

Revelle College Activity Fee Referendum

The current Revelle College Student Activity Fee is \$9.00 per quarter (excluding Summer Session). There is currently no return-to-aid (RTA) component associated with the Revelle Student Activity Fee, as it was implemented prior to the RTA requirement. By approving this referendum, 29% of the proposed fee increase (\$0.725 per student for Fall 2024) will be allocated to help meet the financial needs of undergraduate students at UC San Diego.

The other 71% of the proposed fee increase (\$1.775 per student for Fall 2024) to the Revelle Student Activity Fee will support events, traditions, and services including but not limited to:

Assist with funding for traditional events across Revelle College such as Roger Revelle's Birthday, Revelle Spirit Week, Watermelon Drop, and Senior Events.

Open opportunities to plan larger scale events that appeal to the Revelle student population, such as off-campus trips, concerts, and service projects.

Fund resource centers, such as the Triton Food pantry, and student initiatives to advocate for a larger portion of Revelle College students.

If this referendum is approved and implemented, this will be the first fee increase in Revelle College since Fall 2008, when the Revelle College Student Activity Fee increased from \$7 per student per quarter to \$9 per student per quarter. If approved, the fee will be adjusted annually according to the California Consumer Price Index (CPI) (not to exceed 4% annually) to account for inflation, starting in Fall 2025. All future CPI adjustments will be subject to return-to-aid to help meet undergraduate students' financial needs.

In accordance with University Policy, this fee will be included in the determination of financial aid. The fee will apply to Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters only, and will not be assessed during Summer Session. If approved, the fee increase will be effective Fall 2024.

Pro Statement:

The Revelle College Student Activity Fee is currently the lowest of any college at UC San Diego at \$9.00 per student per quarter (the highest being Muir College at \$17.00 per student per quarter) and it has barred the college council from being able to fully support our student body in matters such as financial aid and providing funds to students who are underserved and underrepresented, to build community events and spaces for students to bond and build long-lasting friendships, and so much more. The overall quality of our events are suffering because of this lack of funding.

Additionally, the price of goods and services has risen heavily since the previous time that Revelle raised our Student Activity Fee. Revelle's capacity to hold events and maintain our usual traditions has been compromised this year because of a lack of funding. Raising the Revelle College Student Activity Fee will allow for the council to more fully serve the student body we are elected to represent. The fee will also be adjusted to account for future inflation based off of the California Consumer Price Index, which monitors the average price increases of goods and services across California.

By voting YES, students are supporting the future, amazing experiences other students have gotten in previous years.

Con Statement

Attending college at UC San Diego is already an incredible financial strain for many students. With the increased cost of housing and basic needs in the San Diego area, students' financial burden should in no way be added to. The Revelle College Student Activity Fee is currently the lowest activity fee of all the colleges, ensuring that Revelle does not actively further students' financial strain. The fee referendum will unnecessarily increase the financial burden for students.

Revelle College Student Activities Fees are utilized and spent by the Revelle College Council which has been operating in a deficit for the past academic year. While in this deficit, Council programming has not been significantly hindered, and support for Revelle students by the Council has not lessened. This is proof that the Council can operate in full capacity with a low student fee, while maintaining an adequate experience for Revelle Students. In addition, increased funding does not equate to an increased quality of experience for Revelle students and with an increased fee, students would likely be paying more for the exact same experience. Rather than increase the Student Activity Fee, Revelle College Council should allocate their money more effectively in future years.

Voting NO on the fee referendum will keep the current \$9.00 activity fee in Revelle college and students will not have to pay more to attend college.

