

# **2009-2010 UC IRVINE**

## **Student Fee Advisory Committee**

### **Report to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost**

The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) is charged with advising the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost on the distribution of all mandatory student fees. Two of the ways that the SFAC executes this mission is to recommend Registration Fee (soon to be called Student Services Fee) funding allocations to the Executive Vice Chancellor, and to recommend ways to improve student services and programs. We created a general agreement in the beginning of the year with the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost that with the increases in enrollment, we would recommend distributions of \$100,000 of the increased allocations for the Registration Fee along with \$129,312 of unallocated permanent funds from last year. In light of the difficult budget situation facing UC Irvine, SFAC found it most prudent to recommend \$29,225 of additional funds for student services on-campus.

Requests for funds were weighed on a set of general criteria and guidelines. Preference was given to requests that were able to provide the greatest positive impact to the greatest number of students, improve student services/campus life, assist units under severe fiscal strain, and requests from units that have not received major funding in the past. The committee did not recommend allocations for programs that were educational in nature, or did not attempt to supply the majority of funding to programs that were educational support services, due to the committee's philosophy that registration fees should not be used for education services.

This report will also contain additional priorities that the committee believes extra or alternative funds should be directed towards. After reviewing all of the units, we found that more than half needed more resources to accommodate the campus's needs.

## **ALLOCATIONS**

The committee took the above criteria into account and has decided to make the following recommendations for allocations of enrollment growth registration fees. Recommendations for permanent fees total \$114,425.03 while recommendations for temporary fees total \$14,800, with a complete total of \$129,225.03 in recommendations.



## **Request for Immediate Attention**

This committee finds that our campus departments require additional funds to maintain an overall quality of service to the student population. We would like to request that any surplus of funds should be spent on the following units for their respective needs.

### **Career Center**

The Career Center is one of the most important units on campus during this economic climate. Students are worried about getting jobs and their future after graduation. Our career center staff has had to provide as many services as they can with having the least amount of resources in the UC system. On top of the original request for the Employer Relations Outreach Coordinator, as noted in the chart above, we would like to see additional funding go towards the career center to fund the following items as ordered by importance. It is important to note that our resources per capita are not up to par with our sister campuses. We see the Career Center as an investment to this great university, and it brings the biggest returns to the average student. A resourceful career center can be the difference of a number of our students from getting a job by graduation. This is the least we can do for our future alumni.

<u>Career Center additional allocations</u>	Perm	Temp
Operating Budget for Employer Relations Coordinator	32,515	
Internship Coordinator SAO III	48,091	
Operating Budget for Internship Coordinator	13,000	
Total:	93,606	

\*Additional details about the Career Center additional allocations will be attached to this report.

### **Child Care Center**

The campus demographics are beginning to change by both internal and external forces. With the poor economy, we are seeing an increase in enrollment of non-traditional students, include veterans, and with a strong push from the university to increase graduate students; we foresee additional needs with our child care

center. They are asking for more staff hours which signal that they cannot possibly handle more families. Developing a stronger child care center will allow us to bring more graduate students and veterans to our campus, which is becoming a growing essential to a college community.

<u>Child Care Center</u>	Perm	Temp
+0.07 FTE for existing Lead Teacher position (to increase FTE to 1.0)	3,396	
+ .75 FTE for existing Teacher position (to increase FTE to 1.0)	27,291	
1.0 FTE for new career Teacher position	36,206	
Total:	66,893	

### **Student Services Fee**

The Committee finds the new Student Services Fee Policy as a new vision that will be able to help the student body meet more of its needs. This year, the committee offered input to the Registration Fee Task Force on areas of improvement to the policy and are in support of the final Regental Policy that was passed in May. SFAC will begin next year ready to adapt the many changes that will come from this new fee.

### **Music department**

During the Winter Quarter, the committee began to contemplate the \$450 course fee for one-on-one instrumental instruction. This proposal at its magnitude is unprecedented on our campus. After meeting with the Chair of the Music Department and reviewing input from the students, the committee understood the arguments from both sides of this proposal, and deliberated amongst ourselves on the impact it would have on our campus. While there is a general disagreement between us on this fee, we respect your decision and highly appreciate the measures put in place to minimize the impact it will have to the current and future students. We hope to never see such a course fee be proposed on our campus again.

## **New University**

During our discussion on the allocations of next year, we found that the New University Newspaper has taken a heavy loss over the last two years and is in need of drastic changes to remain fiscally sustainable. Due to our lack of expertise in the area, we could do no more than offer temporary funds to help the newspaper balance its budget for the year. Given that their referendum has failed, we are expecting them to ask for more financial assistance on a temporary basis from SFAC next year assuming their advertising revenue remains stagnant. We have no official recommendations on restructuring the newspaper but would like to bring this dilemma to your attention.

## **Conclusion**

We thank you for your solicitation of input from the students on critical issues on campus, and we look forward to working with you next year.

## **Additional Information**

Attached are Addendums to the Annual Report which include more information about the Career Center's additional position request, its performance in comparison to the other campuses.