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University of California, Riverside
Spring 2001
Commons Expansion Referendum
Thursday April 5, 2001

This referendum has been approved by the Chancellor and is a legally binding document. Please read the referendum carefully and cast your vote accordingly on the ballot below. It provides for planning to begin immediately. The new fee assessment would begin when the first major phase of the project is completed, Fall 2004.

Introduction:

This referendum acknowledges the campus community's interest in renovating and expanding the existing Commons to accommodate the growing social and cultural needs and demands of UCR students. It acknowledges that the existing Commons cannot accommodate tomorrow's student body that is projected to be 22,000 by 2010.

The existing Commons consists of food outlets, a passive recreation room, a copy center, the terrace rooms, and various student services organizational spaces. The proposed, New Commons seeks to satisfy the needs of students by providing expanded social, cultural, meeting, dining and other retail options.

Based on a recent survey of 1,500 UCR students the proposed Commons may include:

- Expanded and enhanced food services to include multiple branded food outlets, and expanded seating areas
- Study lounges, including a TV lounge, 2 — 4 person seminar rooms, and meeting/conference rooms
- Retail areas, including ATM machines, Ticket Master, music/video, a bank branch, newsstand, and a variety of other retail services
- Computer labs, postal services, and a cyber cafe.
- Expanded office space for registered student organizations
- Expanded meeting spaces
- Activity spaces, such as a bowling alley, pool tables/billiards, games center, video arcades, an outdoor performance area and a theater
- Expanded shaded outdoor patios and seating areas
- Enhanced and expanded convenience store
- Enhanced facilities for Student Programs and Student Service units presently located in the Commons

In the proposed New Commons, square footage ranges have been identified for several zones and are as follows:

- Student Space 50,000 — 55,000 sq. ft.
- Food Service 25,000 — 28,000 sq. ft.
- Retail 6,000 — 9,000 sq. ft.
- Commons Management 2,500 — 3,200 sq. ft.

The proposed New Commons is expected to include approximately 150,000 gross square feet 85,000 new and 65,000 renovated. Specific usage and scheduling policies for the facility will be drafted and approved by the Student Commons Facility Governing Board, a governing group responsible for assuring that student priorities are considered foremost in program policies, procedures and practices for the facility.

Funding:

Nonacademic facilities, such as the Commons, must be funded primarily through student fees established by a referendum vote of the student body. If approved, this referendum will provide funds for the expansion, renovation, maintenance and operation of the New UCR Commons. Registration fees will also be used to fund the New UCR Commons. In addition, to reduce the cost of the project for students, private gifts will be solicited.

The total project cost will be approximately \$ 50 million. The proposed fee for this project is \$90/quarter. The fee will fund most of the construction, expansion, maintenance of the facility, as well as the building operation costs. Once the cost of project is paid, and/or student enrollment increases beyond the annual average needed for funding, operating and maintaining the facility, students may choose to use surplus funds to reduce the Commons Fee, provide for additional expansion, and/or retire the debt for the facility. At the time of the final debt retirement, the fee will be adjusted appropriately. The \$90/quarter fee will begin only after the first major phase of the proposed Commons is completed, Fall 2004.

Building Committee:

To ensure that student interests are served throughout the entire process of creating a new and expanded Commons, the role that students will have in the building committee process shall be as follows:

- o The building committee shall be composed of at least 50 percent students.
- o The final building design must be approved by a simple majority vote of those present at a special combined session with proportioned voting representation according to population on campus, of the ASUCR Senate and GSA Council before it is forwarded on to the UCR and UC Regent building approval process.

Governance:

The proposed Commons shall be controlled by a student governing board that will be advisory to the Chancellor through the Vice Chancellor for Student Services and Enrollment. The Student Commons Facility Governing Board will consist of seven undergraduate students, two graduate students, one faculty member, one staff member, the Commons Director (ex-officio non-voting), and the Chancellor or his/her designate (ex-officio non voting). The student members shall be nominated by ASUCR and GSA and appointed by the Vice Chancellor of Student Services & Enrollment. The chairperson of the governing board shall be a student, and the board shall meet at least bi-monthly. The existing Commons Board of Governors shall be replaced by the Student Commons Facility Governing Board once the new facility is opened.

Upon completion of the facility, the Student Commons Facility Governing Board will be responsible for:

1. Developing all facility operations policies, approving all budgetary aspects (including annual budget, usage fees, etc.)
2. Developing Usage policies for the facilities.
3. Submitting through the chair, performance evaluations of facilities management personnel.
4. Approving an annual report developed by the Commons Facility detailing the fiscal and management operations of the facility to the Chancellor and students.

To assure that student priorities for the facility are maintained, all recommendations made by the Board can be reversed by a 2/3 vote of the ASUCR Senate and Graduate Student Council.

