

# UC San Diego

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## Student Affairs

September 7, 2016

Professor Kaustuv Roy  
Chair, Academic Senate – San Diego Division

Subject: Transition to NCAA Non-Football Division I Athletics

Dear Chair Roy:

This letter is to request Senate review and input on matters pertaining to the proposal for reclassification of UC San Diego's Intercollegiate Athletics program to NCAA non-football Division I athletics.

In a special election held by the Associated Students in May 2016, our undergraduates voted to increase their student fees to financially support the move of UC San Diego from NCAA Division II to NCAA Division I, and membership in the Big West Conference. The referendum passed with 70% in favor (8,704 participating and 6,137 affirmative votes).

The case for reclassification to non-football Division I includes:

- Extending the University's culture of excellence to all areas of endeavor of UCSD students
- Elevating the overall student experience
- Strengthening the alumni connection
- Increasing community engagement
- Expanding the reach of the University reputation

Reclassification does not mean a change in the academic culture of the Athletics program nor to the current admissions process; under which student-athletes are retained and graduate at a higher level than the general student body and have comparable GPAs.

UC San Diego aspires to align with the best academic practices of peer universities while participating at a competitive level of athletics commensurate with comparable academics-first institutions.

The fee referendum passed by the students is designed to ensure that a transition to non-football Division I athletics is sustainable and no institutional funding would be needed. Reclassification to Division I would be budget neutral to the University as outlined in an MOU with the Chancellor.

Additionally for Academic Senate consideration would be discussion of an oversight mechanism, such as the proposed Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Intercollegiate Athletics, as outlined by the Division I Fact-Finding Task Force.

If there are any questions or need for additional information, please contact me at 4-8750 or UC San Diego Faculty Athletics Representative, Cliff Kubiak at 2-2665.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl W. Edwards". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Earl W. Edwards  
Director of Athletics

c: Pradeep K. Khosla, Chancellor  
Farrell Ackerman, Vice Chair, Academic Senate – San Diego Division  
Peter Cowhey, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Juan Gonzalez, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

# **Proposal for Transition to NCAA Non-Football Division I Athletics**

## **Request for Academic Senate Consultation – Fall 2016**

### ***Executive Summary***

The UC San Diego Athletics program has a proud tradition of academic and athletic excellence. The program continues to evolve and grow in conjunction with the evolution and growth of the overall University. The natural progression for the Athletics program is to be in step with the level of excellence of the overall University and to be competing with similar institutions across all facets of the University.

As a top-ranked public research institution, peer universities are participating in athletics at the top level also, and as such, the student government proposed a move to non-football NCAA Division I. The student body voted on a student fee referendum to support this transition in May 2016 and it passed overwhelmingly.

The Big West Conference, a non-football Division I conference comprised of nine institutions, including four other UC's: UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine and UC Riverside; would be the conference that UC San Diego would join upon initial reclassification.

UC San Diego is the only member of the American Association of Universities (AAU) that is an NCAA Division II institution, and the only public AAU institution not a member of NCAA Division I.

A move to non-football Division I does not change the academic culture of the department nor the current admissions process, under which student-athletes are retained and graduate at a higher level than the general student body and have comparable GPAs.

The proposed student fee increase approved by the students was designed to ensure that the transition to Division I would be sustainable and no institutional funding would be needed. Per an MOU with the Chancellor, the reclassification to Division I will be budget neutral to the University.

As part of the reclassification to Division I, an advisory committee, whose composition and membership would be designed with consultation from the Academic Senate, can ensure the Athletics Department continues to uphold institutional values in support of the overall mission of the University.

## BACKGROUND

The UC San Diego Intercollegiate Athletics Program began in the late 1960's and in the early years UC San Diego teams competed as independents against Southern California teams in both the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) College Division. In 1972, the NCAA changed its structure from two divisions (College and University) to three divisions based on the number of athletic grants awarded, and in the late 70's, it became apparent that UC San Diego's involvement with the NAIA was a mismatch in institutional profiles. The decision was made to move the UC San Diego program solely to NCAA Division III.

Throughout the 1980's and 1990's, UC San Diego teams became more competitive and the institution's enrollment grew. Scheduling opportunities with Division III members began to decrease dramatically, to the extent that some UC San Diego teams were not able to meet Division III scheduling requirements. The average enrollment of Division III schools was less than 2,500 students, there were only 13 Division III schools in California, and UC San Diego was the only public institution and was without a conference affiliation.

In spring 1997, UC San Diego students voted in favor of moving to NCAA Division II and joining the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA), which at the time included UC Davis and UC Riverside. Additionally, this information was shared with the faculty, who also voted in favor of moving to Division II. In 2000, the University officially advanced to Division II. While the University continued to experience academic and athletic success, over the course of the next 10 years, the membership of Division II changed dramatically, adding many small, private religious based institutions and losing the other UC campuses as they transitioned to Division I.

In 2009-10, the AS President and a group of students were interested in exploring the potential of adding football and/or a divisional change for UC San Diego. The Associated Students, along with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Office and the Intercollegiate Athletics Department, hired a consultant to conduct a feasibility study to determine if adding football (at the Division II or Division I level) or if reclassifying to Division I would be in the best interests of the University. The results of the study indicated football was not feasible and found the following with regard to a potential reclassification of membership Division overall: (1) UC San Diego *did not* fit the changing profile of the average Division II institution (academics, size, mission), (2) UC San Diego *did* fit the profile of the average Division I institution (academics, size, mission), (3) Big West Conference universities resembled UC San Diego with academics, size, and costs (the conference includes four UC institutions) (4) Moving to the Big West Conference would in all likelihood create good rivalries because Big West Conference members are "like" universities with proximity to UC San Diego, and (5) The Big West Conference is the best fit in Division I or II for UC San Diego when comparing size of institution, academic profile, financial resources, facilities, athletic achievements, geography, etc. (UC San Diego Feasibility Study, Options for Reclassifying to NCAA Division I & Adding Football, Athletics Staffing and Consultants – March 11, 2011).

In winter 2012, the Associated Students proceeded with a student fee referendum to transition to Division I. By this point, it was even clearer that Division II was no longer a good fit as the demographics of the division had continued to change. Current data from NCAA.org DII Facts and Figures shows only five of the approximately 300 institutions in Division II have over 15,000 students and over 50% of the institutions in Division II have less than 2,500 students. Additionally, the Division II graduation rates for

the 2005-08 general student body cohorts is 49%. Nevertheless, due to the financial climate at the time, the referendum failed. Anecdotal information following the vote indicated students were not saying no to the idea of a move to Division I, but that the timing was not good for a fee increase.

In spring 2015, the newly elected AS President believed the timing was right to reexamine a transition to NCAA non-football Division I. Before the students were allowed to move forward with a student fee referendum, the funding model for the resources required for a sustainable NCAA non-football Division I program was vetted with the Chancellor and Cabinet– to ensure no institutional subsidies would be needed for such a move. The funding model was approved by the Chancellor’s Cabinet in December 2015 and in January 2016 the Associated Students voted unanimously (29-0) to put a referendum to the undergraduate student body for a fee increase to transition to non-football NCAA Division I and join the Big West Conference, a non-football Division I conference comprised of nine institutions, including four other UC’s: UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine and UC Riverside. The other 5 institutions are: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU Long Beach, CSU Northridge, CSU Fullerton, and the University of Hawaii.

A referendum vote was held May 16-20, 2016 and the referendum passed with a 70% affirmative vote with 35% of the student body voting (8,704 voting and 6,137 in favor).

#### PHILOSOPHY ON NON-FOOTBALL DIVISION I TRANSITION

UC San Diego aspires to align with the best academic practices of peer universities while participating at a competitive level of athletics commensurate with comparable academics-first institutions. It is important to emphasize that UC San Diego Athletics does not aspire to be, now or in the future, “Big Time Athletics” as exemplified by the practices, priorities and major expenditures of universities comprising the Power Five Conferences (PAC12, BIG12, BIG10, ACC, SEC). Instead, this proposal is to better align our athletics program with the overall culture of excellence at UC San Diego as a large, public, world-renowned research institution. This proposal does not envision football ever being part of UC San Diego Athletics.

