At your earliest, please have the Vice Chancellor review, and if he approves, I would like to request the Vice Chancellor's signature on the noted letter. Thereafter, at your earliest convenience, please send the letter to the Chancellor for his review, and if he approves, I would like to request his signature on the noted letter.

I have a firm deadline of Friday, March 13, at 5:00pm to ensure the student representatives have submitted the approved packet to the official Election Commissioner to declare on the official ballot. I would appreciate receiving the final packet by Friday, March 13, at 12:00pm.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,



Stephanie N. Van Ginkel, Ed.D.  
Executive Director  
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March 11, 2026

**HOWARD GILLMAN**  
**CHANCELLOR**

**Re: Approval of the *UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum***

In accordance with the "Guidelines for Compulsory-Based Fees," your approval is requested for the following student fee referendum approved by the ASUCI Senate & AGS Council accordingly:

ASUCI Senate: Approval of the *UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum* for the 2026 ASUCI & AGS Spring General Election on March 5, 2026, by a vote of 17-0-0.

AGS Council: Approval of the *UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum* for the 2026 ASUCI & AGS Spring General Election on March 10, 2026, by a vote of 19-1-1.

The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) reviewed and provided any necessary feedback on February 13, 2026, with full Board approval.

Attached is the final & approved ballot language for the student fee referendum, which outlines the fee's purpose, amount, and ballot wording. The fee will be effective in the Fall Quarter of 2026, if passed and approved.

Balloting will take place during the 2026 ASUCI & AGS Spring Elections, which will be held April 13-17, 2026, and in accordance with the 2026 ASUCI & AGS Spring Election procedures. In order to pass, this referendum will require a 20% affected, eligible, total registered student body voter turnout rate ("voting pool") by submitting a ballot, of which at least a majority (50% + 1 vote) of those students who voted "yes" or "no" on this referendum must have voted "yes."

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Stephanie N. Van Ginkel, Ed.D.  
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On behalf of the lead student representing the *UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum*:

Alan Peralta  
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Student Operations Lead, UCI DREAM Center

Recommended for Approval:

|                                                                          |               |                                       |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Willie L. Banks Jr., Ph.D.</i>                                        | 3/12/2026     | <i>Howard Gillman</i>                 | 3/12/2026     |
| _____<br>WILLIE L. BANKS, JR., PH.D.<br>Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs | _____<br>Date | _____<br>Howard Gillman<br>Chancellor | _____<br>Date |

- Attachments:
- Final Ballot Language - *UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum*
  - Accompanying Documents for the Referendum
  - Guidelines for Compulsory Campus-Based Fees (Current October 2025)
  - SFAC Review Documentation
  - Passed ASUCI Senate Resolution 61-95
  - Passed AGS Council Resolution 26-13

### **UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum**

Do you approve the creation of a \$6.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter fee (\$18.00 annually), effective fall quarter 2026, and with annual inflationary increases starting in fall quarter 2027 to support the UCI DREAM Center, which provides services and resources for undocumented students, AB 540 students, students from mixed-status families, and the broader UCI community?

The UCI DREAM Center offers comprehensive support and resources for undocumented students, AB 540 students, and students from mixed-status families, while also providing educational opportunities for the UCI campus community to learn about immigration, equity, and inclusion. The Center delivers individualized guidance, legal and financial resource navigation, wellness and mental-health programs, academic and professional development opportunities, and campus-wide events that foster belonging and understanding across diverse student populations.

A key program supported by the Center is the DREAM Project Fellowship (DPF), which provides funded experiential-learning opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students who engage in projects that foster professional development and campus involvement, regardless of immigration status, through fellowships. Since 2023, the DPF has distributed over \$1.5 million in student support awards. Beginning in 2025-26, the UC Office of the President (UCOP) withdrew its financial commitment to the statewide experiential-learning fellowship program, leaving UC Irvine to sustain an annual cost of approximately \$600,000-\$650,000.

The proposed student fee would establish a stable funding source to support the UCI DREAM Center's operations, professional staff, student programs, and partial funding of the DREAM Project Fellowship. This fee would ensure long-term stability for essential student support services provided by the UCI DREAM Center that contribute to educational access, inclusion, and student success at UC Irvine.

