



The New UC Project

Student Fees Advisory Committee (SFAC)
Special Presentation
Tuesday, October 28, 2014



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The UC Transformation Project

- » An entirely student-centered project in response to feedback from the student body about the state of the University Center facilities
- » After a number of site visits and a comprehensive master planning process, a student-led initiative was born (Spring and Summer 2008)
- » Led to a list of Master Plan Guidelines for the facility
 - > **Creating a one-of-a-kind experience, that epitomizes Student Life and Student Success at UH**
 - > **Become the Provider of Choice for Activities, Services and Facilities for the UH community**
 - > **Foster a Sense of Place by Enhanced Formal and Informal Spaces**
 - > **Enhance the Food Service Program**
 - > **Cultivate a Convenient and Centralized Retail Zone**
 - > **Create a Synergistic Student Organization Center**

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- November 18 and 19, 2008 – UC2010 Student Referendum
 - 4161 Votes
 - 3204 (77%) In Support of Referendum
 - 957 (23%) Not In Support of Referendum



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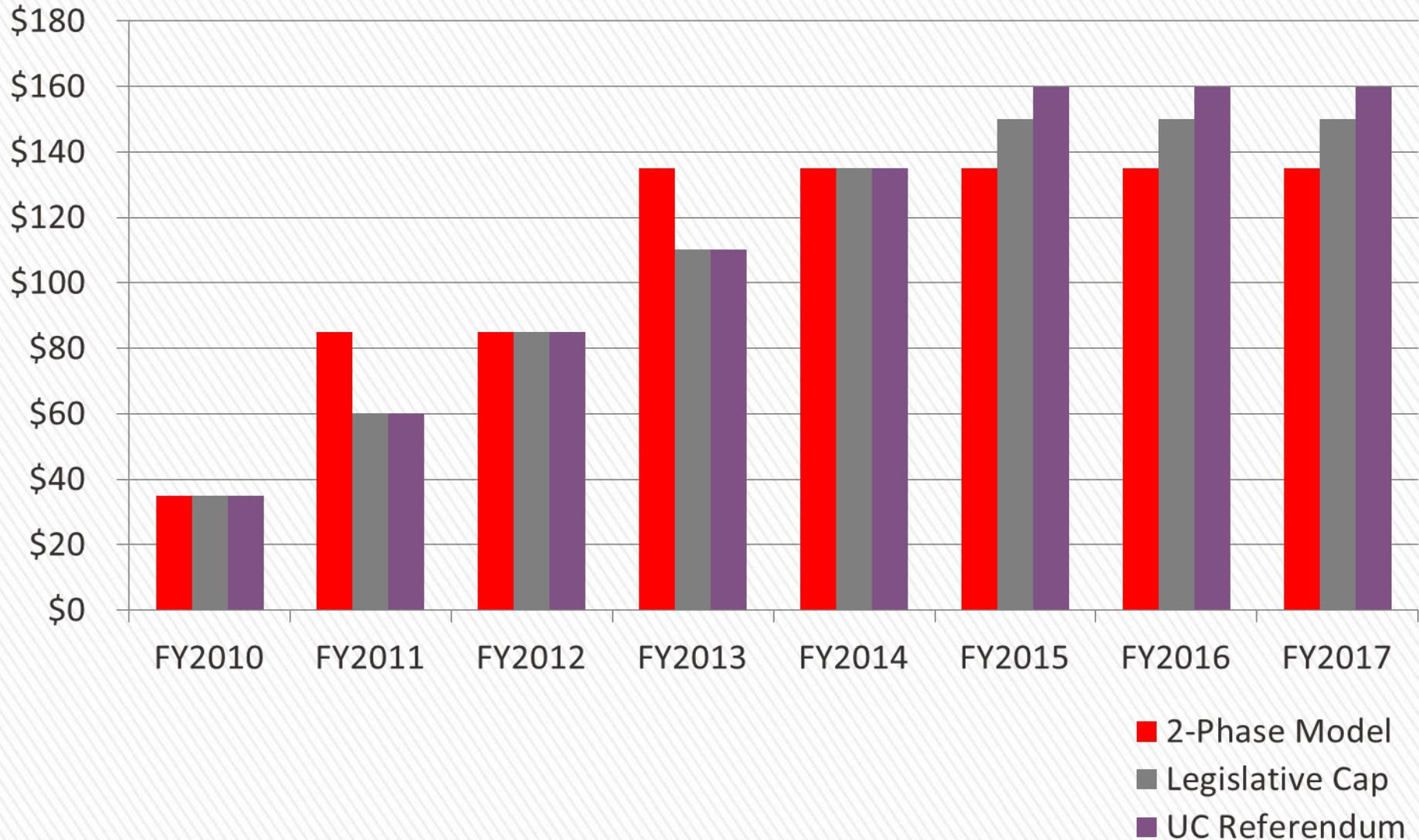
- April 1, 2009 – Testimony to Texas Congressional Higher Education Subcommittee in support of HB2961, Relating to an increase in the Student Union Fee at the University of Houston
- May 20, 2009 – Testimony to Texas Senate Higher Education Subcommittee in support of HB2961
- June 19, 2009 – HB2961 Signed into law by Governor Perry, takes effect immediately

