

Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Expansion Student Fee Referendum

Do you approve the creation of a \$85.00 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter fee (\$255 annually) to support the expansion of the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center? The fee will NOT be charged until the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center is opened and provides services to the UC Irvine students, which is estimated to be the fall quarter of 2029.

This fee will assist in the construction, maintenance, and building operational costs of a new facility that will house the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center. As currently envisioned, this new facility will be constructed to enhance the visibility, space, service, design, access, and synergies between resources for underrepresented students. The services housed in this building may include but are not limited to: Cross-Cultural Center, Center for Black Cultures, Resources & Research, LGBT Resource Center, Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Resource Center, Disability Cultural Center, Latinx Resource Center, Womxn's Center for Success, DREAM Center, and UC Immigrant Legal Services Center. This new facility will also include Multipurpose/Community spaces for students to make use of. During construction, the services provided by the Cross-Cultural Center will continue in temporary spaces on campus.

Currently, the location and space allocated for the Cross-Cultural Center and Resource Centers are not sufficiently equipped to address the demand for multicultural and resource centers that the growing student population necessitates. The Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Expansion will provide a more equitable and accessible space that aligns with the growing student population.

- This fee will NOT be assessed until the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Project is completed and services are provided (estimated fall 2029).
- The fee will be assessed to both undergraduate and graduate students.
- The fee will be assessed during the fall, winter, spring, and summer quarters.
- The fees collected will be managed by the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center. An audit of the use of these fees will be provided by a professional staff designee of The Cross-Cultural and Resource Center upon request.
- The proposed fee level is intended to fund debt service on the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Project and ongoing facility operations and maintenance costs 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, The Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Advisory Board.
- 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 29% of the fee returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of this fee for students who are eligible for financial aid.
- Starting fall 2030, after the fee is first assessed to students (estimated fall 2029), the portion of the fee that is not tied to debt service, \$17.00 per student per quarter, will increase annually based on the California Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI-U 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 Cross-Cultural and Resource 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, this report will be presented to the ASUCI Senate and AGS Council.

Upon request, this report shall be available.

- The portion of the fee allocated to debt service, \$68.00 per student per quarter, will be retired once the debt has been paid off (estimated fall 2059).
- For the portion of the fee that is not tied to debt service, the fee will sunset (expire) on its 30th year (2058-2059) unless the undergraduate student body reaffirms this fee. This fee can be reaffirmed as early as the 26th year (estimated 2054-55) after the fee is first assessed to students (estimated fall 2029); otherwise, if there is no vote to reaffirm this fee by the end of its 30th year (estimated 2058-59) after the fee is first assessed to students, the fee will terminate.
- If debt is refinanced, the savings will be used toward minor and/or major maintenance, renovation, upgrades, and/or operations of the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Project.
- In accordance with the Policy for Student Fee Funded Facilities, a Facility Advisory Board will 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.
- In order to pass, this referendum will require a 20% eligible total combined registered undergraduate and graduate student body voter turnout rate during the ASUCI and AGS 2025 Spring Elections, of which 60% of those students who voted “yes” or “no” on this referendum must have voted “yes.”

Yes, I support a new per quarter fee, as described in this referendum, starting at \$85.00 per undergraduate and graduate student for the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Expansion Student Fee Referendum.

No, I do not support a new per quarter fee, as described in this referendum, starting at \$85.00 per undergraduate and graduate student for the Cross-Cultural and Resource Center Expansion Student Fee Referendum.

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