Division I includes some of the most academically prestigious institutions in the country, including Stanford, the Ivy’s, as well as the military academies. UC San Diego is the only member of the American Association of Universities (AAU) that is an NCAA Division II institution, and the only public AAU institution not a member of NCAA Division I.

Based on best practices and results achieved by like institutions, a well-run, non-football Division I program can have substantial positive impact on improving the inclusive UC San Diego student experience, increasing the sense of belonging on campus, building a unified institutional brand, engaging the community and achieving lifelong alumni relationships.

A transition to Division I supports the student-centered vision of the institution by enhancing the overall student experience and extending UC San Diego’s culture of excellence by competing with peer institutions in every university endeavor. Division I also provides an additional platform for the university-wide brand identity initiative, helping build institutional unity, lifelong alumni relationships and strong community connections.

As was originally stated in 1998 when the transition from Division III to Division II was approved, but still relevant today as the University evolves as a top-tier institution; "...with a commitment to do things right, an intercollegiate athletics program can contribute significantly to the quality of life and morale on campus and to the sense of community among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University.. Athletic events can bring students of disparate interests together in a way that may be unique among university sponsored activities." (Intercollegiate and Recreational Athletics Advisory Committee Report on the Status of UC San Diego Intercollegiate Athletics – March 10, 1998)

## ACADEMIC STANDARDS

The UC San Diego Athletics Department slogan is "A proud tradition of academic and athletic excellence." The model program being used for the Division I transition is Stanford, rather than the other UC institutions. The reason for this is two-fold: (1) we admit student-athletes who are of the level to be successful academically at UC San Diego and will not admit underprepared students and try to bring them up to the standards, (2) the student-athletes, whenever possible, are integrated into the general campus programs, activities and resources.

UC San Diego competes for student-athlete recruits with the Ivy League, the military academies, and the other UC institutions (all of which are Division I except Merced and Santa Cruz). A move to non-football Division I does not change the academic culture of the department nor the current admissions process, under which student-athletes are retained and graduate at a higher level than the general student body and have comparable GPAs. In addition, time spent on athletics participation in Division I and Division II are comparable, with similar numbers of competitions, practice times and seasons.

The academic standards of Division I are stricter than Division II and also incorporate an Academic Progress Rate (APR). APR requires eligibility and retention data on each student-athlete on a term by term basis, holding institutions accountable with rewards for high academic performance and penalties such as loss of championship eligibility and loss of scholarships for those not reaching performance goals.

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The Intercollegiate Athletics Department has no core funds and this does not change with a move to non-football Division I. The proposed student fee increase is designed to ensure that the transition to Division I is sustainable and no other institutional funding is needed.

In the transition from Division III to Division II, the average allocations for the DII conference the program was joining (CCAA) was the funding model, and this same method is the basis for the funding model for the Division I transition. Average expenditures from the Big West Conference (which includes four other UC institutions) are the basis for the student fee increase.

Additionally, per an MOU with the Chancellor, indirect costs as a result of future growth are to be covered by Athletic Department revenues and not borne by the institution. The proposed reclassification to Division I is to be budget neutral to the University.

## SCOPE

A transition to NCAA non-football Division I does not change the current number of intercollegiate sports teams sponsored by the University. No new facilities are necessary for the transition; current UC San Diego facilities are comparable or better than the average facilities in the Big West Conference.

In reclassifying to non-football Division I, UC San Diego is focused on maintaining a high-integrity athletic program with 1) high profile non-conference games and 2) a conference affiliation with like institutions.

## OVERSIGHT

As part of the reclassification to Division I, an advisory committee, whose composition and membership would be designed with consultation from the Academic Senate, can ensure the Athletics Department continues to uphold institutional values in support of the overall mission of the University.

## SUMMARY

Per the University stated vision, “We will align our efforts to be a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public university.” A move to NCAA non-football Division I provides the opportunity to align with peer institutions in support of excellence across all platforms, enhance the overall student experience, raise the university’s profile and engage and strengthen alumni and community connections.

As with the transition from Division III to Division II, and now with a proposed transition to Division I, talks of change bring with it a healthy concern for maintaining the core values of the institution. UC San Diego has successfully demonstrated that academic excellence and athletic excellence are not mutually exclusive. As a non-football Division I program, the Athletics Department will continue to model peer “academics-first” top-tier research institutions in running a program that supports and aligns itself with the core values and mission of the University.

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Division I Fact-Finding Task Force Final Report – April 2016

ASUC San Diego ICA Activity Fee Increase for Division I Referendum Ballot – January 2016

Memorandum of Understanding – Transition to NCAA Non-Football Division I Athletics – December 2015

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### ***Intercollegiate Athletics and University Oversight***

Below is an excerpt from the ***Division I Fact-Finding Task Force Final Report*** regarding an oversight mechanism for Intercollegiate Athletics. It includes a recommendation from the Task Force to ensure that the Athletic Department's activities are aligned with UC San Diego's academic mission.

The Task Force proposed a "Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Intercollegiate Athletics" as outlined below.

d. Will there be an oversight mechanism to ensure that the Athletic Department's activities are aligned with our academic mission?

There is no requirement that an oversight committee shall be created in order to ensure that the Athletic Department's activities are aligned with UC San Diego's academic mission. However, the members of this committee strongly recommend that such a committee should be created, and have worked with the Athletic Department to create a recommended scope and structure for this committee. What follows is our proposal, which is based on examples of similar committees on other UC campuses.

### **Proposed Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Intercollegiate Athletics**

If the Division I Referendum were to pass, a Chancellor's Advisory Committee would be established to ensure transparency and integrity through the operations of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program. This committee will provide recommendations to assist UC San Diego student-athletes in continuing their academic excellence, to maximize their performance to their fullest potential, to ensure that student fees are managed properly, and to ensure that Athletic Department operations remain consistent with the campus' academic mission. Furthermore, this committee will maintain support through different resources to ensure a positive campus experience for all students.

UCSD currently has an NCCA-mandated Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), appointed by the Chancellor. The FAR oversees all aspects of university life that affect the quality of the student-athlete experience and ensures compliance with NCAA eligibility and academic requirements. The FAR position would remain and be represented on this proposed committee.

#### **Proposed Duties:**

- A. Advisory:** This Committee will advise the Chancellor on the overall status of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program including assurance of transparency and integrity of operations through a written report. In addition, the committee will study issues relating to our student-athletes and intercollegiate program that include but are not limited to academics, safety, nutrition, diversity, recruiting and admissions, governance and oversight, and the budget. The Chancellor and the Athletic Director shall provide the Committee with the documents and reports necessary to execute its responsibilities.
  
- B. Compliance:** The Committee will provide advice on athletic needs and compliance with the university's policies as well as state and federal law. It shall also review and recommend policy or procedures on student-athlete welfare issues such as the academic performance of students, including progress on degrees and graduation rates, summary statements from student-athlete exit interviews, personal conduct of student-athletes and other matters regarding athletic programs and personnel.

**C. Continuing Academic Excellence:** At appropriate times, the Committee will assist the Faculty Senate's Committee on Admissions to ensure that the university's tradition of academic excellence is being maintained.

**D. Liaison:** The Committee will serve as a liaison between the Athletic Department and the university's community through the representatives elected to be on the Committee. This Committee will uphold the university's student-centered value and be a resource for students to have any questions answered in regards to the university's athletic program and for students to understand fully how the ICA fee will be allocated.

