

Student Fee Advisory Committee

February 27, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jason Lee, Elaine Won, Johnson Liu, Sandy Jones, Jack Williams IV, Justin Chung, Lowell Trott, Aaron Tso, Vikram Nayudu

Absent: Patrick Le, Josh Hwang (proxy to Vikram Nayudu), Chris Dunckle, Clara Schultheiss

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

- 1) Meeting called to order.
- 2) Minutes from February 6, 2012 meeting approved.
- 3) CSF Student Services Fee Enforcement Campaign
 - a) CSF has found out the SSF allocations and SFACs are different on each campus and is trying to standardize the structure across campuses. The CSF has sent out a survey to all campuses to gather information regarding the campus SFACs and how SSFs are allocated and used on each campus.
 - b) Aaron and Karen have worked on the Irvine survey response and Aaron will send the completed survey out to committee, and then will he will submit it to CSF tomorrow (2/28).
 - c) Links to all campus SFACs are available at CSF website.
- 4) Updating SFAC Website
 - a) Aaron has prepared slide show about the SFAC to be loaded onto the SFAC website.
- 5) SFAC Office Space
 - a) We have been able to secure SFAC Office Space for the rest of the year in the Humanities Gateway. The space will need to be cleared and then set up for SFAC use (it should be ready in the next few weeks). The space has two desks, two task chairs and two side chairs. It will also be equipped with a printer.
- 6) ASUCI Referenda
 - a) Anteater Express Referendum
 - i) ASUCI proposes a new Anteater Express fee that will be \$24.00 per year (\$8.00 per quarter) for year one and will increase by \$24.00 per year, \$8.00 per quarter for the next two years (\$48.00 per year, \$16.00 per quarter in 2013-14, and \$72.00 per year, \$24.00 per quarter).
 - ii) Starting in fall 2015, the fee will increase annually based on the California Consumer Price Index (CPI) to offset the effects of inflation.
 - iii) The fee will be effective for fall 2012, and will be assessed during the summer quarters.

- iv) 33% of the fee will go toward return-to-aid.
 - v) Fees will generate approximately \$1M in new revenue.
 - vi) This is a transportation issue and is intended to make student-focused transportation easier and quicker from remote areas to central campus. It is not critical to the campus, but funding for the shuttle service will be cut without the referendum.
 - vii) Parking is no longer underwriting off-campus routing; ACC and AV are currently contractually funded; Student Services Fees supporting the main campus shuttle may be discontinued; and funding off-campus housing and Newport Shuttle (non-university housing) does not have sufficient funding to continue. Parking permit fees do not pay for shuttle transportation the way they do at some other UCs.
 - viii) Measure S will does not produce enough revenue to purchase new vehicles. It is mainly used for maintenance of fleet and for bus shelters; no funding for new infrastructure or for shuttle operations.
 - ix) There will be a student board who will discuss fleet options, routes, and generally where fees will go.
 - x) Benefits of the fee include:
 - (1) Centralization/consolidation of all shuttles routes (Parking, Fleet & Anteater Express).
 - (2) Will help save the time it takes students to get from one area of the campus to another, from housing areas to campus, from remote lots to central campus (instead of walking).
 - (3) Facilitates safe transportation to and from campus.
 - (4) Will provide funds to build capital, to sustain current operations and to expand routes to meet students' needs.
 - (5) The Newport/Parkwest fees paid by students could be started again at a reduced rate if routes are subsidized by the fee.
 - xi) Are there ridership surveys/statistics? At least 1/3 full 85% of the time; 65% to 70% full 15% of the time.
 - xii) If routes are cut, this could adversely impact parking if more students find a way to qualify for parking; campus parking is currently not at capacity mainly because remote parking is available.
 - xiii) City bus/OCTA cost per boarding is more expensive.
 - xiv) SFAC needs to look at whether or not the ballot language is suitable.
 - (1) Vote to approve language: In favor = 8; Against = 1; Abstentions = 0.
- b) ASUCI Referendum
- i) \$5 per quarter, \$15 per year increase to current ASUCI fee of \$18.00 per quarter, \$54.00 per year fee. Fee will increase to \$23.00 per quarter, \$66.00 per year in 2012-13; \$28.00 per quarter, \$84.00 per year in 2013-14; \$33.00 per quarter, \$99.00 per year in 2014-15; and \$38.00 per quarter, \$114.00 per year in 2015-16.
 - ii) Starting in fall 2015, the fee will increase annually based on the California Consumer Price Index (CPI).
 - iii) Will begin in fall 2012, and will be charged during summer quarters.
 - iv) 33% of the fee increase will go towards return-to-aid.

