



TRANSFORMING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE TOGETHER

STUDENT REFERENDUM FAQ

Does approval of this referendum increase the athletics budget?

No. Approval would not increase the current intercollegiate athletics budget. Instead, it would establish a dedicated funding source that allows \$1 million or more per year of existing tuition and fee dollars currently supporting athletics to be redirected toward student experience priorities.

If \$1 million is freed up for students, how can those funds be used?

These are student funds, and priorities would be determined through student input and shared governance. Examples discussed include:

- Growth in rec and club sports
- Additional resources for study and performance opportunities abroad, such as the Lumberjack Marching Band performing in the London New Year's Day Parade
- Concerts and campus programming
- Undergraduate research and travel support
- Expanded funding for clubs, organizations, rec sports and Greek Life

These examples are illustrative and not a final allocation plan.

Have other universities in Texas passed similar referendums, and how does SFA compare?

Yes. Students at nearly all public universities in Texas have passed similar referendums that create a dedicated athletics fee while freeing up funds to return to student experiences. SFA is one of the only institutions that has not passed this referendum to free up these funds. The amount and structure vary by institution, but current students at SFA would have among the very lowest fees in Texas at \$5 per hour. New students starting in Fall 2026 will be at approximately the same level as our primary peer institutions in the University of Texas and the A&M University Systems.

Do current students always remain at \$5 per credit hour?

Yes. Students enrolled at the time of the vote would have a \$5 per-semester-credit-hour fee added to their semester bill, capped at 12 hours (\$60 per semester), beginning in Summer 2026. This rate would remain locked for the duration of a student's continuous enrollment at SFA.

Can someone visit my student organization to share more information?

Yes. Student leaders or organizations interested in a presentation or Q&A session can request a visit through the Student Government Association by emailing studentgovernment@sfasu.edu.

How do I vote?

Students can vote **March 2 – 3** through their mySFA account. All students are encouraged to participate in the referendum.