**Proposed Membership:**

This Committee would be composed of 17 members:

Chair:	Chancellor or Chancellor's Designee
Faculty:	4 Faculty, appointed by the Faculty Senate's Committee on Committees, including at least one Provost and the FAR
Vice Chancellors:	3 Vice Chancellors - Including Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Students:	4 Students - Including two students appointed by the Associated Students President, one appointed by the Graduate Student Association, and one appointed by the Triton Athletic Council
Alumni:	1 Alumnus or Alumna - Member of the University Alumni Board
Community:	1 Community Member - Member of the Athletic Board
Ex-Officio:	Athletic Director, Deputy Director of Athletics, and a Head Coach
Meetings:	3 times per academic year

**Proposed Terms of Appointment:**

Faculty and administration representatives shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms; students, alumni and community members shall be appointed for one-year terms. The Committee should reflect gender and ethnic diversity; to accomplish this the Chancellor shall communicate this objective to all bodies and individuals responsible for selecting or recommending persons for membership on the Committee.

**Division I Fact-Finding  
Task Force Final  
Report  
April 2016**

# Division I Fact-Finding Task Force Final Report

This report, prepared and approved by an independent committee of faculty members and student leaders, presents basic information about UC San Diego's proposed move to non-football NCAA Division I membership. It is intended to provide a factual background for the students who will be voting on the May 2016 Division I referendum as well for faculty members considering this issue. We focus on three key sets of questions:

1. What would the move to non-football Division I athletics deliver?
  - a. How would UC San Diego's conference affiliation and athletic competition change?
  - b. What would the additional funding provided through the increase in student fees go toward?
  - c. How would adequate athletic funding be sustained, and would this move create fiscal pressure on the rest of the university?
2. What would this move cost?
  - a. What is the size of the proposed student fee increase?
  - b. Who would pay these increased fees?
  - c. How do total student fees at UC San Diego compare to other UC campuses, and how would they compare if the proposal is successful?
3. Would competing in Division I athletics align with UC San Diego's academic mission?
  - a. Would it alter the admissions process or criteria for student athletes?
  - b. Would student academic performance be compromised?
  - c. In what division do academic peers compete?
  - d. Will there be an oversight mechanism to ensure that the Athletic Department's activities are aligned with our academic mission?

We consciously do not, in this report, evaluate arguments about the broader implications of a move to Division I for which we do not possess the information or expertise to render judgment. For instance, we do not weigh in on claims that it would enhance or detract from social life on campus, that it would change the university's local "brand" and national reputation, or that it would impact alumni relations and fundraising opportunities. Anyone may wish to consider those factors – and the arguments made about them by proponents and opponents of the move to non-football Division I membership – in their deliberations, but we view them as beyond the scope of our basic fact-finding charge. This report represents the collective effort of the committee of students and faculty appointed to prepare it independently and is unanimously endorsed by its voting members:

## *Committee Members*

Montsy Ramos (student co-chair)	Thad Kousser (faculty co-chair)
Christina Miller (student member)	Gail Heyman (faculty member)
Dominick Suvonnasupa (student member)	Robert Tukey (faculty member)
Derek Van de Streek (student member)	John Eggers (faculty member)
Cliff Kubiak (ex-officio member, Faculty Athletic Representative)	
Earl Edwards (ex-officio member, Athletic Director)	

1. What would the move to non-football Division I athletics deliver?
  - a. How would UC San Diego's conference affiliation and athletic competition change?

If the student referendum is successful, UC San Diego will seek to join the Big West Conference. If that conference issues an invitation, the athletic program would leave the California Collegiate Athletic Association to join it. If UCSD does not receive an invitation to join the Big West Conference by September 15, 2018, according to the language of the referendum, the fee increase will not be assessed and results of this referendum will become null and void.

<b>Current Conference</b>	<b>Division I Conference</b>
California Collegiate Athletic Association	Big West Conference
California Polytechnic State University, Pomona California State University, Dominguez Hills California State University, East Bay California State University, L.A. California State University, Monterey Bay California State University, San Bernardino California State University, San Marcos California State University, Chico California State University, Humboldt California State University, San Francisco California State University, Sonoma California State University, Stanislaus University of California, San Diego	California Polytechnic State University, SLO California State University, Fullerton California State University, Northridge University of Hawaii California State University, Long Beach University of California, Davis University of California, Irvine University of California, Riverside University of California, Santa Barbara

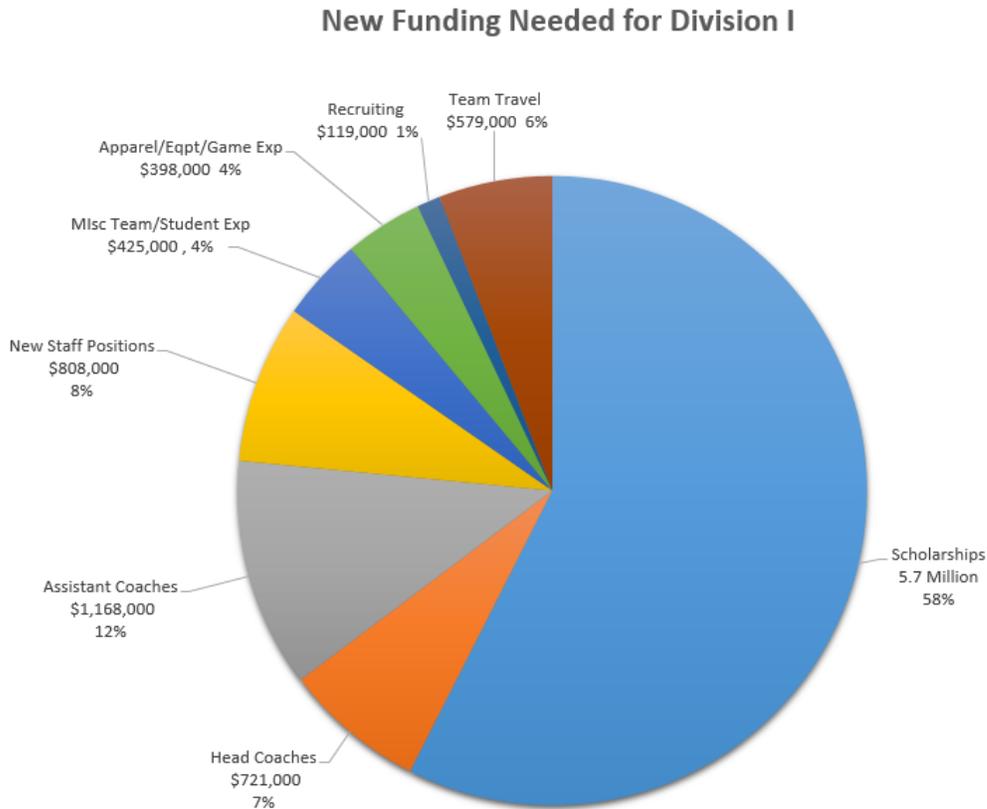
The Athletic Department plans to schedule non-conference competitions against peer institutions such as UC Berkeley, UCLA, and members of the Ivy League. Division I membership allows for all members to compete against all other willing members. UC San Diego currently competes in the following sports, with five of these sports competing at the National Collegiate Level (which includes Division I members). A move to Division I would not necessitate a change in the sports in which UC San Diego competes.

<b>Men's Sports</b>	<b>Women's Sports</b>
Baseball Basketball Cross Country Fencing (National Collegiate Level) Golf Rowing Soccer Swimming & Diving Tennis Track & Field Volleyball (National Collegiate Level) Water Polo (National Collegiate Level)	Basketball Cross Country Fencing (National Collegiate Level) Rowing Soccer Softball Swimming & Diving Tennis Track & Field Volleyball Water Polo (National Collegiate Level)

b. What would the additional funding provided through the increase in student fees go toward?

29% of the fee will be allocated toward the “return to aid” pool to help meet the financial aid needs of undergraduate students.

The remaining 71% will be allocated to the UC San Diego Athletic Department to support an intercollegiate athletics Division I program. It will be broken down as follows:



When it is fully phased in, the additional fee will provide an additional \$9.9 million in athletic funding. The table below, provided by the Athletic Department, shows how much money the department currently spends in different areas and how much it would spend under the new fee.