- The fee will be assessed to all undergraduate and graduate academic and professional degree students, not including students in self-supporting graduate professional degree programs.
- The fee will be assessed during the fall, winter, and spring quarters, starting fall 2026.
- The fees collected will be managed by the UCI DREAM Center. An audit of the use of these fees will be provided by a professional staff designee of the UCI DREAM Center upon request.
- The proposed fee level is intended to fund student services as described in this referendum; however, in the event there is a year-end balance, the balance will be carried forward to the next year to be used on expenses within the scope of this fee as determined by the majority student advisory board for this fee
- In accordance with University of California policy requiring a minimum return-to-aid of 25% for new or increased campus-based fees, a portion of this fee will be provided for aid. This fee will have 33% of the fee returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of this fee for undergraduate and graduate students who are eligible for financial aid.
- Starting fall 2027, the fee 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. CPI-U is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

- The UCI DREAM Center is responsible for providing an annual report to the Chancellor on its programming and operations to ensure the proper and effective use of the fees collected. In addition, the report will be presented to the ASUCI Senate and AGS Council. Upon request, this report will be available.
- A new majority student advisory board under the UCI DREAM Center will make recommendations regarding the operating budget, and administration of the fee-funded activities, and will be responsible for assisting the UCI DREAM Center with writing and distributing an annual report on the activities funded by this fee initiative.
- This fee will sunset (expire) on its 30th year (2055-56) unless the undergraduate and graduate student body reaffirms this fee. This fee can be reaffirmed as early as the 26th year (2051-52); otherwise, if there is no vote to reaffirm this fee by the end of its 30th year (2055-56), the fee will terminate.
- In order to pass, this referendum will require at least a 20% eligible, affected total registered undergraduate and graduate student body voter turnout rate by submitting a ballot during the 2026 ASUCI and AGS Spring Elections, of which at least a majority (50% plus one vote) of those students who voted "yes" or "no" on the referenda in question must have voted "yes."

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I support a new per quarter fee, as described in this referendum, starting at \$6.00 per undergraduate and graduate student for the UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I do not support a new per quarter fee, as described in this referendum, starting at \$6.00 per undergraduate and graduate student for the UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum.

\_\_\_\_\_ Abstain (I do not wish to vote on this item)

# Guidelines Governing the Use and Distribution of Funds

## UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum (Proposed Effective Fall Quarter 2026)

### I. Purpose of the Fee

The UCI DREAM Center Student Fee establishes a permanent and sustainable funding source to support the operations, programming, and staffing of the UCI DREAM Center, which serves undocumented students, AB 540 students, students from mixed-status families, and the broader University of California, Irvine community.

The funds will ensure the continuation and expansion of the Center's services, including individualized guidance, financial and legal resource navigation, mental health and wellness programs, leadership development, and advocacy initiatives. A portion of the funds will directly support the DREAM Project Fellowship (DPF), which provides funded experiential learning opportunities for students served by the Center.

### II. Fee Implementation and Assessment

1. The fee shall be \$6.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, totaling \$18 annually.
2. The fee shall take effect beginning Fall Quarter 2026.
3. The fee shall apply to all registered undergraduate and graduate students during the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters.
4. Beginning Fall Quarter 2027, the fee shall increase annually in accordance with the California Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), as determined by the California Department of Finance.
5. The fee will remain in effect until 2055-56, at which time it will sunset unless reaffirmed by the student body between 2051-52 and 2055-56.

### III. Management and Oversight

1. The funds collected through this referendum shall be managed by the UCI DREAM Center, under the administrative oversight of the Division of Student Affairs.
2. A UCI DREAM Center Student Advisory Board shall be established to ensure responsible fiscal management and alignment with the Center's mission.
3. The Advisory Board shall consist of:

- A majority of student representatives, including both undergraduate and graduate students;
  - One staff representative from the UCI DREAM Center;
  - One representative from the Division of Student Affairs; and
  - One faculty or campus partner appointed by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs or designee.
4. The Advisory Board shall:
- Review and recommend annual budgets and spending plans;
  - Ensure that all expenditures align with the approved referendum guidelines;
  - Publish an annual report summarizing all allocations, programs supported, and outcomes achieved;
  - Present this report to the Chancellor, ASUCI Senate, and AGS Council for review and public record.

