

Student Fee Advisory Committee

March 13, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Robert Gomez, Meerae Park, Myron Lozano, Justin Chung, Elizabeth Pace, Traci Ishigo, Andrea Gaspar, Naaz Mirreghabie

Absent: Vishal Patel, Jason Lee, Melody Wang, Patrice Kiiru

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

- 1) Meeting called to order.
- 2) Meeting minutes from March 6, 2013 approved with changes.
- 3) Measure U Referendum (New University)
 - a) Jun Im, Managing Editor of the *New University* presented the Measure U referendum to fund the *New University* operating costs.
 - b) The proposed fee will be \$0.99 per quarter (F-W-Spr quarters only) assessed to all registered undergraduates to cover 67% of the *New University's* operating costs; includes 33% return-to-aid; effective fall 2013.
 - c) For the last five-to-10 years, the *New University* budget has been shrinking and shortfalls have been funded by using reserves which may only last another year.
 - d) The Measure U revenue will go towards printing costs, which are approximately \$40K-\$50K per year; an estimated \$42K in fee revenue, plus advertising revenue funds will cover the cost of printing and will also go towards building reserves during the next five years. The additional reserves should fund approximately one more year of printing costs.
 - e) Hopefully the state of the journalism industry, as well as the economy, will be in a better place in five years. The *New University* would like to sustain print edition as long as possible, but during the next five years the paper will transition into a digital plan.
 - f) Annual budgets will be presented and to ASUCI.
 - g) The *New University* receives no campus funding, and in terms of the relationship of the *New University* to Student Government, the paper operate under the umbrella of Student Government, but is run independently; all costs are covered by self-generated revenue.
 - h) The committee vote: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 abstentions to support the referendum language.
 - i) The committee will provide a response, drafted by Naaz, to the *New University* by this evening regarding SFAC endorsement of the referendum (with voting information, etc.)

4) Anteater Shuttle Referendum

- a) Nicole Hisotomi presented the Anteater Shuttle referendum to the committee
- b) The fee, effective for fall 2013, will be an \$8 quarterly fee, which will increase by \$8 each year until it reaches \$40 per quarter. Thereafter, annual increase will be tied to CA CPI. The fee will be assessed to all registered undergraduate students and will include 33% for return-to-aid.
- c) Funding guidelines are attached to the referendum language; the guidelines include the creation of an oversight board with a 7:4 student-to-faculty ratio with staff support.
- d) The student will have a say in how funds will be allocated through board membership and an annual survey.
- e) An annual report will be submitted to the Chancellor.
- f) Comments from the committee
 - i) How will the shuttle accommodate students with disabilities (e.g., a Law student confined to a wheelchair cannot use the shuttles)? The student can work with a Disability Services Center representative, also if the measure is passed, students with disabilities may be able to utilize Ring Road Rides under the umbrella of Anteater Express.
 - g) Can funding guidelines be changed to make amendment such as a required response rate to surveys (i.e., 20%)? The Legislative Council has approved the current referendum language; the language cannot be changed without going back to the Council.
 - h) What are the enforcement mechanisms? What insurances will there be to make sure the guidelines are being followed? Complaints may be taken to cabinet, but the mechanism is not currently determined.
 - i) Committee concerns: 1) no sunset; 2) automatic increases to tied to CPI. CPI is important because of operating cost increases.
 - j) The committee vote: 5 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstentions to support the language of the referendum; however, the committee does have some concerns.
 - k) The committee will send a response, drafted by Naaz, regarding the Anteater Express referendum to Nicole Hisotomi, Traci Ishigo and Ryan Gripp (Anteater Express staff); the response will include the committee's endorsement, but will also include the committee's concerns that there is no sunset clause; there are automatic increases tied to CPI; concerns about the enforcement of guidelines; and possible future guideline revisions to include a base % for survey responses.

5) Backwards Plan for Reviewing Units

- a) 9 weeks until recommendation; the committee will need to have recommendations by week 10 (week of 6/3/13).
- b) There are 37 units to review; not all are asking for funding.
- c) The committee needs to go over the review process.
- d) The review form will need to be finalized.

- i) The review should include a detailed breakdown of funding flow; has the unit provided this information? If not, follow up will be needed.
 - e) Some questions may not be able to be answered.
 - f) The subcommittees should meet twice to go through the responses before presenting their analyses to the committee as a whole.
 - g) The committee as a whole will need to go through a sample review week 1 and 2.
- 6) Meeting times for Spring 2013
 - a) Meerae will send out a follow up email with a Doodle survey.
- 7) Meeting adjourned.