The proposed increase was calculated based on average expenditures by other institutions in the Big West Conference. The data for the financial comparisons were extracted from the Department of Education’s Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act. The additional funding will go primarily toward scholarships and also to team operations and personnel.

Note that there is no anticipated need for new athletic facilities, because, according to the Athletic Department, UC San Diego’s current facilities compare favorably to those at other Big West Conference schools.

# Financial Model

## Two-Year Average Revenue and Expense Data

(From most recent available EADA and NCAA financial reports, 2012-13 and 2013-14)

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>UC San Diego</b>	<b>To Be Competitive in Big West</b>	<b>New Funds Needed for Division I <sup>1</sup></b>
Scholarships	\$300,000	\$6,000,000	\$5,700,000
Team Operations <sup>2</sup>	\$4,300,000	\$5,800,000	\$1,500,000
Personnel	\$4,200,000	\$6,900,000	\$2,700,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,800,000</b>	<b>\$18,700,000</b>	<b>\$9,900,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> Full funding not needed immediately - graduated increases over three years

<sup>2</sup> Team Operations includes: Travel, Recruiting, Apparel, Equipment, Game Expenses, Misc.



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- c. How would adequate athletic funding be sustained, and would this move create fiscal pressure on the rest of the university?

The funding model for the Division I athletic program was created to be completely self-sustaining, supported by the fee increase and other funding increases that will directly result from Athletic Department operations. The fee contains a cost-of-living adjustment that is tied to the California Consumer Price Index, not to exceed a three percent increase in any year. Other anticipated funding increases would come from increased ticket sales, corporate sponsorships, NCAA revenue distributions, and direct donations to the Athletic Department.

The Athletic Department has an agreement with the Chancellor that moving to Division I will not create any financial burdens on the rest of campus.

2. What would this move cost?
  - a. What is the size of the proposed student fee increase?

The existing Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) fee is \$129.38 per quarter per student. The current ICA fee is adjusted annually according to the California Consumer Price Index. The new fee will be implemented gradually over a three-year period, and will also be indexed to the California Consumer Price Index (not to exceed 3% per year). The following chart, taken from the student fee referendum, reports how much the fee would increase per quarter until it is fully implemented.

	Fee Increase Per Student Per Quarter	Existing Fee Per Student Per Quarter	Total Fee Per Student Per Quarter
Current year	\$0	\$129.38	\$129.38
Year 1	\$60	\$129.38	\$189.38 (plus CPI adjustments)
Year 2	\$55	\$189.38 (plus CPI adjustments)	\$244.38 (plus CPI adjustments)
Year 3	\$45	\$244.38 (plus CPI adjustments)	\$289.38 (plus CPI adjustments)

b. Who would pay these increased fees?

All registered undergraduate students at UC San Diego would be assessed the new Intercollegiate Athletic fee. However, the portion of the fee that they would pay directly would depend upon their financial aid eligibility.

The approximately 40% of UC San Diego students who do not receive need-based grant aid would pay the full scheduled fee increase of \$60 per quarter in the first year of implementation, as well as the full cost of additional fee increases in succeeding years.

The approximately 60% of UC San Diego students who do receive need-based grant aid would generally pay approximately 1/3 of that increase – \$20 per quarter in the first year – through an increase in their loan or work-study commitment. The remainder of the fee increase would likely be subsidized by the 29% of the fee increase which is required to be reserved for student financial support (Return to Aid). This rate of subsidy – with students who receive need-based grant aid paying approximately 1/3 of the fee increase, with the other 2/3 provided through Return to Aid – is projected to remain approximately the same as the full fee is implemented.

Appendix 1, a document prepared by the UC San Diego Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, shows a detailed breakdown of what the impact of the proposed fee would entail for students at different levels of need. Students may review the examples on this document to see calculations of how the increase might change their financial aid packages, based on their level of Expected Family Contribution.

c. How do total student fees at UC San Diego compare to other UC campuses, and how would they compare if the proposal is successful?

We compared student fees at UC San Diego to current fees at other campuses within the UC system. (This comparison does not account for the overall estimated costs of attending each campus, which includes factors like room and board or health insurance that vary greatly across campuses.) After looking at all reoccurring campus based fees incurred on all UC campuses (excluding UCSF), we found that UC San Diego currently ranked 5th in terms of campus fees. If the Division I referendum is successful, when the fee is fully implemented in Year 3, UC San Diego will be the 8th ranked in terms of campus fees. These data were collected directly from each

individual campus in March, 2016, and did not include Health Insurance Fees, and non reoccurring fees.

Note that this is based on fees that students are paying in the 2015-2016 academic year, and does not include proposed fee increases that campuses are currently considering.

The table below lists all student fees at each campus, both currently and if the Division I referendum is successful. Appendix 2 provides a breakdown of the fees on each campus, as well as full citations of the sources of these data.

Under Current Fees		Under Proposed Fees	
Merced	\$1,988.36	Merced	\$1,988.36
Irvine	\$2,032.47	Irvine	\$2,032.47
Berkeley	\$2,210.50	Berkeley	\$2,210.50
Santa Cruz	\$2,240.44	Santa Cruz	\$2,240.44
San Diego	\$2,309.76	Riverside	\$2,319.24
Riverside	\$2,319.24	Davis	\$2,731.35
Davis	\$2,731.35	Santa Barbara	\$2,748.12
Santa Barbara	\$2,748.12	San Diego	\$2,789.76
Los Angeles	\$3,560.19	Los Angeles	\$3,560.19

3. Would competing in Division I athletics align with UC San Diego’s academic mission?
  - a. Would it alter the admissions process or criteria for student athletes?

No. The Committee on Admissions (an Academic Senate committee) has an approved process in place for the evaluation of prospective intercollegiate student-athletes for admission to UC San Diego. The process has been in place at least since 1999. It will not change as a result of NCAA Division I status.

The Committee on Admissions developed a process for the early evaluation of a prospective student-athlete. This is necessary in order for the Athletics Department to be able to recruit prospective students, as well as for prospective students to know whether they are likely to be admitted to UC San Diego, or whether they should accept an admissions/scholarship offer from another institution. The process uses a statistical model developed by the Office of Student Research and Information. It is based on the prior year’s general admission pool and subsequent UCSD GPAs to predict what UC GPA and SAT scores are needed for academic success. This process is reviewed by the Committee on Admissions every two to three years, along with the level of academic success of the students admitted via this process to ensure that the levels of academic success are appropriate and students are academically successful at UCSD.

The students go through the regular system-wide admissions application process and are held to all standard UC admissions requirements. There are no exceptions to overall UC admissions policies for student-athletes. UCSD does not and will not offer student athletes admission by exception or as “Admissions Director’s admits.”

b. Would student academic performance be compromised?

The Athletic Department and the Faculty Athletic Representative regularly report on the academic progress of student athletes at UC San Diego, providing information on their GPAs and their completion of degrees in comparison to the student body overall. Appendix 3 provides this Student Athlete Academic Report for the 2014-15 academic year. In short, this report shows that in recent years, athletes have performed comparably to the student body overall. Student athletes graduate at a higher rate than the student body overall – 92% rather than 86% over a six-year period, and also at higher four-year and five-year rates. The GPAs of student athletes are slightly lower than the student body overall – 3.06 during the last academic year, compared with 3.13 for the student body overall.

Is the academic performance of athletes likely to remain comparable to students overall if UC San Diego moves to Division I membership? One reason to believe that it will is that the admissions procedure and criteria for student athletes will remain the same. Another point of evidence is the current academic performance of athletes who compete against Division I schools in UC San Diego’s five “National Collegiate Level” sports: Men’s and Women’s Water Polo, Men’s Volleyball, and Men’s and Women’s Fencing. The combined cumulative GPA of members of these teams at the end of the Spring 2015 quarter was 3.08.

c. In what divisions do UC San Diego’s academic peers compete?

