Measure 17: Engaging Education Program Fee Modification

QUESTION
Shall the undergraduates of UCSC modify the language of MEASURE 10 to change how e2, a task force of the Student Union Assembly (SUA) utilizes funds generated from Measure 10 (passed in Spring 2003)?

SUMMARY POINTS

- No new/additional fee is being proposed and the existing permanent Engaging Education Program Fee of $4.20 per student per quarter fee will remain in place.
- Measure 17 is sponsored for placement on the ballot by vote of the Student Union Assembly (SUA).

BALLOT STATEMENT
The revenue generated from this fee will be used for programming, student intern positions, administrative staff positions, and operational costs that address issues such as the low rates of recruitment, retention, and graduation that historically underrepresented communities face within the university system. The funds generated by Measure 10 will provide funding to the SUA, to be administered by an e2 Board of Directors. This Board will function as a permanent task force of the SUA. The Board will provide funding and resources to existing outreach and retention programs, as well as opening up possibilities for future projects that improve campus diversity, such as educational teach-ins, forums, conferences, etc.. The Board will also work in communication with colleges, student organizations and other appropriate units in order to ensure the most effective use of all available resources.

Original Language that will be replaced by the New Language (above) is:

A breakdown of the proposed e2 budget is:
$1.50 will provide a programming fund for existing and future student initiated outreach and retention programs.
$1.20 per quarter will fund student intern positions, which coordinate outreach and retention programs sponsored by the e2 board.
$1.00 per quarter will pay an administrative staff person for the e2 Board.
$0.50 per quarter will fund an operating budget for e2 programming (e.g. copier fees, phone lines, internet, etc.).

WHY IS THIS CHANGE BEING PROPOSED
Because of constantly changing student needs, amendments to Measure 10 reflect the importance of student-initiated programming. As the priorities of the student body change, current language limits the ability for Engaging Education (e2) to utilize its financial resources effectively. Proposed changes will enable e2 to utilize funding as needs change, while allowing e2 to provide a wider variety of services to all students.