Referendum Passage: In compliance with UC and UCR policies, this referendum must meet these criteria during elections to be approved by the student body.

1. At least 20% of the student body must vote on the issue.
2. A majority of the votes cast must vote in favor of the issue.

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Passed
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UC RIVERSIDE COMMONS/RECREATION FACILITIES EXPANSION REFERENDUM 1988

This referendum was written by a student planning committee and is a legally binding document. Please read this referendum carefully and cast your vote accordingly. It provides for planning to begin immediately and the fee assessment to begin as of Fall 1988 with an additional increase in the Fall of 1991 upon projected building completion.

INTRODUCTION

Currently, both the Commons and recreational facilities at UCR are either overcrowded or at maximum usage. Due to UC systemwide pressure, UCR's enrollment is projected to increase an additional 40% by the Fall of 1991 and access to these already limited facilities will become increasingly difficult.

In the University of California system, nonacademic facilities are funded primarily through "student self-assessed fees" augmented by registration fees, private donations, and facility-generated income. Therefore, this referendum was created in order to provide funding to expand these impacted facilities so as to maintain the quality of student life at this university. Currently, UCR has the lowest student facility fee of any U.C. campus.

The following is the projected usage and approximate square footage for the future facilities:

COMMONS FACILITY	
	Square Footage
Study Lounges	4,900
Conference Room Space	4,000
Office Space for Student Government and Student Services including ASUCR, GSA, Special Services, Career Planning and Placement, and other student programs and student media.	6,250
Additional Food Services	1,800
TOTAL	19,650
RECREATION FACILITY	
	Square Footage
Multi-Use Gymnasium with 3 Intramural-Size Basketball Courts for Drop-In Recreation and Intramural Use, also suitable for Concerts and Other Special Events.	17,000
Weight Room/Cardiovascular Wellness Center	2,750
Racquetball/Handball Courts (4)	3,400
Multi-Purpose Rooms (Aerobics, Dance, etc.)	5,000
Shower/Locker Rooms	5,300
Equipment Room/Storage	1,000
Recreation/Related Offices	1,000
TOTAL	36,350
TOTAL USABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE (both facilities)	
	56,000

- The referendum also provides for:
- Additional lighting for the intramural fields.
 - A jacuzzi.

FACILITY USAGE

The additional Commons facilities will be available for use by all students, faculty and staff of the University. Specific usage and scheduling policies will be drafted and approved by the Student Governing Board.

The new recreational facilities will be available for use by all students, faculty and staff, as well, for recreational use. There shall be no use by Intercollegiate Athletics unless it is approved specifically by referendum vote.

The priorities for usage for the recreation facility are as follows:

1. Open/Drop-In Recreation.
2. Intramural Sports.
3. Recreational Sports Clubs.
4. Special Events (must be scheduled two weeks prior to the end of the previous quarter).

FUNDING

Since the State will not fund these types of facilities, the students are being asked to bear the primary burden of the construction, maintenance, and operational costs of both facilities. It is both typical and in accord with University policy that students pay for these types of "students" facilities, but since this will be a multi-use facility, additional funding sources have been secured.

Since current students will not utilize these facilities to the extent that future students will, the initial fee will be five (\$5) dollars per quarter, and will increase to a total of forty-two (\$42) dollars per quarter when the facilities open in 1991 (Commons \$10; Recreation \$32 plus initial \$5 fee). Any changes which will result in an increase in the fee schedule must be instituted by student referendum.

The loan to fund the proposed project will run twenty-seven years. During that period, if the enrollment grows beyond the annual average necessary to fund, operate, and maintain this facility, any surplus funds will be set aside for future expansion or a fee reduction, or retirement of debt. These options must be instituted by student referendum.

At the time of debt retirement, the Board of Governors shall reduce the student fee to an amount sufficient to cover the operation and maintenance costs of, and an appropriate reserve fund for, the facilities.

FEE SCHEDULE

Increase to the existing Student Center Fee

(The existing Student Center Fee is \$5/quarter)

1988-1991	\$15 per year at \$5 per quarter.
1991-2018:	
OPTION I -	\$111 per year at \$37 per quarter additional (\$176 per year total) for <u>both facilities</u> (check both "Commons" and "Recreation" boxes)
OPTION II -	\$30 per year at \$10 per quarter additional (\$45 per year total) for <u>Commons only</u> (check <u>only</u> "Commons" box)
OPTION III -	\$81 per year at \$27 per quarter additional (\$96 per year total) for <u>Recreation only</u> (check <u>only</u> "Recreation" box)

[Building is operational Fall 1991]

Projected Additional Funding Sources

1. Registration Fees	1988/89	\$100,000
(this will not result in an increase of current Reg Fees)	1989/90	\$150,000
	1990/2018	\$200,000 per year
2. Non-Student User Fees	1990/2018	\$ 50,000 per year
3. Community Donations	One-Time	\$250,000 (bleachers)

GOVERNANCE

The aforementioned facilities shall be controlled by a student governing board, and will be advisory to the Chancellor. The Student Facility Governing Board will consist of six (6) undergraduates; three (3) graduates; one (1) faculty member; the Director of Recreation/Intramurals (ex-officio non-voting); the Facility Director (ex-officio non-voting); and the Chancellor or her designee. The students shall be appointed by the Chancellor following nomination by their respective student governments. The chairperson of the board shall be a student, and the board shall meet at least bi-monthly.