UC San Diego is a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), the organization of the 62 leading public and private universities in the United States and Canada. The table below lists its members. Of the American public universities in the AAU, UC San Diego is the only one that is currently not a Division I member. Of the private universities, 16 currently are Division I members, while ten are members of Division III. The table below lists the private and public American AAU members, with the non-Division I athletic programs listed in italics.

Public Universities in the AAU

Georgia Institute of Technology  
Indiana University  
Iowa State University  
Michigan State University  
The Ohio State University  
The Pennsylvania State University  
Purdue University  
Rutgers University  
The State University of New Jersey  
Stony Brook University, The State University of New York  
Texas A&M University  
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York  
The University of Arizona  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles

*University of California, San Diego*  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Colorado, Boulder  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
The University of Iowa  
The University of Kansas  
University of Maryland at College Park  
University of Michigan  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of Missouri, Columbia  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
University of Oregon  
University of Pittsburgh  
The University of Texas at Austin  
University of Virginia  
University of Washington  
The University of Wisconsin-Madison

Private Universities in the AAU

Boston University  
*Brandeis University*  
Brown University  
*California Institute of Technology*  
*Carnegie Mellon University*  
*Case Western Reserve University*  
Columbia University  
Cornell University  
Duke University  
Emory University  
Harvard University  
*The Johns Hopkins University*  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
*New York University*  
Northwestern University  
Princeton University  
Rice University  
Stanford University  
Tulane University  
*The University of Chicago*  
University of Pennsylvania  
*University of Rochester*  
University of Southern California  
Vanderbilt University  
*Washington University in St. Louis*  
Yale University

d. Will there be an oversight mechanism to ensure that the Athletic Department's activities are aligned with our academic mission?

There is no requirement that an oversight committee shall be created in order to ensure that the Athletic Department's activities are aligned with UC San Diego's academic mission. However, the members of this committee strongly recommend that such a committee should be created, and have worked with the Athletic Department to create a recommended scope and structure for this committee. What follows is our proposal, which is based on examples of similar committees on other UC campuses.

### **Proposed Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Intercollegiate Athletics**

If the Division I Referendum were to pass, a Chancellor's Advisory Committee would be established to ensure transparency and integrity through the operations of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program. This committee will provide recommendations to assist UC San Diego student-athletes in continuing their academic excellence, to maximize their performance to their fullest potential, to ensure that student fees are managed properly, and to ensure that Athletic Department operations remain consistent with the campus' academic mission. Furthermore, this committee will maintain support through different resources to ensure a positive campus experience for all students.

UCSD currently has an NCCA-mandated Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), appointed by the Chancellor. The FAR oversees all aspects of university life that affect the quality of the student-athlete experience and ensures compliance with NCAA eligibility and academic requirements. The FAR position would remain and be represented on this proposed committee.

#### **Proposed Duties:**

- A. Advisory:** This Committee will advise the Chancellor on the overall status of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program including assurance of transparency and integrity of operations through a written report. In addition, the committee will study issues relating to our student-athletes and intercollegiate program that include but are not limited to academics, safety, nutrition, diversity, recruiting and admissions, governance and oversight, and the budget. The Chancellor and the Athletic Director shall provide the Committee with the documents and reports necessary to execute its responsibilities.
  
- B. Compliance:** The Committee will provide advice on athletic needs and compliance with the university's policies as well as state and federal law. It shall also review and recommend policy or procedures on student-athlete welfare issues such as the academic performance of students, including progress on degrees and graduation rates, summary statements from student-athlete exit interviews, personal conduct of student-athletes and other matters regarding athletic programs and personnel.

**C. Continuing Academic Excellence:** At appropriate times, the Committee will assist the Faculty Senate's Committee on Admissions to ensure that the university's tradition of academic excellence is being maintained.

**D. Liaison:** The Committee will serve as a liaison between the Athletic Department and the university's community through the representatives elected to be on the Committee. This Committee will uphold the university's student-centered value and be a resource for students to have any questions answered in regards to the university's athletic program and for students to understand fully how the ICA fee will be allocated.

**Proposed Membership:**

This Committee would be composed of 17 members:

Chair:	Chancellor or Chancellor's Designee
Faculty:	4 Faculty, appointed by the Faculty Senate's Committee on Committees, including at least one Provost and the FAR
Vice Chancellors:	3 Vice Chancellors - Including Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Students:	4 Students - Including two students appointed by the Associated Students President, one appointed by the Graduate Student Association, and one appointed by the Triton Athletic Council
Alumni:	1 Alumnus or Alumna - Member of the University Alumni Board
Community:	1 Community Member - Member of the Athletic Board
Ex-Officio:	Athletic Director, Deputy Director of Athletics, and a Head Coach
Meetings:	3 times per academic year

**Proposed Terms of Appointment:**

Faculty and administration representatives shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms; students, alumni and community members shall be appointed for one-year terms. The Committee should reflect gender and ethnic diversity; to accomplish this the Chancellor shall communicate this objective to all bodies and individuals responsible for selecting or recommending persons for membership on the Committee.

## Potential ICA Fee Increase - Impact on Financial Aid Packages

April 12, 2016

*In order to demonstrate the net effect of the ICA increase, this data assumes all other variables remain constant based on 2015-16 figures, including Cost of Attendance, available funding, enrollment, and current 29% Return to Aid.*

Very High Need - Expected Family Contribution = \$0

	2015-16	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	with Current ICA Fee	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase
Cost of Attendance (On-Campus)	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135
Grant Aid	\$22,565	\$22,685	\$120	\$22,795	\$110	\$22,885	\$90
Loan/Work-Study	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$60	\$8,915	\$55	\$8,960	\$45
Additional Loan/Family Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

High Need - Expected Family Contribution = \$5,000

	2015-16	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	with Current ICA Fee	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase
Cost of Attendance (On-Campus)	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135
Grant Aid	\$17,565	\$17,685	\$120	\$17,795	\$110	\$17,885	\$90
Loan/Work-Study	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$60	\$8,915	\$55	\$8,960	\$45
Additional Loan/Family Resources	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0

Moderate Need - Expected Family Contribution = \$10,000

	2015-16	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
	with Current ICA Fee	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase
Cost of Attendance (On-Campus)	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135
Grant Aid	\$12,565	\$12,685	\$120	\$12,795	\$110	\$12,885	\$90
Loan/Work-Study	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$60	\$8,915	\$55	\$8,960	\$45
Additional Loan/Family Resources	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0

Moderate to Low Need - Expected Family Contribution = \$15,000

	2015-16 with Current ICA Fee	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase
Cost of Attendance (On-Campus)	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135
Grant Aid	\$7,565	\$7,685	\$120	\$7,795	\$110	\$7,885	\$90
Loan/Work-Study	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$60	\$8,915	\$55	\$8,960	\$45
Additional Loan/Family Resources	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0

Low Need - Expected Family Contribution = \$20,000

	2015-16 with Current ICA Fee	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase
Cost of Attendance (On-Campus)	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135
Grant Aid	\$2,565	\$2,685	\$120	\$2,795	\$110	\$2,885	\$90
Loan/Work-Study	\$8,800	\$8,860	\$60	\$8,915	\$55	\$8,960	\$45
Additional Loan/Family Resources	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0

Lower Need - Expected Family Contribution = \$25,000

	2015-16 with Current ICA Fee	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase
Cost of Attendance (On-Campus)	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135
Grant Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Loan/Work-Study	\$6,365	\$6,545	\$180	\$6,710	\$165	\$6,845	\$135
Additional Loan/Family Resources	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0

No Need - Expected Family Contribution > \$32,000

	2015-16 with Current ICA Fee	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
		Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase	Adjusted	Annual Increase
Cost of Attendance (On-Campus)	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135
Grant Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Loan/Work-Study	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional Loan/Family Resources	\$31,365	\$31,545	\$180	\$31,710	\$165	\$31,845	\$135

Under Current Fees		Ranking
Merced	\$1,988.36	1
Irvine	\$2,032.47	2
Berkeley	\$2,210.50	3
Santa Cruz	\$2,240.44	4
San Diego	\$2,309.76	5
Riverside	\$2,319.24	6
Davis	\$2,731.35	7
Santa Barbara	\$2,748.12	8
Los Angeles	\$3,560.19	9