The UC Transformation Project:

Project Development

- » In November 2009, New UC leadership met with Division of Student Affairs and Division of Administration and Finance Leadership to discuss the future of the UC Transformation Project
- » As a result of the insights gained from this meeting, New UC Leadership began to examine ways to stretch the increase to the UC Fee even farther to provide more value to students
- » New 2-phase fee increase model would raise UC Fee only twice instead of five times in original implementation (\$50 increase in FY11 and \$50 increase in FY13 to grand total of \$135 per spring and fall semester and \$67.50 per summer semester)
- » This saves \$15 per long semester and \$7.50 per summer semester off total UC fee for students
- » By financing significant portion of project in FY11, financial savings allow for a larger project than originally conceived

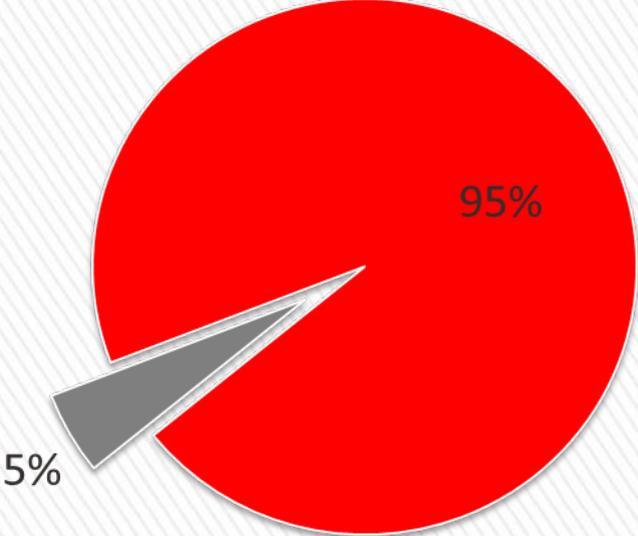
The UC Transformation Project: Fee Implementation Models



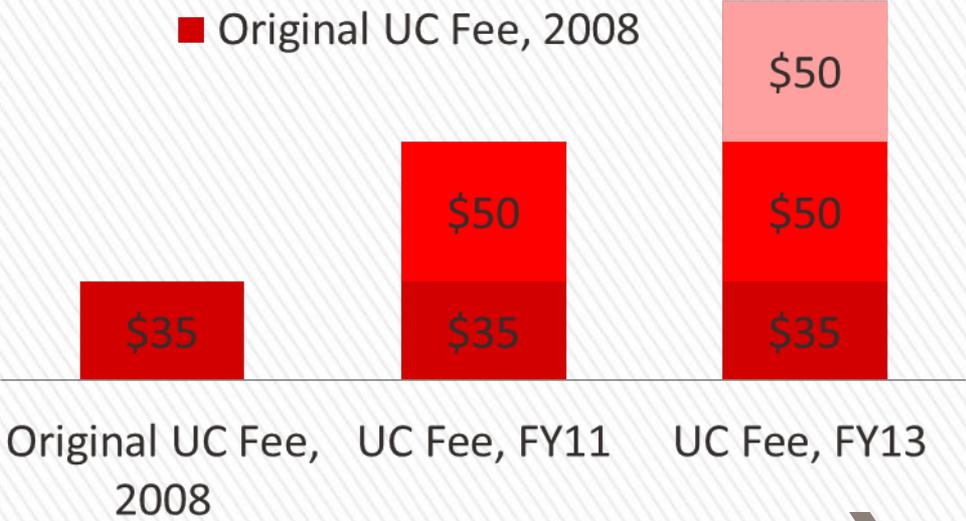
The UC Transformation Project: Student Support

