

75th Senate

Winter Session



S.R. 9-101A

Ballot Resolution

A Resolution to Propose an Increase to the Lock-in Fee for the A.S Global Gaucho Commission

A Resolution, brought by **Senator Ella Yu** and joined by **Senator Sandy Ganesh**, in order to place a lock-in fee increase for the Global Gaucho Commission on the Spring 2025 General Election Ballot.

Endorsed by:
AS Global Gaucho Commission

Whereas, international students constitute nearly 13% of the total undergraduate population at UCSB¹; and,

Whereas, Within UC Santa Barbara International students come from 107 countries with with the international student population increasing by 36% in Fall of 2024²; and,

Whereas, though they make up a large portion of the undergraduate population, international students often live parallel lives in relation to domestic students, and find it difficult to fully enjoy the benefits of school, local, and Associated Students resources due to language, cultural, and social barriers; and,

Whereas, The Global Gaucho Commission is the only entity in the Associated Students that places serving international students at the core of its mission statement, and is in fact the only AS organization that exists to serve international students; and,

¹ <https://bap.ucsb.edu/institutional-research/campus-profile>

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<https://www.independent.com/2024/07/31/uc-system-breaks-admissions-record-with-largest-most-diverse-class-for-fall-2024/>

Whereas, this year, GGC has successfully launched large-scale and impactful programs, such as Thanksgiving meal vouchers and GGC welcome package, on top of established and improved regular events that celebrate cultural holidays and provide funding for internationally-focused RCOs; and,

Whereas, according to the Outstand BCU Award Report, GGC had a budget execution of 98.74% for the Fall school quarter, which demonstrates its ability to effectively allocate its existing budget; and,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, The following lock-in language shall be proposed for the forthcoming Spring General Election ballot:

“Do you support the increase from \$0.99 to a total fee of \$2.49 per AS/UCSB Membership per quarter (fall, winter, spring) and \$0.99 for summer quarter lock-in fee for the AS Global Gaucho Commission to promote the welfare of international and domestic students by supporting and creating campus initiatives that celebrate international students’ cultures, make UCSB more inclusive to international students, and enhance the educational experience of all students by enabling them to interact with and learn from people and cultures from around the world. In addition, all the funds not consumed by the Commission in the fiscal year shall go to the Senate unallocated account for general assignment.”

Therefore, be it resolved by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled,

The following statement will be put on the ballot for Pro-statement of the measure:

“The AS Global Gaucho Commission is a student-run organization that focuses on making UCSB a better community for both international students and domestic students by promoting events that celebrate international students’ culture and other programs that facilitate the international students’ inclusion and enable the domestic students to experience the culture and joy from around the world.

For less than a bottle of Gatorade per quarter, you can make a difference in the educational experience of both 13% of the international students and 87% of the domestic students. Please vote YES on the GGC lock-in fee. Together, we can do it!”

Therefore, be it finally resolved by the Associated Students in the 75th Senate assembled, The election board is hereby authorized to amend the lock-in language to reflect surcharges to be included in the total charge, so each student will only be charged \$2.49 in regular quarters and \$0.99 in summer quarter