Under Proposed Fees		Ranking
Merced	\$1,988.36	1
Irvine	\$2,032.47	2
Berkeley	\$2,210.50	3
Santa Cruz	\$2,240.44	4
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Full documentation on all fees available on the excel version of this attachment in the  
 Division I Fact-Finding Task Force Final  
 Report - April 2016

# Student-Athlete Academic Report

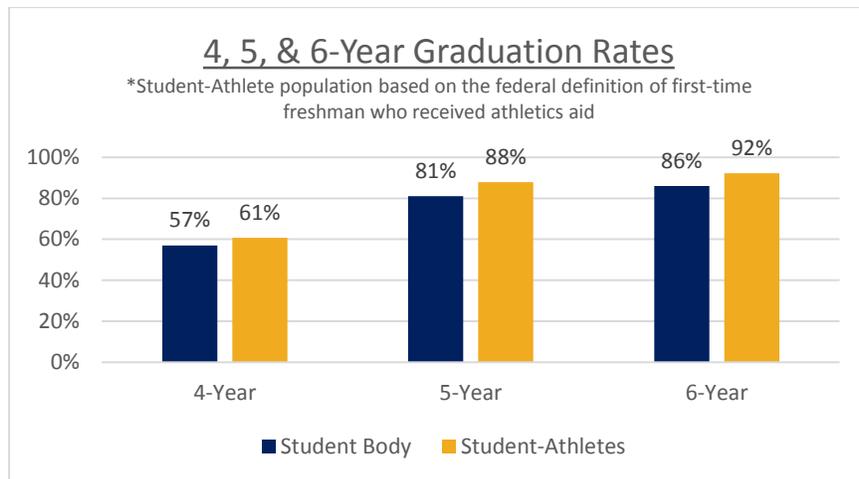
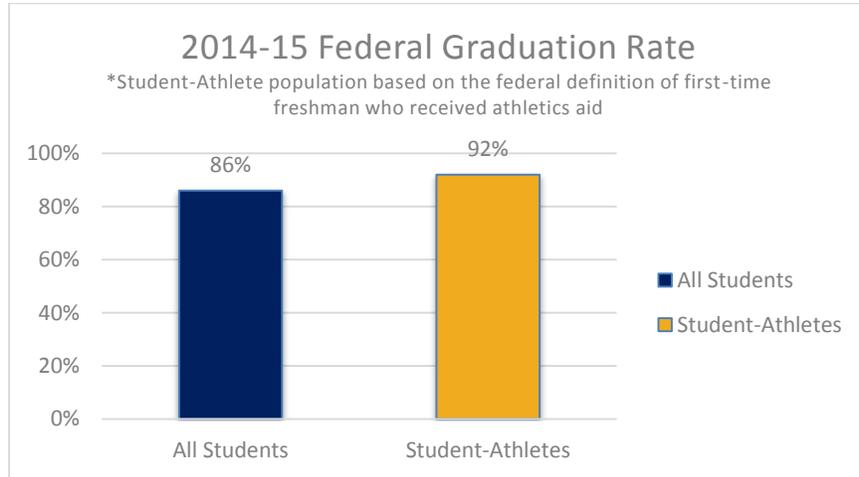
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# Graduation Rates & Time-to-Degree

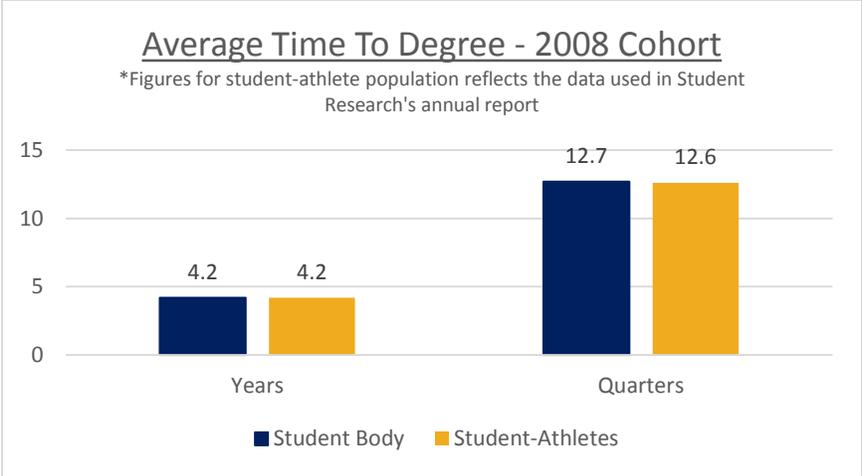
## Findings:

Student-athletes continue to graduate from UC San Diego at a higher rate than their non-athlete peers. This includes higher graduation rates at the 4, 5 and 6-year marks in the most recent 2008 cohort.<sup>1</sup> The most recent data on average time-to-degree shows both student-athletes and their non-athlete peers graduating in an average of 4.2 years with student-athletes having a slight edge over non-athletes in average number of quarters needed to graduate (12.6 quarter vs. 12.7 quarters).<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Note that the figures for graduation rates for the student-athlete population differ slightly from the numbers included in the University's annual report published by Student Research and Information: <http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/files/stats-data/retention/Retention1415.pdf>. Student Research uses a more inclusive definition of the student-athlete population in its report; this reports uses the federal definition to define the student-athlete cohort. However, both reports show student-athletes graduating from UC San Diego at a higher rate across the board than their non-athlete peers.

<sup>2</sup> <http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/files/stats-data/retention/Retention1415.pdf>.

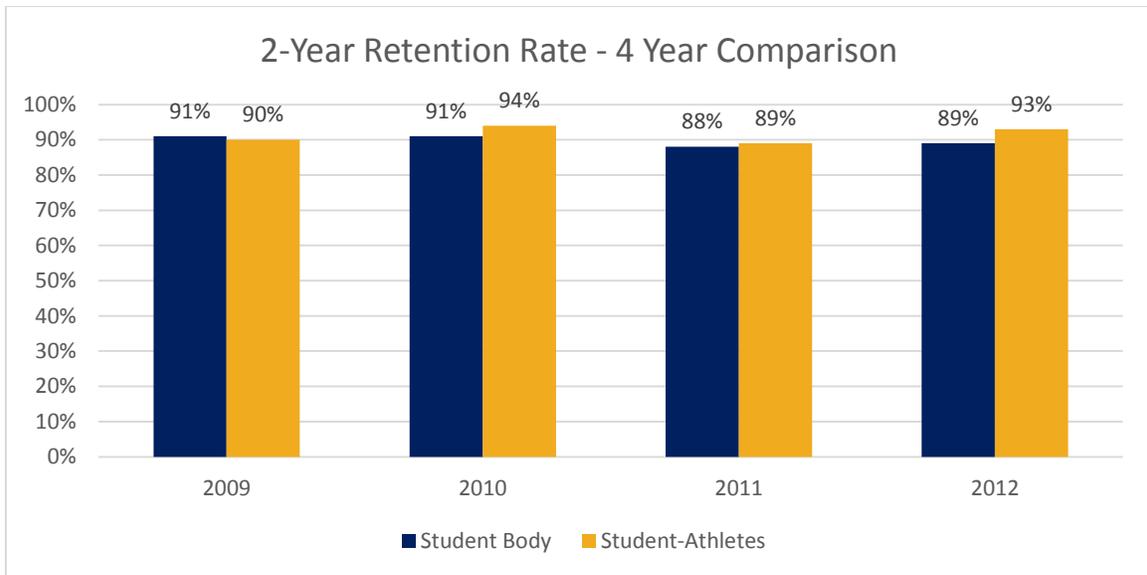
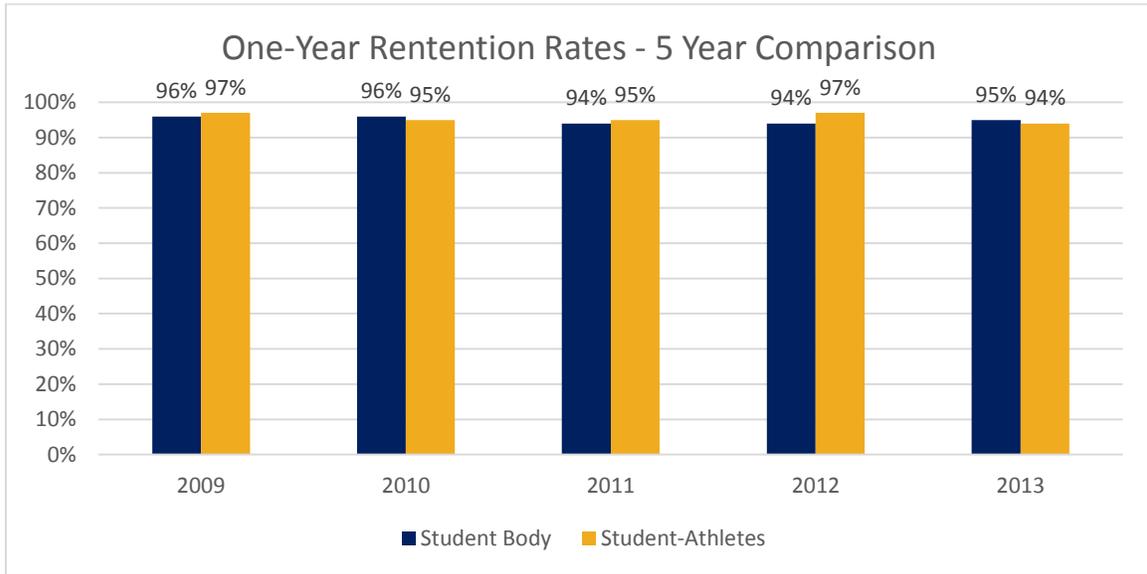


