UU Survey Update FAQs

General Questions

Q: What is a referendum?
A: An advisory student referendum gives members of the student body the opportunity to voice their opinion through a confidential ballot. Student participation is important because the majority of ballots cast will determine the outcome of the advisory fee referendum.

Q: What does the University Union Fee support?
A: The University Union Fee is a Category II campus-based mandatory fee required to enroll in or attend the university. These fees can only be used for their specific intended purpose. Examples include: Health Services Fee, Instructionally Related Activities Fee, ASI Fee, University Union Fee, and Student Success Fee.

The University Union Fee is used to finance, construct, maintain and operate University Union. This fee supports University Union programs, services and administration. The fee also supports recreational sports programs.

Q: What is the student body's role in the planning process?
A: The voice of the students has been and will continue to be an integral part of the process. Students have had the opportunity to participate in focus groups, share their preferred enhancements through the UU Survey and be a part of the design concept through the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Moving forward, members from ASI Student Government as well as the UU Project Student Advisory Council will continue to represent student needs and interests. The UU Project Student Advisory Council is composed of student representatives from across campus: ASI, Center for Leadership and Service, the Pride Center, the Gender Equity Center, the MultiCultural Center, Safer, Greek Life, Student Clubs and Organizations, Interhall Council, Queer Student Union, Athletics and Cal Poly Corporation.

Q: What is being considered as a part of an expanded UU?
A: Based off of the results from the UU Survey, the top five preferred enhancements include: a variety of dining options, campus bar and grill, expanded coffee house, additional lounge space, enhanced Cross Cultural Centers, and increased study space.

Q: Is there going to be a new University Union?
A: Students will have the opportunity to vote via an advisory student referendum in winter of 2016. The results of the referendum will determine the future of the UU.

Q: What was the ASI Facility Master Plan?
A: In winter 2013, Associated Students, Inc. contracted Brailsford & Dunlavey and Cannon Design to complete a study on ASI-managed facilities, which includes the Julian A. McPhee University Union, Cal Poly Recreation Center, Sports Complex and Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center. The goal of the study was to determine the demand for these campus life spaces and what enhancements could be made to improve the academic and student experience at Cal Poly.

Q: How does this effort fit into the overall campus development and growth?
A: ASI has partnered with Cal Poly Corporation, Cal Poly Student Affairs, Cal Poly Administration, the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and Cal Poly Facilities Planning to gain insight and feedback on the elements that should go into a future UU that are in accordance with the overall design and Master Plan for the campus.

Q: When can I learn more?
A: At the start of 2016, ASI will begin educational outreach activities across campus in hopes that every student can make an informed decision when they vote for the future of the UU. Email Chair of the UUAB for any specific questions.

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