



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Office of the President

Student Government Referendum 03-001

To: The Senate of the University of South Florida Student Government
From: Nithin Palyam, Student Body President
Subject: Student Government Referendum for the Renewal of the Student Green Energy Fund
Date: January 18th, 2023

I, Nithin Palyam, Student Body President, call a Student Government Referendum for the renewal of the Student Green Energy Fund as approved by the Florida Board of Governors. This referendum shall serve the purpose of collecting the student body's interest in the continuation of the Student Green Energy Fee. The findings shall be used by the Board of Trustees to represent the student support for or against the fee.

The Student Green Energy Fee is a nominal student fee that is allocated to assist the University of South Florida in promoting sustainability, mitigating energy costs, limiting greenhouse gas emissions and conserving energy. Per the approval set forth by the Florida Board of Governors, students from each campus in the USF system shall vote in a student body referendum every three years either in support or opposition of the proposed fee. The student body must now vote in the affirmative to continue supporting the mission of promoting sustainability at the University of South Florida.

The Student Green Energy Fee works in conjunction with the strategic plan set forth by the Board of Governors by helping USF attain its goal of increased fiscal self-sufficiency through monetary savings from decreased energy costs. The fee also serves as the driving force behind student-led campus projects improving energy use and establishing technologies that directly lower the University's emissions, waste and/or energy consumption. The projects supported by the fee are vetted and chosen by a steering committee consisting of students and supported by faculty; examples of projects in progress or completed include:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Share-A-Bull Campus Bike Share Project
- Refillable Water Stations
- Energy Efficient fitness equipment at Campus Recreation Center
- Solar Umbrellas
- Laundry Detergent Refill Station

The fee will be set as follows:

Undergraduate Resident per Credit Hour: \$1.00

Graduate Resident per Credit Hour: \$1.00

The following language shall be included on the ballot presented to the Student Body:

The Student Green Energy Fee is a nominal student fee that is used to assist the University of South Florida in the mission to promote sustainability, mitigate total emissions and decrease energy consumption on campus. The projects funded for by the fee will be chosen and guided by a steering committee of students, with varying allocations per project. Past projects implemented through the fee include Refillable Water Bottle Stations, Energy Efficient Fitness Equipment, Solar Umbrellas, and Laundry Detergent Refill Station. The Student Green Energy Fee is set at \$1.00 per credit hour for undergraduate and graduate students.


Do you support a 3-year continuance of the Student Green Energy Fee?


Yes, I am in favor of continuing the Student Green Energy Fee

No, I am not in favor of continuing the Student Green Energy Fee

Abstain

Upon signature, as an officer of Student Government, and a majority consent of the Senate, this Referendum shall be sent to the Student Body for vote in the 2023 Student Government General Elections.

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Nithin Palyam
Student Body President

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