IV. Allocation of Funds

The funds generated by this fee shall be allocated as follows:

| Category                                 | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Approximate Allocation |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. DREAM Project Fellowship (DPF)        | To provide stipends and administrative support for undergraduate and graduate students participating in the DREAM Project Fellowship, which offers experiential learning, professional development, and campus engagement opportunities. | 50%                    |
| 2. Professional Staff and Operations     | To support professional staff salaries and operational costs necessary for the continued delivery of DREAM Center services.                                                                                                              | 25%                    |
| 3. Student Support Programs and Services | To maintain and expand programs that provide financial, academic, and wellness resources for students from diverse immigration experiences, mixed-status families, and the broader UCI community.                                        | 20%                    |
| 4. Administrative Reserve                | To maintain a contingency reserve for emergency needs or unexpected operational expenses.                                                                                                                                                | 5%                     |

These percentages are approximate and may be adjusted annually by the Advisory Board to respond to evolving student needs, provided all allocations remain consistent with the intent of this referendum.

## V. Return-to-Aid Requirement

In accordance with University of California policy, 33% of the total annual fee revenue shall be allocated to need-based financial aid to offset the cost of the fee for eligible students. This portion shall be administered by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

## VI. Reporting and Accountability

1. The UCI DREAM Center shall prepare and submit an annual report detailing:
  - Total revenue collected from the fee;
  - Allocation and expenditure breakdowns;
  - Outcomes and impact summaries from funded programs; and
  - Recommendations for continued improvement and student engagement.
2. The annual report shall be reviewed by the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) and the Division of Student Affairs, and made publicly available upon request.
3. All records of expenditures shall be subject to periodic internal review or audit by the UCI Budget Office and SGSM Business Office.

## VII. Use of Funds Restrictions

1. All expenditures shall comply with the UC Irvine Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students (PACAOS) and all relevant UC and campus financial policies.
2. Funds may not be used for any purposes unrelated to the mission of the UCI DREAM Center or in violation of University policy.
3. Any year-end unspent funds shall roll over into the following fiscal year and remain restricted to use within the scope of these guidelines.

**Prepared by:**

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# UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum

10-Year Projected Budget Plan (FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36)

## Overview

This 10-year budget projection outlines the anticipated revenue and allocation of funds generated through the proposed UCI DREAM Center Student Fee. The fee would provide a stable and permanent funding source to sustain the operations, staffing, and programs of the UCI DREAM Center, including the continuation of the DREAM Project Fellowship (DPF) and related student development initiatives.

## Assumptions

1. Fee Implementation:
  - The fee will be \$6.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter, assessed during Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters only (three quarters per year).
  - Total annual fee per student: \$18.00.
  - Effective date: Fall Quarter 2026.
2. Student Population:
  - An estimated total of 34,000 enrolled students (approximately 28,000 undergraduate and 6,000 graduate).
  - Enrollment held constant across 10 years for conservative forecasting.
3. Inflation (CPI-U):
  - Annual increase of 3% beginning Fall Quarter 2027, in alignment with the California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).
4. Return-to-Aid (RTA):
  - 33% of total fee revenue will be allocated to need-based financial aid, consistent with UC and UCI campus policy.
  - The RTA portion supports students who qualify for institutional, state, or need-based aid, including recipients of the California Dream Act and UCI Grant programs.
5. Available Program Funds:
  - 67% of annual fee revenue remains available for DREAM Center operations and programming after RTA.

- These funds are distributed based on the following allocations:
  - DREAM Project Fellowship (DPF): 50%
  - Professional Staff and Operations: 25%
  - Student Support Programs and Services: 20%
  - Administrative Reserve: 5%
- 6. Fund Management and Oversight:
  - Funds will be administered by the UCI DREAM Center under the Division of Student Affairs.
  - A DREAM Center Student Advisory Board, with a student majority, will review annual budgets and expenditures and submit an annual report to the Chancellor, ASUCI Senate, and AGS Council.
- 7. Rollover Policy:
  - Any unspent funds at the end of a fiscal year will roll forward for continued use by the DREAM Center, consistent with referendum guidelines.