- v) \$1 from the fee will go to UCSA for their general fund; UCSA will be supporting all UCI campaigns by sending campaign managers down to campus to help market the campaigns.
- vi) All ASUCI fee revenue goes into ASUCI budget; the revenue goes into a general pool and the newly elected executives draft a budget for activities/programming to be approved by the Legislative Council.
- vii) The current ASUCI budget is ~\$1.2M; new budget will be ~\$3M, including component of 33% RTA (on the incremental increase).
- viii) Will it be difficult to get students to approve an increase when students are taking a stance of no fee increases? This fee will go directly towards student life so students will see a direct benefit.
- ix) Change last bullet point to take 33% out of ().
- x) ASUCI Legislative Council has already voted to put the referendum on the ballot.
- xi) SFAC vote on ballot language: In Favor = 7; Against = 0; Abstentions = 2

7) Student Services Fee Allocations

- a) Cross Cultural Center: Requests \$9,512 to fully fund 1.0 FTE SAI Program Coordinator; Cross Cultural Center absorbed CSA, but lost one staff member; CSA lost two staff members. Recommendation to fund in full: In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- b) Veteran Services: \$24,768 requested; gained 0.5 FTE SA soft funded-community service funds redirected to Veteran Services. This is brand new resource office for vets, and a guaranteed full-time director/employee will institutionalize the veterans' resource center. Increased number of veterans on campus will add to overall student funding. Recommendation to fund in full: In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstain = 0.
- c) Career Center: Requests funds of \$49,536 for a Graduate Student Counselor; person currently in that position is very effective; high value to grad students. Recommendation: to provide ½ funding \$24,768. Make inquiry to Career Center to see if they can use funding for 0.50 FTE instead of 1.0 FTE.
- d) Health Education: Requests \$15,737 for program support. Recommendation: fund \$1,805 for sexual health programming; peer educators of \$1,775; and \$1,420 for miscellaneous fairs/programming; \$5,000 in total. In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- e) Counseling Center: Requests \$16,480 in funding to restoration of 10% FTE to fund a full-time psychiatrist. Recommendation to fund in full: In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- f) International Center: Funding for an Immigration Coordinator and a Programs Coordinator: \$81,816. Recommendation: Include in annual report as important funding, but not to be funded by SFAC allocation. Look for other sources of revenue including Nonresident Tuition. In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- g) Campus Organizations: \$1,500 for Anteater Involvement Fair; helps students transition to real life. Recommendation to fund in full: In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- h) KUCI: One-time funds for equipment: \$2,085. Recommendation to fund in full: In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- i) Arts: \$190 scanner. Recommendation for one-time funding: In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- j) Career Center: Requests funding of \$49,536 for an Intern Coordinator: \$49,536

- k) DUE-SSS: Requests \$12,000 for Graduate Student Assistantship; they already have funded 2.0 FTE; maybe they can they live without this for one more year?
- l) Disability Services Center: Requests \$27,252 for 0.50 FTE Disability Specialist. Recommendation to fund ½ FTE? \$13,626. Make inquiry to DSC to see if they can use funding for 0.25 FTE.
- m) Athletics: \$2,095 (remainder of SFAC funds) for student rallies/marketing. In Favor = 8; Against = 0; Abstentions = 0.
- n) Motion to approve all allocations as recommended except for Career Center and Disability Center (until feedback is received regarding partial funding).

8) Meeting adjourned.