

## Ballot Language

Since 1959, Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) has served as the official voice of students and provided services and programs that meet the educational, social, recreational, and cultural needs of the Cal State LA's diverse student community.

Currently, the annual student body fee is \$53.75 per student, payable \$26.88 in the Fall semester and \$26.87 in the Spring semester. ASI has not adjusted its student body fee since 1996. As such, our fee is the lowest of the 23 campuses in the CSU System.

### Definitions:

For purposes of this referendum, the following definitions shall apply:

- **Referendum:** A general vote by the student body on a ballot question that has been referred to them for a direct decision from the ASI Board of Directors. To pass a referendum it requires 50%+1 of the total votes cast during an election.

### Referendum Ballot Question:

Shall ASI index the ASI Student Body Fee annually not to exceed the percentage set by Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).

### Impact Statements & Data:

- **Annual Indexing:** The Commonfund Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) is an inflation index designed specifically to track the main cost drivers in higher education, from that in effect on the same date in the immediately preceding year.
  - HEPI Ranges for past five years:
    - 2013: 1.6%
    - 2014: 3.0%
    - 2015: 2.1%
    - 2016: 1.8%
    - 2017: 3.7%
  - Source: <https://www.commonfund.org/commonfund-institute/highereducation-price-index-hepi/>
- **New Fee Structure (an example):**
  - Assuming an index of 3.7% increase in HEPI between 2018-2019 the effect would be as follows:

In 2018-2019, the annual student body fee is:

\$53.75 = \$26.88 per student in the fall semester and  
\$26.87 per student in the spring semester.

The 2019-2020 annual student body fee will be:

\$55.74 = \$27.87 per student in the fall semester and  
\$27.87 per student in the spring semester.

- A \$1.99 increase (an example)

**If the ballot passes:**

- This increase will allow ASI to keep pace with inflation allowing the organization to continue to meet the needs of students.
- Allow ASI to provide Cal State LA students with new programs and services;
- If you receive financial aid the impact of this increase will have little to no impact on your aid.

**If the ballot does not pass:**

- Programs and services provided will be limited to meet mandatory costs for ASI.
- ASI will not have the full capacity to continue pursuing its mission of serving the needs of all students.

Please Cast Your Vote: YES | NO