## Ten-Year Projected Budget Table

| Academic Year | Fee per Student (Annual) | Total Revenue (Gross) | Return to Aid (33%) | Available Program Funds (67%) | DPF (50%) | Staff & Operations (25%) | Student Programs (20%) | Reserve (5%) |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 2026-27       | \$18.00                  | \$612,000             | \$204,000           | \$408,000                     | \$204,000 | \$102,000                | \$81,600               | \$20,400     |
| 2027-28       | \$18.54                  | \$630,360             | \$210,120           | \$420,240                     | \$210,120 | \$105,060                | \$84,048               | \$21,012     |
| 2028-29       | \$19.10                  | \$649,271             | \$216,424           | \$432,847                     | \$216,424 | \$108,212                | \$86,569               | \$21,642     |
| 2029-30       | \$19.67                  | \$668,749             | \$222,916           | \$445,833                     | \$222,916 | \$111,458                | \$89,167               | \$22,292     |
| 2030-31       | \$20.26                  | \$688,811             | \$229,604           | \$459,208                     | \$229,604 | \$114,802                | \$91,842               | \$22,960     |
| 2031-32       | \$20.87                  | \$709,476             | \$236,492           | \$472,984                     | \$236,492 | \$118,246                | \$94,597               | \$23,649     |
| 2032-33       | \$21.49                  | \$730,760             | \$243,587           | \$487,173                     | \$243,587 | \$121,793                | \$97,435               | \$24,359     |
| 2033-34       | \$22.14                  | \$752,683             | \$250,894           | \$501,789                     | \$250,894 | \$125,447                | \$100,358              | \$25,089     |
| 2034-35       | \$22.80                  | \$775,263             | \$258,421           | \$516,842                     | \$258,421 | \$129,211                | \$103,368              | \$25,842     |
| 2035-36       | \$23.49                  | \$798,521             | \$266,174           | \$532,347                     | \$266,174 | \$133,087                | \$106,469              | \$26,617     |

# Ten-Year Summary

| Category                            | 10-Year Total Allocation |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Revenue (Gross)               | \$7,015,894              |
| Return-to-Aid (33%)                 | \$2,338,631              |
| Available Program Funds (67%)       | \$4,677,263              |
| DREAM Project Fellowship (DPF)      | \$2,338,631              |
| Professional Staff & Operations     | \$1,169,316              |
| Student Support Programs & Services | \$935,453                |
| Administrative Reserve              | \$233,863                |

## Notes and Explanations

- Inflation Adjustment:
  - The projected increase of 3% annually (beginning FY 2027-28) aligns with CPI-U rates typically used in other campus referenda.
- Return-to-Aid Justification:
  - Maintaining a 33% RTA aligns with UC Irvine's campus standard, ensuring consistency with other campus-based fees and continued accessibility for students receiving need-based or institutional aid.
- Purpose of Allocations:
  - The DREAM Project Fellowship (DPF) supports experiential learning and professional development opportunities for students engaged in projects that enhance educational access and campus inclusion.
  - Professional Staff & Operations ensures stable staffing and administrative capacity for ongoing student services.
  - Student Support Programs & Services cover workshops, financial resource navigation, and wellness programs serving students from diverse immigration experiences and mixed-status families.
  - The Administrative Reserve ensures fiscal flexibility for unforeseen costs or emergencies.
- Financial Oversight:

- Annual reports on the use of funds will be prepared by the DREAM Center, reviewed by the Student Advisory Board, and submitted to the Chancellor, ASUCI, AGS, and SFAC for accountability and transparency.

**Prepared by:**

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE**  
**GUIDELINES FOR COMPULSORY CAMPUS-BASED FEES**

*This memo supersedes the memo entitled "Guidelines for Compulsory Campus-Based Fees" signed by Chancellor Gillman on January 9, 2025.*

These guidelines apply to the establishment, increase, decrease, modification, or cessation of student compulsory campus-based fees for supporting student-related programs and services. Examples include sports programs, child care programs, and student fee-funded facilities. These guidelines apply to all compulsory campus-based fees for student fee-funded facilities, student-related programs and services, or student governments.