Statistics for both student athletes and study body taken from: <http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/files/stats-data/retention/Retention1415.pdf>

# Retention Rates

## Findings:

The retention rates for student-athletes are consistently comparable to, and often higher than, the overall student body at both the 1-year and 2-year levels.<sup>3</sup>



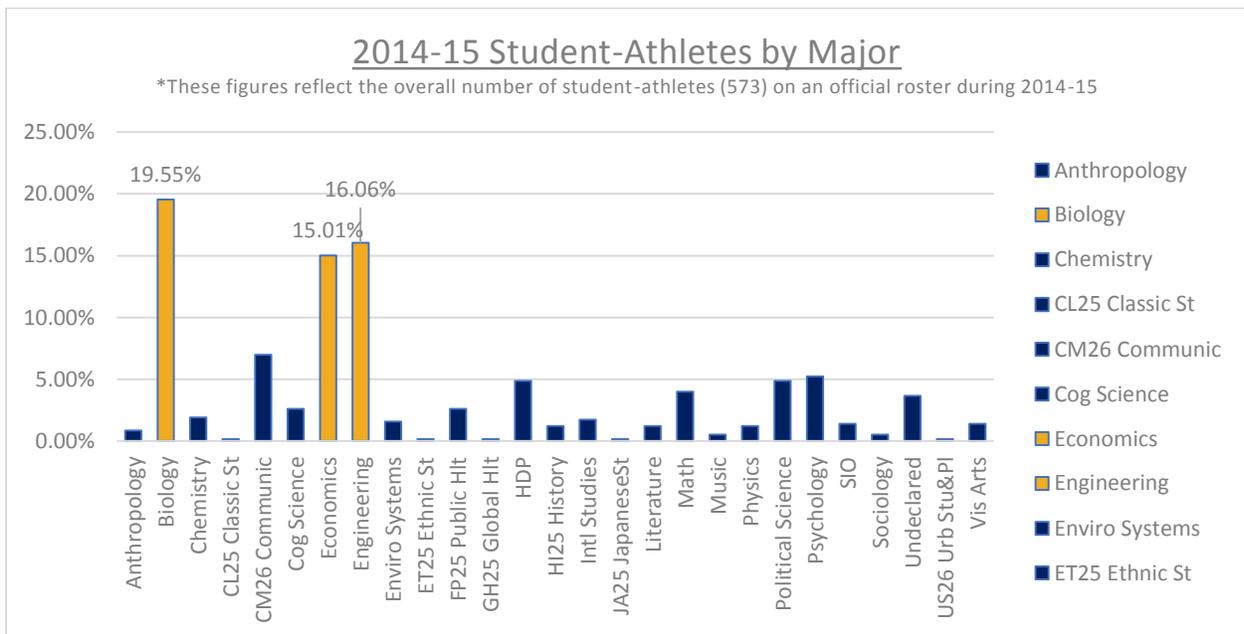
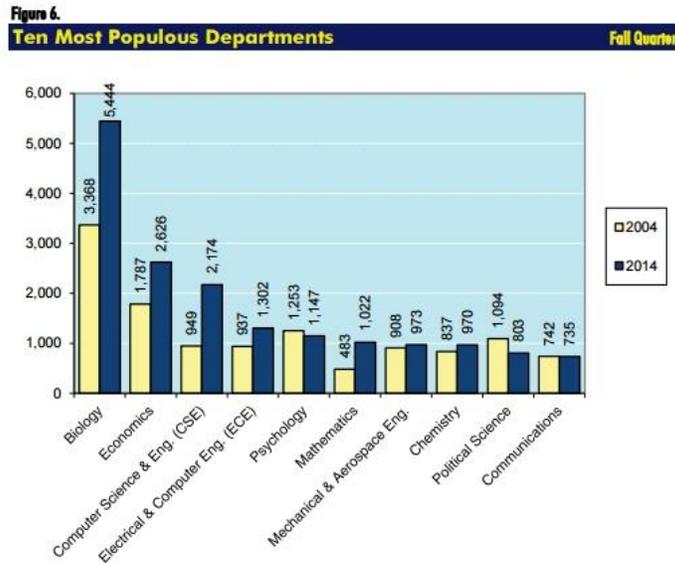
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# 2014-2015 Student-Athletes by Major

## Findings:

The 3 most popular majors among student-athletes mirrors that of the overall student body: (1) Biology; (2) Engineering; and (3) Economics.<sup>4</sup>

## 2014-2015 Student Body by Major



<sup>4</sup> Student-athlete figures reflect the overall number of student-athletes (573) on an official roster during 2014-15. Statistics on UCSD student body taken from: <http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/files/stats-data/enroll/ugmajor.pdf>.

■ First-Time Freshmen

**Retention, Graduation, & Time-to-Degree:  
First Time Freshmen by Athletic Status**

<i>Athlete</i>		Retention Rates		Graduation Rates			Avg. Time-to-Degree	
Fall	Cohort	1-Year	2-Year	4-Year	5-Year	6-Year	Years	Quarters
• 2005	159	96%	87%	60%	86%	90%	4.3 yrs.	12.8 qtrs.
• 2006	166	96%	89%	51%	84%	87%	4.3 yrs.	12.8 qtrs.
• 2007	149	95%	90%	64%	86%	89%	4.2 yrs.	12.6 qtrs.
• 2008	175	95%	90%	61%	87%	90%	4.2 yrs.	12.6 qtrs.
• 2009	187	97%	90%	57%	84%	90%	4.3 yrs.	12.8 qtrs.
• 2010	184	95%	94%	55%	86%			
• 2011	199	95%	89%	57%				
• 2012	198	97%	93%					
• 2013	205	94%	90%					
• 2014	199	94%						

<i>Non-Athlete</i>		Retention Rates		Graduation Rates			Avg. Time-to-Degree	
Fall	Cohort	1-Year	2-Year	4-Year	5-Year	6-Year	Years	Quarters
• 2005	3,561	94%	89%	56%	81%	85%	4.2 yrs.	12.7 qtrs.
• 2006	4,423	94%	88%	57%	82%	86%	4.2 yrs.	12.7 qtrs.
• 2007	3,992	94%	89%	56%	81%	86%	4.3 yrs.	12.8 qtrs.
• 2008	4,117	95%	90%	57%	81%	86%	4.2 yrs.	12.7 qtrs.
• 2009	3,562	96%	91%	58%	84%	87%	4.2 yrs.	12.7 qtrs.
• 2010	3,763	96%	91%	59%	83%			
• 2011	3,245	94%	88%	55%				
• 2012	4,375	94%	89%					
• 2013	5,023	95%	90%					
• 2014	4,723	95%						

For the past five years, six-year graduation rates for UCSD athletes tend to be higher compared to non-athletes.

