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## ASUCD SENATE BILL #79

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An ASUCD Senate Bill to place before the student body of UC Davis the following ballot measure to change the mascot of UC Davis to a cow on the Spring 2022 ASUCD Ballot.

### BACKGROUND:

Cow4Mascot aims to promote a change in UC Davis's official mascot, Gunrock the Mustang, to a cow through an ASUCD ballot measure. It does not aim to change the student body or athletics' name of "Aggies", but gives the student body the option of changing the mascot from a horse to a cow. The movement hopes to revitalize the foundations of ASUCD's voter base by garnering attention to the organization through the promotion of this ballot measure that gives students the ability to choose a mascot that represents them.

In the 1920's, students of the University of California, Davis chose the mascot of the university to be a mustang. In 1993 and 1997, elections were held considering other ballot measures regarding the mascot.<sup>1</sup> There is a clear historical precedent at UC Davis for students to periodically hold ballot measures to express their will over the mascot that represents them. Having another such election in 2022 aligns with that same precedent.

Section 1. The ASUCD Senate hereby places the consideration of changing the UC Davis mascot from the mustang to a cow on the Spring 2022 ASUCD Ballot.

A yes vote makes a cow the student choice for mascot of UC Davis. A yes vote will result in the redesign of Gunrock the Mustang from a horse to a cow, that will be UNNAMED until a future vote or decision from UC Davis Administration and ASUCD publicly acknowledging/accepting the cow as the student's choice for UC Davis mascot pending approval by UC Davis Administration. A yes vote will neither result in a change in the team name of UC Davis Athletics, which shall remain "UC Davis Aggies" not a change from "Aggies" as the designated title of students at UC Davis.

A no vote continues "Gunrock the Mustang" as the student choice for our school mascot.

\_\_\_ Yes, I approve changing UC Davis' mascot to a cow.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1827DXdux4skzEB23hZn7sSx0e9x\\_kDd/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1827DXdux4skzEB23hZn7sSx0e9x_kDd/view);  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YGMv6zAg8nHE7B6gNVi\\_KPKNq95KokjQ/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YGMv6zAg8nHE7B6gNVi_KPKNq95KokjQ/view);  
<https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/whats-gunrock-name-100-years-history>

\_\_\_ No, I do not approve of changing UC Davis' mascot to a cow. I want "Gunrock the Mustang" to remain the student choice of UC Davis' mascot.

**Voting:**

The passage of this ballot measure will require at least sixty-percent (60%) of the voting pool voting in favor of passage.

**Required Approvals:**

In order for this ballot measure to take effect, the measure must receive approval from the Cal Aggie Alumni Association, then the Chancellor, UC Davis administration, and UC Davis Athletics.

If approved, the change of the UC Davis mascot to a cow shall be effective Fall Quarter, 2023.

Finance: No

Appropriation: None

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$

DO PASS AS AMENDED, 11-0-0 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF THE ASUCD SENATE ON APRIL 28, 2022.  
YES: BOCARDO-AGUILAR, CHAUHAN, GAWDE, HARI, KRAUSS, LIANG, ORJI, ILUPEJU, MISHRA,  
PALMER, RAZAQI.



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