

Spring 2006 Fee Referendum & Advisory Measures

Associated Students Sustainability Program

Overview The purpose of this fee referendum is to propose the development of an Associated Students Sustainability Program. Sustainability is about remaking the human presence in the natural world in a manner that will allow all current and future humans to be healthy; have strong, vibrant, secure and thriving communities and nations' have economic opportunity for all; and restore and maintain the integrity of our life-support system – the biosphere. The Associated Students Sustainability Program would be supported by a student fee increase and would be used to promote sustainability within the Associated Students and CSU, Chico. Funds generated by the fee will be overseen by an Associated Students committee, made up of seven students, and three university representatives, which will accept applications from students who wish to develop and implement sustainability projects and programs. Additionally, these funds will support the creation and on-going operations of a Sustainability Coordinator position for the Associated Students. The Associated Students Sustainability Coordinator will help facilitate and develop sustainable practices within the Associated Students and CSU, Chico.

Referendum

Do you support the development of an Associated Students Sustainability Program? The Associated Students Sustainability Program would be funded by a student fee of \$5 per semester. The fee will begin in fall 2006, and will be annually adjusted by a CPI (Consumer Price Index) not to exceed 5% beginning fall 2007.

A “Yes” vote indicates that you are in favor of the proposed student union fee increase to create funds specifically allocated for 1) Student sustainability projects and programs and 2) To fund and support the creation of a Sustainability Coordinator position within the Associated Students.

A “No” vote indicates that you are not in favor of the proposed student union fee increase to create funds specifically allocated for 1) Student sustainability projects and programs and 2) To fund and support the creation of a Sustainability Coordinator position within the Associated Students.

Sustainability

Without sustainable, social, environmental and economic policy, we have no future. Every day the American people consume more resources than the planet can recover. If we continue down this path we will leave nothing of the planet we have borrowed from our children. However, the purpose of education is to create responsible citizens and stewards of a common future. Therefore the university in its role to provide knowledge, skills, and moral and intellectual virtues to its students; is obligated to integrate sustainability into all curriculum so that it can prepare graduates to address challenging conditions in a world “under stress.” Should the Associated Students encourage the university to establish a policy wherein each department designates or develops an upper division graduation requirement that incorporates environmental, social, and economic sustainability into the curriculum, unique to each discipline?

Yes / No