“BruinGo” Universal Access Transit Pass Referendum

Shall the Graduate Student Association (GSA) support a new fee of $25.04 per quarter/$37.56 per semester, effective Fall 2020 and terminating at the end of Spring 2023 unless renewed, to provide unlimited free access for graduate/professional students on all public transportation providers in Los Angeles County during the academic year?

This fee will be subject to a Los Angeles County Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment factor (as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor) every Fall in order to address changes due to inflation and any rise in the cost of living. The CPI adjustment will begin annually in Fall 2021.

This fee will be assessed each academic quarter beginning Fall 2020. The fee will not be assessed during summer quarters. The fee will sunset after three years, at the end of Spring 2023, unless extended through the referendum process.

In accordance with University policy, 25% of the amount collected from this referendum will be returned to UCLA students in the form of graduate financial aid.

__Yes  __No

Supplemental information:

We recognize that there are currently options through UCLA Transportation Services to enroll in commuter pass programs, including two programs called BruinGO and GOMetro. However, these services come at a high cost (approximately $45/quarter) and provide limited options that do not meet the needs of many students. By assessing all graduate students through a student fee, per student costs can be kept low, and students will have automatic access to public transportation providers covering Los Angeles County, including Los Angeles Metro, Culver City Bus, Big Blue Bus, Long Beach Transit, Antelope Valley Transit Authority, Torrance Transit, and LADOT Commuter Express.

The funds collected from this referendum will be provided to UCLA Transportation Services which will facilitate the service. Expenditures from this fee will be overseen by a committee with representatives appointed by the sitting ASUCLA and GSA Presidents and by the UCLA administration. The committee will periodically evaluate the program and ensure that fee monies are properly allocated to UCLA Transportation Services.