These guidelines are provided in accordance with the University of California Policy 80 on Compulsory Campus-Based Student Fees, which states, "Chancellors shall establish in-campus implementing regulations, prior to any student referendum, procedures that meet at least the ... minimum system-wide standard for such referenda."

- I. Establishment or increase of a compulsory campus-based fee:
  - a. A proposal for the establishment or increase of a compulsory campus-based fee initiative may be submitted to the Chancellor for approval from one of the following sources:
    - i. Enrolled student or group of student sponsors who have received approval from:
      1. ASUCI Senate for undergraduate student compulsory fees;
      2. AGS Council for graduate student compulsory fees;
        - a. a graduate professional Council, in addition to AGS Council, for compulsory fees affecting only that specific student group;
      3. both ASUCI Senate and AGS Council for compulsory fees affecting all students;
    - ii. Enrolled student or group of student sponsors who petitioned the student body with:
      1. the petition signed by at least 8% of registered undergraduate students for undergraduate student compulsory fees only;
      2. the petition signed by at least 8% of registered graduate students for graduate student compulsory fees only;

- a. the petition signed by at least 8% of the registered graduate students from a graduate professional school for compulsory fees affecting only that specific student group;
  3. the petition signed by at least 8% of the total registered student body compulsory for fees affecting all students;
- iii. Directive of the Chancellor.
- b. Prior to submission to the Chancellor, the proposal shall be submitted to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, who will work with the Budget Office for further review by Campus Counsel and relevant campus administrative departments that may be impacted by the proposed fee (e.g., Capital Planning for facility-related proposals). The Budget Office will coordinate with the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) and the Office of the President for review.
  - c. The content of the compulsory fee initiative shall be submitted to the Chancellor for approval. Information shall include, but not limited to the: student sponsor, their title, purpose of the fee, amount of the fee, return-to-aid percentage, the effective date of the fee, reaffirmation date (with the exception of compulsory fees serving debt), wording on the ballot, and voting procedures. Balloting for an initiative shall not take place without prior approval of the Chancellor.
  - d. Should UC Irvine administrative office(s) spend funds to produce printed materials in support of a fee initiative, it shall make available, through student government, an equal amount of funds to produce printed material against the fee initiative. The amount of the funds shall be limited to the cost of printing these materials. A neutral "Information Brochure" about the initiative shall be exempt from this policy. Expenditures shall be administered through the student government's business office.
  - e. Fee initiatives:
    - i. For undergraduate fee initiatives, at least 20% of registered undergraduate students affected by the fee must submit a ballot;
      1. At least a majority (50% plus one vote) of those students who voted "yes" or "no" on the referenda in question must have voted "yes."
    - ii. For graduate fee initiatives, at least 20% of registered graduate students affected by the fee must submit a ballot;
      1. At least a majority (50% plus one vote) of those students who voted "yes" or "no" on the referenda in question must have voted "yes."
    - iii. For initiatives that are a joint-action proposed by both undergraduates

and graduates, at least 20% of the total registered student body affected by the fee must submit a ballot;

1. At least a majority (50% plus one vote) of those students who voted "yes" or "no" on the referenda in question must have voted "yes."

iv. For fee-funded facilities, at least 20% of the total registered student body affected by the fee must submit a ballot;

1. At least 60% of those students who voted "yes" or "no" on the referenda in question must have voted "yes."

v. If approved by students, the results shall be sent to the Chancellor for approval. The Chancellor will then forward the compulsory fee recommendation to the Regents for their approval.

