

MEET THE MOMENT STUDENT FEE REFERENDUM
ADD WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL AND ELEVATE THE UCI CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

Do you approve the creation of a \$180.00 per undergraduate student per quarter fee (\$540.00 annually), effective fall quarter 2025, increasing by \$10.00 each academic year for five years beginning fall quarter 2026 (e.g., \$190.00 per quarter in 2026-27, \$200.00 per quarter in 2027-28, and so on until the fee level reaches \$220.00 per quarter in 2029-30) with annual inflationary increases starting in fall quarter 2030, to increase support for UCI's NCAA sports program, including support for the addition of NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball, and enhance UCI's campus experience for all undergraduates?

To meet the moment, this referendum is proposed to secure the future of NCAA Division I sports at UCI. The organizational changes currently happening in the collegiate sports world demand a response to capitalize on the opportunities never before present to take UCI to the next level. The Meet the Moment Student Fee Referendum does that and allows UCI to be on the same tier of athletics fee support as UC Davis and UC San Diego. By supporting and elevating UCI's current offering of NCAA teams, the Meet the Moment Student Fee Referendum serves to promote a highly competitive athletics program that represents its campus with excellence in national competition and stellar academic achievement while providing the campus with a unifying rallying point for the entire UCI community. Moreover, the proposed addition of an NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball team supports UCI's obligation/commitment to ensure equal athletic opportunities within its NCAA programs.¹ If passed, the Meet the Moment Student Fee Referendum will include funding for student-centered special events designed to elevate campus life, such as concerts and spirit rallies. If passed, undergraduate students attending UCI athletics events can expect to receive promotional giveaways each sports season. Failure to pass the referendum would relegate UCI's intercollegiate athletics program to the lower levels of NCAA competition and may result in UCI having to discontinue multiple sports teams. This would be a blow to UCI's undergraduates' chance to enhance the campus experience and impact UCI's profile nationwide.

MEET THE MOMENT PROGRAMMING Year 1	Fee
Add Women's Beach Volleyball	10.00
Baseball	11.67
Men's Basketball	13.33
Men's Golf	3.33
Men's Soccer	8.33
Men's Tennis	3.33
Men's Volleyball	8.33
Men's Water Polo	5.33
Women's Basketball	13.33
Women's Golf	3.33
Women's Soccer	8.33
Women's Tennis	3.33
Women's Volleyball	8.33
Women's Water Polo	5.33
M/W Cross Country/Track & Field	11.67
Athletic Performance, Media, Sports Medicine, etc.	12.67
UCI Band/Spirit	2.00
Student Promotions and Special Events	3.00
Return to Financial Aid	45.00

- The fee will be assessed to undergraduate students.

¹ Should circumstances arise where women's beach volleyball is no longer a viable sport to add at UCI, going forward this fee will be used to provide equal athletic opportunities in NCAA Division 1 athletics at UCI.

- The fee will be assessed during the fall, winter, and spring quarters, starting fall 2025.
- The fees collected will be managed by Intercollegiate Athletics. An audit of the use of these fees will be provided by a professional staff designee of Intercollegiate Athletics 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 outlined in the fee guidelines to be approved 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 25% of the fee returned to financial aid to help offset the cost of this fee for undergraduate students who are eligible for financial aid.
- Starting fall 2026, the quarterly fee will increase by \$10.00 each year for the next five years and level off at \$220.00 per undergraduate student per quarter for the 2029-30 academic year, as shown below.

Academic Year	Quarterly Rate
2025-26	\$180.00
2026-27	\$190.00
2027-28	\$200.00
2028-29	\$210.00
2029-30	\$220.00

- Starting fall quarter 2030, 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.
- A majority student advisory board under Intercollegiate Athletics shall oversee the operating budget, reserves, and administration of the fee-funded activities, and will be responsible for writing and distributing an annual report on the activities funded by this fee initiative.
- Intercollegiate Athletics 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. Upon request, this report shall be available.
- This fee will sunset (expire) on its 30th year (2054-55) unless the undergraduate student body reaffirms this fee. This fee can be reaffirmed as early as the 26th year (2050-51); otherwise, if there is no vote to reaffirm this fee by the end of its 30th year (2054-55), the fee will terminate.
- In order to pass, this referendum will require a 10% eligible total registered undergraduate student body voter turnout rate during the ASUCI 2025 Spring Elections (“voting pool”), of which 60% of those students who voted “yes” or “no” on this referendum must have voted “yes.” If the referendum passes with a voting poll of 10% or more, but less than 20%, this fee will need to be reaffirmed by the end of its third year (2027-28) with a voting pool of 20%. This fee can be reaffirmed as early as the first year (2025-26); otherwise, if there is no vote to reaffirm this fee by the end of its third year (2027-28), the fee will terminate. If this fee passes with a voting pool of 20% or more during the ASUCI 2025 Spring Elections, a reaffirmation vote by the end of its third year (2027-2028) will not be required and the fee will sunset (expire) on its 30th year (2054-55) unless the undergraduate student body reaffirms this fee as early as the 26th year (2050-51).

_____ Yes, I support a new per quarter fee, as described in this referendum, starting at \$180.00 per undergraduate student for the Meet the Moment Student Fee Referendum.

_____ No, I do not support a new per quarter fee, as described in this referendum, starting at \$180.00 per undergraduate student for the Meet the Moment Student Fee Referendum.

_____ Abstain (I do not wish to vote on this item but register my presence for purposes of establishing the voting pool)