Funding Sources for UC Transformation

- Student Body (\$76 Million)
- Campus Dining Partners (\$4 Million)



- Phase 2 Increase
- Phase 1 Increase
- Original UC Fee, 2008



New Plaza



Legacy Lounge



New UC Student Involvement

- » UC Furniture Test Drive
- » Carpet, Furniture (Lounge and Office), Fabrics
- » UC Word Cloud – Word Selection
- » Naming of Meeting Rooms
- » Name Change Proposal –
“University Center” to
“Student Center”
(effective January 1,, 2015)



New UC Student Involvement

» Meeting Room Example of Interior Decor



Skyline Room

*Student Center South,
Room 223*



New UC Groundbreaking (April 26, 2012)



Program

Thursday, April 26, 2012

10:00 AM

Welcome

Keith T. Kowalka

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs – Student Life

Remarks

The Honorable Jarvis V. Hollingsworth

Secretary, UH System Board of Regents

Renu Khator

President, University of Houston

Richard Walker

Vice President for Student Affairs

Jared Gogets

Co-Chair, UC Transformation Project

Ceremonial Groundbreaking

Closing



UC Cornerstone Christening (March 2, 2013)



UC Topping Out Ceremony (April 10, 2013)



UC North Ribbon Cutting (January 22, 2014)



UC Transformation – Next Steps

» November 2014

- > Construction Complete
- > Fire Alarm Testing
- > Certificate of Occupancy
- > Office Moves
 - + University Center Administrative Services and Operations Office, Student Affairs IT Services, Business Services, from Student Center South 237 to New Suite
 - + Office of the AVP for Student Affairs from Student Center North to the New Suite in Student Center South

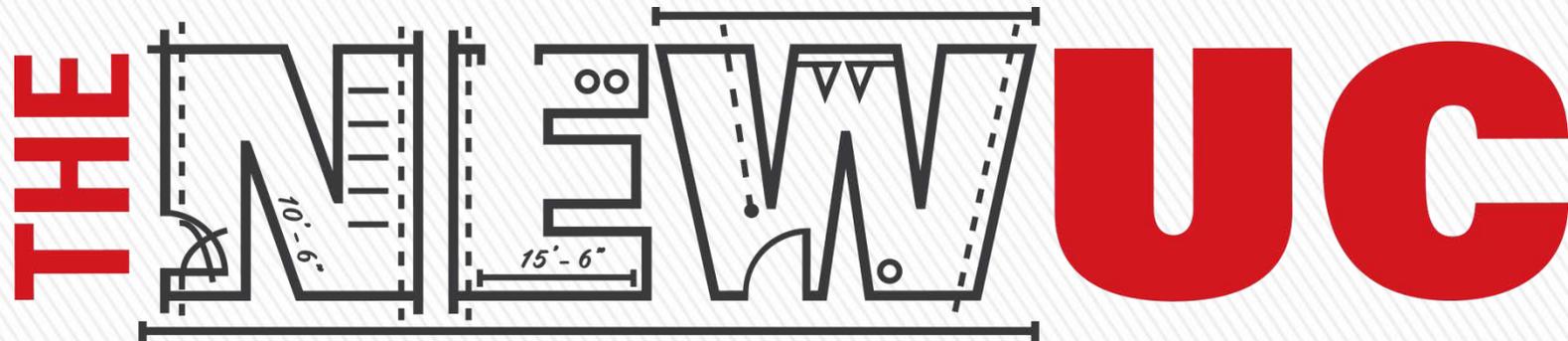
» December 2014

- > Furniture Installation (Lounge Furniture)
- > Office Moves
 - + Dean of Students Office, from Student Services I Building to the Student Center South 2nd Floor

» January 2015

- > Installation of Audio Visual Systems in the Houston Room and the Multi-purpose Event Space
- > Student Center UH Grand Opening – January 21st
- > Student Center Open House and 2015 Spring Cat's Back – January 21st
- > Student Center Celebration – January 28th





***Questions &
Answers***

