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## **Cal Poly Recreation Center Expansion Referendum Passes Cal Poly Students Vote to Plan for the Future of the University**

**San Luis Obispo, Calif. — February 28, 2008** — Cal Poly students voted to increase the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) University Union fee to fund the renovation and expansion of the Cal Poly Recreation Center.

With a total vote count of 7309 – approximately 37.7 percent of the student population – students have voiced their choice to improve the existing Rec Center in its current location for the future of all Cal Poly students.

The Rec Center Expansion referendum passed with 75 percent voting yes and 25 percent voting no. Students voted using a brand new online system, known as eVote, which eliminated the need for traditional paper ballots. Students have approved a future fee increase of \$65 per student per quarter to be implemented when the renovated facility is complete, estimated fall 2011.

“This is a huge step on behalf of current students to commit to the future of generations to come,” said Brandon Souza, ASI president. “Former students planned for us, now it’s our turn to plan for the future.” Souza added, “Students have clearly determined that the current Rec Center is simply too crowded and a bigger facility is necessary to accommodate students’ needs.”

With the passage of the student fee increase, ASI plans to make an immediate improvement that has been identified as a priority by Cal Poly students. Beginning summer 2008, and weather permitting, the two upper fields at the Sports Complex will be replaced with synthetic turf, also known as turf fields. ASI hopes to make the new turf fields available for student use during fall quarter 2008.

This vote acts as an advisory to University President Warren J. Baker. ASI Student Government leaders are confident the President will implement the fee per the student vote.

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