II. Decrease or Elimination of an existing compulsory campus-based fee:

- a. Compulsory fees not tied to debt services or necessary to meet legal requirements and contractual obligations may be reduced, eliminated, or increased by amending referenda governed by the above guidelines. In addition, all proposals for elimination, reduction, or increase shall be submitted to the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) and relevant campus administrative departments for review and recommendation before submission to the Chancellor by applicable student government(s) for final review and approval.
- b. Prior to submission to the Chancellor, the proposal shall be submitted to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, who will work with the Budget Office for further review by Campus Counsel and relevant campus administrative departments that may be impacted by the decrease or elimination of the fee (e.g., Capital Planning for facility-related proposals). The Budget Office will coordinate with the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) and the Office of the President for review.
- c. If referenda fees are tied to debt service, those fees must end when the debt obligation has been retired. If fees are not tied to debt service, the fees must be reaffirmed through referenda starting at a maximum of 26 years after the fee is enacted. If there is no vote to reaffirm a fee by the 30<sup>th</sup> year after the fee's initiation, the fee will sunset. If referenda debt is refinanced, it should be done so in good faith, and the fee tied to that debt should be reduced or adjusted accordingly.

III. Waiver of an existing compulsory campus-based fee:

- a. Compulsory fees may be considered for a waiver if the following conditions are met:
  - i. The campus has a vested interest in students taking a course or set of courses and/or requires students to take a course or set of courses

that trigger a compulsory campus fee; and

- ii. The purpose of the campus requirement or reason for students to take the course(s) includes the explicit expectation that students not be charged for the activity. In particular, there needs to be no other costs to the student imposed by the campus for taking the course(s).
- b. If these two conditions are met, a proposal for waiving the compulsory fees may be sponsored by:
- i. Academic Senate Chair;
  - ii. A Vice Chancellor or a Vice Provost; and/or
  - iii. Directive of the Chancellor
- c. Any proposal shall include the justification of the activity, including what it is a requirement for and how it services the mission of the University and a justification of the activity not having any associated charges. The proposal will be submitted to SFAC and relevant campus departments for review and recommendation prior to submission to the Chancellor for a final decision.
- d. Any waiver of compulsory fees under this provision shall only apply to the specific course(s) required by the activity. If additional activity or courses on the part of a student triggers compulsory fees, the student will be responsible for the fee.

The Chancellor has the authority to change this process as per PACAOS 85.00.

Recommendation for Approval:

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ASUCI President, 25-26

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Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs

Approved:

*Howard Gillman*  
Howard Gillman  
Chancellor

10/15/2025  
Date



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## RE: Spring referenda at UC Irvine

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**From** Katherine Warnke-Carpenter <kcarpent@uci.edu>

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 4 attachments (12 MB)

UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum - UCOP\_SFAC.docx; Safeguarding Our Cultural and Identity Centers Student Fee Referendum - UCOP\_SFAC.docx; Undergraduate Basic Needs Student Fee Referendum - UCOP\_SFAC.docx; Support the New University's Support Student-Run Newspaper Student Fee Referendum - UCOP.docx;

Hello,

SFAC reviewed and added comments at this afternoon's meeting to the 4 attached referenda. They also voted to support as revised by Stephanie, so these would not need to go back for SFAC re-review. They did add some clarification questions they hope UCOP will answer, but nothing that would require them seeing these again. They didn't have any additional comments for New University.

These 4 were sent as attached to UCOP this afternoon at 5pm at the conclusion of the meeting. I had given them a heads up yesterday. I have requested to have the graduate student ones (2) returned by 2/20 and the undergrad only (2) could follow early the following week, if necessary but no later than 2/27 to meet elections deadlines.

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**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2026 9:22 AM

**To:** Stephanie Noëlle Van Ginkel <svangink@uci.edu>; Katherine Warnke-Carpenter <kcarpent@uci.edu>

## ASUCI Senate Legislation

# Legislation: R61-95 Approval of the DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum for the ASUCI Spring General Elections

Item #: **100** Author: **Allison Kim – First Year Senator** Second: **Nasser Ssenyange – At Large Senator, Samantha Salazar – Biological Sciences Senator** Date of Presentation: **March 5, 2026**

**Whereas**, Article XIII, Section 2(a) of the ASUCI Constitution establishes the undergraduate student body's power to "create self-assessed fees" (1);

**Whereas**, Article XIII, Section 2(c) of the ASUCI Constitution establishes that "[f]ee initiatives may be proposed by ... [a]pproval of a proposal by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the Senate" (1);

**Whereas**, Article XIII, Section 2(e) of the ASUCI Constitution establishes that "fee initiative[s] must also be reviewed and approved by the Student Fee Advisory Committee, the UC Office of the President, and other campus bodies as necessary, in addition to complying with University policies on student fees" (1);

**Whereas**, the UCI DREAM Center provides services and resources for undocumented students, AB 540 students, students from mixed-status families, and the broader UCI community.

