



# **UNION WELL**

## EXPANSION

**Student Comments from Information Sessions,  
Open Forums, and Town Hall meetings**

## Information Session Comments

1. By using language such as "what will your legacy be" I feel like you are implying that I don't care. Maybe if students could actually graduate on time, your traffic would go down in the Union and the WELL.
2. I don't see how any pride or value would be added to my degree. I come here for academics, not to socialize or attend events. I will NOT be bragging about an event center or the events held there.
3. When did school become a business? Instead of raising students' fees you and your company should generate your own money.
4. Building a new building will make the rush hour for getting across campus even worse.
5. The top universities are known for their research and development. An event is leisure, it is not a degree and it will not benefit me or this campus.
6. I think the questionnaire you sent us was biased because you didn't include the year in which the mortgage would be paid off.
7. I think it is ridiculous that the President's salary continues to go up despite budget cuts and the state our economy is in. Everyone has suffered except him. This event center is just another way to cause students to suffer and ignore our academic needs.
8. I think we should get a vote. I don't think students from 10 years ago speak for any of us. The economy is different from 10 years ago, the student fees are already too high, and so we should get the vote.
9. The "student voice" seems skewed and unrepresentative of the campus, or even this generation of students. You're polling too low. 1,000 students doesn't represent all 29,000. I think we should get to vote, it shouldn't be up to students from 10 years ago.
10. I'm concerned that you're forgetting about the students. This student fee should be going to build new classrooms and help prevent delayed graduation, not building a SEC.
11. We should have the power to vote about combining the two pots of money.
12. If you look across the country, event centers on college campuses are becoming the norm. But we should be raising the fee for classes.

13. There is a lack of teachers having the time to help out students before or after class. You should be helping them and us.
14. You know, plenty of students paid for future use of the WELL. When they returned to campus, they loved the WELL and the services provided. Those students built something beneficial for us, so we need to think of the future and not be selfish. Let's pay it forward.
15. I don't agree. I don't want to pay the fee, especially because my kids will be paying this fee later on.
16. I would be more in support of this expansion if you could somehow make it academic. I'm not for beautifying the campus with a new building that doesn't help me graduate sooner.
17. Overcrowding will still happen even after the expansions. I'm not on campus during the peak hours so I don't see or really believe that we are as crowded as you claim.
18. I was at the meeting yesterday and I haven't gotten a questionnaire. You aren't sending them!
19. The number of students who will be polled is too low and doesn't show what the students feel as a whole. This is a biased statistic.
20. With this fee increase, I might as well go to UC Davis instead.
21. I feel this is not the right time for a fee increase. Students are already hurting financially.
22. I don't think new food services are really needed.
23. This presentation is biased, you aren't dwelling enough on the negatives. Only why the expansion is needed and all the cool things it can do.
24. The locations picked out so far for the SEC are biased.
25. I think the project is a good idea, but I do not like the verbiage, "What's your legacy?" It is not OUR legacy; it's the student from 2004's legacy. We should have another referendum that current students get to vote on so it truly is our legacy
26. I have a concern. If you attract more students to the campus, current and future students are going to graduate later and later. How do you plan to address that?
27. When is the next BOD meeting? What will you be submitting to them in regards to the expansion project? What will they determine, or more accurately, what power do they have? Can they run a new referendum? What will you tell them about the project, to go forward or not?

28. I'm not persuaded that it adds value to degree. I agree it will definitely add value to the campus, but not to my degree.
29. Northridge is the only one school we can really compare ourselves with. We as a whole aren't competing on a level playing field; we aren't close to our competitor's quality of buildings. We lose people, especially athletes because they don't want to use our poor facilities. There are better options and teams to play for than us. If we improved our facilities they would come.
30. I can't imagine coming back to use the event center. I would use the WELL, but I don't see alumni wanting to see a concert with a bunch of 20 year old college kids. You also need to give us a definite parking option.
31. Just to point out, while students compare schools they don't always compare the social aspect. Services on our campus are a marketing point for new students. Everyone has a reason for wanting to use our facilities.
32. So you're seeking an increase in fees by next spring? In other words you are looking to charge fees really quickly. How and when will you go about getting corporate sponsorship, before or after the fees are in place?
33. Having a mid-year fee increase is going to be a hard sell. Financial aid already will have already been decided for the year, so students would have to get additional loan funds due to the tuition line item. Therefore it would have to be repackaged and that in itself is a huge project. So timing is going to be incredibly important.