

Referendum and Indexing of the Student Body Fee Options – Pros & Cons

When crafting a referendum we need to offer pros and cons on how each option will impact the students we serve and the organization as a whole. Please review each item and offer at least one pro or con. If you like one offered by another person, please place an “x” after that statement.

Current Fee: The A.S.I. Student Body Fee per student is currently \$26.88 in the fall semester and \$26.87 in the spring semester for a total of \$53.75 annually.

Fee Indexing: We may be using the Commonfund Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) as an inflation index designed specifically to track the main cost drivers in higher education. The increase will be between 1-3% Source: <https://www.commonfund.org/commonfund-institute/higher-education-price-index-hepi/>

Current Referendum Obligation(s): Established 1988 and 1996 referendums supporting Anna Bing Arnold Children’s Center established a \$5.63 per student per semester fee totaling \$301,036 in 2016-17.

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	Referendum Option	Pros	Cons
A	New Referendum amount and indexing of the A.S.I. Student Body Fee offering Cal State LA students new services, programs, and events. No change to the established referendums supporting Anna Bing Arnold Children’s Center.	raises A.S.I. fee; meets organizations needs; offer students new programs and services; be able to meet child care center obligation; clear and easy to understand; students decide; more opportunities to give	fee increase for students (largest since 1996); difficult to pass; does not revise current referendum obligations; does not explore grants/donations; takes more money from students; need to be clear on value added from the additional programs for students
C	Reaffirm the current A.S.I. Student Body Fee and referendums established in 1988 and 1996 supporting Anna Bing Arnold Children’s Center allocating the \$5.63 per student per semester as it is and request the indexing of the A.S.I. Student Body Fee.	makes goal of meeting obligation easier to reach X; may not be hard to pass; modest increase X X;	doesn't leave much room to provide other services X; takes a hit to our budget; only applies to Children's Center; may lead to cuts to other areas;
D	Amend the current A.S.I. Student Body Fee by requesting the 1988 & 1996 referendums supporting Anna Bing Arnold Children’s Center be reduced to a flat annual payment (between \$150K - \$250K) and request the indexing of the A.S.I. Student Body Fee. The new flat annual payment will index on an annual basis when the overall A.S.I. Student Body Fee indexes.	Children's Center receives increased fees on yearly basis; negates per student basis; reduces expected obligation based on approved referendums; not hard to pass; A.S.I. picks the number in the range between \$150-\$250); indexing of student body fee and flat annual payment; an increase can offered on an annual basis	more money paid by students; reduces expected obligation based on approved referendums hurting Children's Center; Children's center is up in the air; A.S.I. can always give more; a flat rate/payment should be that.
E	Amend the 1988 & 1996 referendums supporting Anna Bing Arnold Children’s Center no less than \$140,000 annually, allowing the A.S.I. Board of Directors discretion and ability to adjust funding based on Board priorities outlined in Policy 206 - Reporting and Budgeting Guidelines for External Organizations Receiving Over \$3,000. http://asicalstatela.org/sites/default/files/content/upload/2014/12/policy-206-finance-guidelines-external-organizations-funding-over-3000_0.pdf	Children's Center always gets \$140,000; no cots to students; no guessing;	potentially no additional funds; missing indexing; reduces funding to the Children's Center;
F	Eliminate the obligations set in the 1988 and 1996 referendums. The A.S.I. Board of Directors will have full discretion to allocate the fees based on Board priorities.	more funding available for A.S.I. to allocate	Children center program and services drastically impacted; A.S.I. loss of credibility for referendum power; creates a lot of uncertainty; not honoring past referendum;