**Whereas**, UCOP withdrew its financial commitment beginning in the 2025-2026 academic year, leaving UC Irvine to sustain an annual cost of approximately \$600,000 to \$650,000. (2)

**Whereas**, to cover this year's annual cost of \$598,568, UC Irvine allocated \$280,000 with the remainder cost being covered by the DREAM Center;

**Whereas**, the DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum team has been working since the beginning of the academic year to propose their referendum;

**Whereas**, the DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum team has submitted to the Student Government Student Media Executive Director the administrative paperwork necessary to run a referendum this academic year;

Office of the President and the UC Irvine Student Fee Advisory Committee;

**Whereas**, if the referendum is approved by 50% + 1 of the undergraduate students who vote in the 2026 ASUCI Spring General Elections, following an overall voter turnout of 20% of the undergraduate student body, the DREAM Center anticipates using the fee to “establish a stable funding source to support the UCI DREAM Center’s operations, professional staff, student programs, and partial funding of the DREAM Project Fellowship.” (2);

**Whereas**, if the referendum is approved by 50% + 1 of the undergraduate students who vote in the 2026 ASUCI Spring General Elections, following an overall voter turnout of 20% of the undergraduate student body, 33% of the fee will be returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of the fee for undergraduate students who are eligible for financial aid”(2);

**Whereas**, if the referendum is approved by 50% + 1 of the undergraduate students who vote in the 2026 ASUCI Spring General Elections, following an overall voter turnout of 20% of the undergraduate student body, the fee will be implemented Fall 2026 (2);

**Whereas**, the approval of the DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum by the ASUCI Senate is a procedural action to place the referendum on the 2026 ASUCI Spring General Elections ballot and not a formal endorsement of the referendum;

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the ASUCI Senate approves the DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum to be placed on the 2026 ASUCI Spring General Elections ballot with the final language of the referendum as attached (2);

**Therefore, be it ordered that** the ASUCI Elections Commissioner places the DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum on the 2026 ASUCI Spring General Elections ballot;

**Therefore, be it finally resolved that** the ASUCI Senate recognizes Alan Peralta as the official representative of the DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum for the purposes of campaigning during the 2026 ASUCI Spring General Elections;

#### **References:**

1. ASUCI Constitution
2. DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum Final Language

<https://internal.studentgov.uci.edu/wp-content/uploads/formidable/35/dream-referendum-approval.pdf>

Vote Required: **Majority**

Yea: **17**

Final Vote: **Passed**

Nay: **0**

Date Voted On: **March 5, 2026**

Abs: **0**

**AGS Council Legislation**

# **Resolution 26-13**

## **Resolution to Approve the UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum for the 2026 Spring Election Ballot**

Sponsored By: **Peter Liu, Education**

Date of Presentation: **March 10, 2026**

WHEREAS Article VI Section 7 of the Constitution of the Associated Graduate Student (AGS) of the University of California, Irvine (UCI) states that, "Referendums may be placed on an AGS Elections ballot by a motion from Council passed by simple majority of Council or by AGS members who present a petition containing the valid signatures of at least ten percent of the current members of AGS"; and

WHEREAS the attached referendum has been reviewed by and received feedback from the University of California Office of the President and the Student Fee Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS approving a referendum for a ballot is not an endorsement of its contents;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that AGS approves placing the UCI DREAM Center Student Fee Referendum on the ballot for the Spring 2026 Elections.

Attachments: [uci-dream-center-student-fee-referendum.pdf](#)

Vote Required: **Majority** Final Vote: **Pass** Date Voted On: **March 10, 2026**

Nay: **1** Yea: **19**

Abs: **1**