

Student Fee Advisory Committee

February 20, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Present: Sonali Madireddi, Matthew Tsai, Sherwynn Umali, Alexander Le, Myron Lozano, John Delshadi, Sanaa Khan, Isaac Straley, Sara Lone, Ami Glazer

Absent: Justin Chung, Reza Zomorrodian

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

1. Meeting called to order.
2. February 20, 2015 meeting agenda approved.
3. February 13, 2015 meeting minutes approved.
4. Student Services Fee & Tuition Update
 - a. 2015 Summer per unit will be frozen per President Napolitano
 - b. Ongoing discussions between the president, governor and legislature on UC funding and tuition/fees. There will likely be one of three outcomes including a revision of tuition increases:
 - i. Current tuition/fee rates will continue.
 - ii. 5% increase as approved by Regents will continue.
 - iii. Lower percent increase may be approved.
 - c. So far, there hasn't been a formal announcement from OP on tuition/fee increases for 2015-16 FWS; OP has sent a letter to the campuses regarding 2015 Summer Session fees.
 - d. SMH allocations are still to be determined.
 - e. CSF will send out a letter asking for clarification on tuition and what it will mean to SSF and SMH funding.
 - f. CSF meeting will discuss tuition/fee increases in depth and get updates from individual campuses.
5. Athletics Meeting Update
 - a. Efforts for cultivating donors include
 - i. Annual giving
 - ii. Major one-time gifts
 - iii. Large fundraising events
 - b. IA works in conjunction with advancement, but development officers have been decentralized. There are about four development staff working on IA advancement.
 - c. Corporate sponsorship development has been outsourced because the campus was not getting paid from royalties from NCAA tournament participation. Donations have been increasing as UCI teams get better known and since participation in NCAA Division I.

- d. Pressures on IA Budget
 - i. IA has been hit on two fronts in past several years with fee increases and budget cuts. These have resulted in less money for scholarships.
 - ii. IA has cut four or five sports as a result of budget cuts. The sports selected were big roster sports (swimming & diving) to save more money. Currently UCI has 18 NCAA teams; the minimum to remain in Division I is 14. If many more sports are cut, UCI would have to drop to Division II.
 - iii. Remaining teams are bare bones and are the most well-known teams.
 - iv. UCLA has an \$85M budget, but UCI's IA budget is \$15M. UCI has to compete with these schools for coaches, staff and athletes with a much smaller budget.
 - v. NCAA rule changes: there has been a push to pay for complete cost of attendance for athletes, not just tuition.
 - vi. There will be a tipping point when current operating budget will not meet the needs.
 - vii. Budget shortfalls have been backfilled with STIP earnings funds from the Budget Office (Chancellor's Discretionary Funds).
 - viii. Spirit Fee: \$32 fee was passed 1998-99 and has not kept up with inflation.
 - ix. Current funding model: IA brings in a lot of revenue, but they are also recharged for events by other campus departments. For instance, they pay about \$2M per year to Parking.
 - x. IA has limited staff and mainly targets in-state recruits because IA can't afford to pay for out-of-state scholarships.
- e. 1.6% student population are student athletes. Based on \$15M budget, IA gets about \$35,000 in SSF per athlete.
- f. IA does work with Financial Aid to have student athletes apply for need-based aid before getting athletic scholarships.
- g. Tuition is the only fee that can be diverted towards athletics, but campus will probably never do this.
- h. IA meets monthly with the Budget Office [*note: the last few meetings have been cancelled or postponed by IA*] and was transparent about their budget.
- i. Long term outlook
 - i. As alumni base grows and athletics programs get better known, the goal is to secure larger sponsorships.
 - ii. There may be possible changes to current funding model. Campus would like to move away from funding IA with SSF and wants IA to find other funding sources. IA hasn't asked for additional allocations even as costs have increased.
 - iii. If tuition for athletes were waived, it would save about \$2.5M per year.
 - iv. NCAA changes to require scholarships to cover full cost of attendance would greatly increase IA's annual budget.
 - v. There will be a point in which they will not be able to backfill tuition increases with SSF funds or other fund sources.
- j. Additional SFAC questions:

- i. Is it possible to drop to Division II? The campus feels Division II doesn't fit goal to achieve flagship status within UC; believes athletics is the "front porch" to campus.
 - ii. Have they looked at other Division II schools' (i.e. UCSD) funding models?
 - iii. Have there been any discussions about going toward Division II? If there is a big increase in tuition or costs (mandated cost of attendance), then IA might drop to Division II.
- k. John will write summary report and committee will form recommendations.
- l. Ongoing focus for committee:
 - i. Keep a watch on the budget.
 - ii. Focus on Division II without cutting additional sports.

6. Unit Request Reviews

- a. Last week the committee identified five categories to classify unit requests.
- b. Today the committee will divide in subcommittee groups to review requests. Career & Non-Academic Advising will be combined with Academic Advising.
 - i. Group 1: Health & Wellness: Matt, Felicia, Sara
 - ii. Group 2: Career & Non-Academic Advising/Academic Advising: John, Sana
 - iii. Group 3: Campus Climate: Myron, Sherwynn
 - iv. Group 4: Student Life: Alex, Isaac, Ami, Sara
- c. Each subcommittee should rate requests on scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the highest) using rubric and note the subcommittee's rankings on the summary worksheet's rankings column.
- d. Karen will enter each subcommittee's rankings in the maser summary worksheet.
- e. Subcommittees need to send questions to Sonali and Karen to follow up with units.
- f. Next week, subcommittees need to finish their discussions and rankings and the committee as a whole will discuss submissions and rank requests.

7. CSF Meeting

- a. Meeting will be this weekend at UCLA (2/21, 2/22)
- b. Sonali will update the committee on the meeting
- c. CSF will focus on the work the committee/campuses have done on the 2014-15 campaign items.
- d. So far Myron, Matt, Sanaa, John and Sonali will be attending.

8. Meeting adjourned.