# Cumulative GPA: Student-Athletes vs. Student Body

Data reflects the average cumulative GPA of the specific population after the designated term.

## Findings:

Student-athletes continue to maintain GPAs that are comparable to the general student-body.<sup>5</sup>

### Female Population

Term	Student-Athletes	Student Body
FA14	3.10	3.13
WI15	3.13	3.15
SP15	3.14	3.15

### Male Population

Term	Student-Athletes	Student Body
FA14	3.01	3.09
WI15	2.99	3.12
SP15	3.00	3.11

### Entire Population

Term	Student-Athletes	Student Body
FA14	3.05	3.11
WI15	3.05	3.14
SP15	3.06	3.13

## Overall 2014-15 Academic Performance of Student-Athletes<sup>6</sup>

Student-Athlete 2014-15 GPA & Average Units Passed		
	GPA	Units
Overall	3.06	13.88
Female	3.15	14.17
Male	2.99	13.62

<sup>5</sup> Student-athlete population includes all student-athletes active during the given term. Statistics on UCSD student body taken from <http://studentresearch.ucsd.edu/stats-data/mean-gpa.html>.

<sup>6</sup> GPA data reflects the average of the 3 term GPAs in 14-15 for student-athletes; no comparable figure exists for the general student body. Unit data reflects the average number of units passed by student-athletes in each of the 3 terms in 14-15.

ASUC San Diego  
ICA Activity Fee Increase for  
Division I Referendum Ballot  
January 2016

Voting will take place via Tritonlink: <http://tritonlink.ucsd.edu> from May 16th to May 20th, and shall begin at 10:00 AM on the first day of voting and continue until 4:00 PM on the last day of voting. Any student or student organization may submit a request to the Elections Committee to write Pro or Con statements, which shall be written in accordance with the Associated Students Association Standing Rules and Constitution. All correspondence sent to students regarding the referendum must include the phrase "VOTE AT TRITONLINK.UCSD.EDU". To be effective, the fee referendum must be approved by a simple majority of votes to approve, with no less than 20% of eligible votes cast. The referendum shall not be approved if there are more votes cast to abstain than votes cast to approve. The proposed voting criteria are in full compliance with the Constitution of the Associated Students, and applicable student fee policies described in Section 18.00 of the UCSD Policies and Procedures Applying to Student Activities.

Do you support an increase in the Intercollegiate Athletics (ICA) fee to move UCSD Intercollegiate Athletics from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II to Division I in the Big West Conference?

This fee increase would enable UCSD Intercollegiate Athletics teams to compete with academically comparable institutions and meet NCAA financial and grants-in-aid requirements for NCAA Division I athletics.

If UCSD receives an invitation to join the Big West Conference, the fee increase will be phased in over a three-year period commencing in the fall quarter. For example, if UCSD receives an invitation in June 2016, the first phase of the fee increase would be fall 2016. If an invitation is received in November 2016, the first phase of the fee increase would be fall 2017.

If UCSD does not receive an invitation to join the Big West Conference by September 15, 2018, this fee increase will not be assessed and results of this referendum will become null and void.

The existing ICA fee is \$129.38 per quarter per student. The ICA fee shall be adjusted annually according to the California Consumer Price Index (CPI) and shall not exceed a 3% annual adjustment.

The table below identifies the annual increases in the ICA fee per student per quarter.

	Fee Increase Per Student Per Quarter	Existing Fee Per Student Per Quarter	Total Fee Per Student Per Quarter
Current year	\$0	\$129.38	\$129.38
Year 1	\$60	\$129.38	\$189.38 (plus CPI adjustments)
Year 2	\$55	\$189.38 (plus CPI adjustments)	\$244.38 (plus CPI adjustments)
Year 3	\$45	\$244.38 (plus CPI adjustments)	\$289.38 (plus CPI adjustments)

As the table above details, in year one the existing ICA fee would increase \$60 to \$189.38 per student per quarter plus CPI adjustments. In year two the existing ICA fee would increase by \$55 to \$244.38 per student per quarter plus CPI adjustments. In year three the existing ICA fee would increase by \$45 to \$289.38 per student per quarter plus CPI adjustments.

29% of the ICA fee increase will return to UCSD to help meet the financial aid needs of undergraduate students.

Consistent with the existing fee, 50% of the full Spring quarter fee will be assessed if a student attends one summer session. 100% of the full Spring quarter fee will be assessed if a student attends two or more summer sessions

Statement of Conditions:

1. This fee will be included in the determination of financial aid.
2. Annual budget reports will be made public and provided to all UCSD Student Governments.
3. Modifications to this fee may not be made without a subsequent student referendum held in accordance with the appropriate student governmental and University policies unless other means are explicitly provided in this ballot language.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_

Memorandum of Understanding  
Transition to NCAA Non-Football  
Division I Athletics  
December 2015

# UCSanDiego

## Student Affairs

December 8, 2015

Chancellor Pradeep K. Khosla  
Chancellor's Office  
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**Subject: Transition to NCAA Non-Football Division I Athletics**

Dear Chancellor Khosla,

This memorandum serves to document a proposed transition from NCAA Division II Athletics to NCAA Non-Football Division I Athletics, the executive level discussions associated with the proposal, and decisions made during the planning phase in early Fall 2015.

With the support of VC Student Affairs, Intercollegiate Athletics proposed to extend UCSD's culture of excellence through reclassification from NCAA Division II to NCAA Division I Athletics. The transition would be financed by an undergraduate student fee referendum.

The proposal was reviewed by the Chancellor and EVC, and it was decided that reclassification would be supported by an enhanced student fee sufficient to ensure the Intercollegiate Athletics program was sustainable and would not need future subsidies from the institution. A few options for campus to provide funding to lower the cost of the student fee referendum were discussed. It was decided other priorities prevented campus from directing permanent resources toward the Division I initiative.

The student fee referendum discussed, if passed by undergraduate student vote (simple majority with minimum of at least 20 percent of the undergraduate student population voting), would generate over \$13 million annually based on enrollment projections, including nearly \$4 million for student financial aid (also called return to aid or RTA). There was robust conversation regarding the potential impact of the fee on the cost of attendance for needy students, and after analysis of the proposed RTA component and financial aid distribution model, it was decided that the traditional campus RTA rate of 29% would suffice. Intercollegiate Athletics would manage its incremental expenses within the approximately \$9 million fee increase net of RTA.

If approved, the proposed student fee referendum would be phased in over a three year period, adjusted annually according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and be subject to 29% return to aid.

In review by the Chancellor's Cabinet, it was noted that indirect costs as a result of future growth in event attendance that require increased campus services (i.e., security, transportation), would be netted out of incremental attendance revenues not budgeted in the proposed fee referendum. They would therefore be covered by the department and not be borne by the institution. Overall the proposed reclassification to NCAA Division I would be budget neutral to the University.

Additionally, there are no new facilities required for a reclassification to Division I.

In this context, endorsement was given by the Chancellor's Cabinet to move forward with the potential NCAA Division I transition funded by the proposed student fee referendum.

If you have any questions, please contact Earl Edwards, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, at 4-8750 or by email at [ewedwards@ucsd.edu](mailto:ewedwards@ucsd.edu).

Sincerely,

  
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