It shall be the responsibility of the board to:

1. Draft bylaws for itself subject to the approval of the Chancellor and maintain responsibility for the Common's Board of Governors.
2. Finalise through appropriate UCR offices the detailed program analysis, Program Planning Guide, Environmental Impact Report, architectural program, and subsequent design development.
3. Approve all fiscal aspects including but not limited to, the project budget, the construction contract, and subsequent operating budget proposals.
4. Monitor all construction aspects including, but not limited to, reviewing the construction contract amount and to verify compliance with the project budget, reviewing all claims of cost changes by the contractor, and reviewing the project expenses during the construction phase.

Upon the completion of the facility, the Board will be responsible for:

1. All facility operations and policies, approving all budgetary aspects (including annual budgets, usage fees, etc.).
2. Usage of the facilities for all concerned parties.
3. Submitting through the chair an evaluation of the performance of facilities management personnel.
4. Making available an annual report detailing the fiscal and management operations of the facility to the Chancellor and students.

**SAMPLE
REFERENDUM BALLOT WORDING
Vote: May 25, 26 1988**

Note: Should both Commons expansion and Recreation expansion be approved, the total cost will be \$5 per quarter per student until 1991 and \$42 per quarter per student until 2018. This fee will pay for a building that will cost \$27 million. The initial fee will be \$5 per quarter, regardless of whether one or both pass.

Commons

Yes, I support the Commons Expansion. The cost for this expansion will be \$5 per quarter per student until 1991, and \$15 per quarter per student until 2018. This fee will pay for a building that will cost \$8 million.

Passed

No, I do not support the Commons Expansion.

Recreation

Yes, I support the Recreation Expansion. The cost for this expansion will be \$8 per quarter per student until 1991, and \$27 per quarter per student until 2018. This fee will pay for a building that will cost \$19 million.

Passed

No, I do not support the Recreation Expansion.

Athletics

Yes, I support Intercollegiate Athletic usage of the new Recreation Facility with the limits described in the "Addendum".

No, I do not support any use of the new Recreation Facility by Intercollegiate Athletics.

SAMPLE ONLY

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Athletics Addendum

While the impetus of the recreation portion of this expansion is to supply a facility for intramurals and open recreation, it is also recognized that Intercollegiate Athletics provides another recreational opportunity for the campus population. Therefore, the Facility Expansion Committee provides the following as a framework for Intercollegiate Athletics usage.

Starting the week previous to the first intercollegiate ~~game~~ home game that will occur in the Student Activities Center each season, Intercollegiate Athletics will be given two hours of practice time during the women's volleyball season, and four hours of time during men's and women's basketball season, providing that the teams will play in the Activities Center. This time shall be scheduled between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. This practice time will be allocated through the end of the regular season. If postseason play will occur in the Activities Center, then practice times will be extended through the end of tournament play.

There is a maximum of fourteen (14) regularly-scheduled intercollegiate contests in the Activities Center per academic year. Any postseason conference/NCAA tournament play will be at the discretion of the Governing Board. Days when multiple intercollegiate contests (i.e. doubleheader women's and men's basketball games) are scheduled in the Activities Center will be counted as one contest. On days that contests will be held in the Activities Center, the Activities Center will be made available for set-up and pre-game warm-ups at 1:00 p.m.

Games and practices may be scheduled during Winter and Spring breaks, and not count against the total number of contests per year providing that the sports are in season in accordance with NCAA regulations.

All scheduling requests must be made two weeks before the end of the previous quarter (quarter breaks are considered part of the preceding quarter for this purpose).

In exchange for the use of the Student Activities Center, the Intercollegiate Athletics program will be required to bear any additional costs that are a direct result of their use of the Activities Center. None of the original space (as stated in the UC Riverside Commons and Recreation Facilities Referendum 1988) is to be allocated for the exclusive use of Athletics. Also, the Facilities Board may impose a usage fee.

Finally, during the times that Intercollegiate Athletics is using the Activities Center, equivalent facilities will be made available in the PE/Athletics Building for scheduling at the discretion of Recreation/Intramurals Department.