

Student Fee Advisory Committee

February 28, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: Naaz Mirreghabie, Sonali Madireddi, Jason Lee, Sarada Cleary, Bob Gomez, Myron Lozano, Isaac Straley, Justin Chung

Absent: Melissa Gamble, Anastasia Kosenko, Dominique Doan, Meerae Park

Guest: Parshan Kermani

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

1. Meeting called to order.
2. February 28, 2014 meeting agenda approved.
3. February 21, 2014 meeting minutes approved.
4. Open Forum: SOAR Referendum Discussion with Guest Parshan Kermani.
 - a. Ballot Language was submitted to ASUCI Legislative Council on 2/27/14.
 - b. Would like advice from SFAC on the language (not necessarily endorsement) at this time. Will return next week (3/7/14) with final ballot language for endorsement.
 - c. SOAR is not permanently funded; the program will receive temporary campus funds of \$177,000 for three years ending in 2016. If passed, beginning in summer 2016, the campus-based fee of \$6.50 per student will provide ongoing funding for the program.
 - d. Changes from 2012-13 SOAR referendum:
 - i. Permanent/ongoing funds needed for expanded programs and additional staff to run programming. A minimum of \$5.50 - \$6.50 would be needed for SOAR to maintain current level of service. There was a discussion with the Legislative Council, AGS and ASUCI regarding different fee scenarios to fund different levels of support for the program; the collective group voted to support the \$6.50 fee level.
 - ii. Added language for a reaffirmation vote 25 years (FY 2041-42) after the start date of the fee in summer 2016; if the reaffirmation vote will is not successful, the fee will have a sunset it its 30th year.
 - iii. Will have two advisory committees: a) Outreach Advisory Committee, and b) Retention Advisory Committee. The committees will administer the allocation of funds.
 - e. Ballot language to be discussed at Tuesday, 3/4/14 Legislative Council meeting and hopefully voted on. Any changes and clarification will be needed before Tuesday.
 - f. Referendum package will be submitted to Chancellor by 3/13/14.
 - g. The draft ballot language will also need to be submitted to UCOP; it is already too late for UCOP's two-week window.

- h. Language about CPI adjustment should be revised to start at the soonest in fall 2017 (the year after the start of the fee).

5. Student Health Center SFAC Questionnaire/Survey

a. Questionnaire Discussion

- i. Student Health Center now funds Health Education FTE that was part of the past budget cuts.
- ii. Question #14 wasn't answered.
- iii. They already receive funds from USHIP/GSHIP should they get more student fees? Students can opt out of SHIP and the SHC takes other insurance and charges a fee for service for non-insured students. May need more detail on students who opt out of SHP.
- iv. Insurance doesn't always cover the full cost of providing insurance (reimbursement rates may be lower than cost).
- v. UCI SHC receives less SSF funds than most of the other UC SHCs.
- vi. The SHC is requesting funds for extended hours on Wednesday nights and Saturdays; students have been utilizing the extended hours quite a bit.
- vii. As part of a proposal to campus for additional SSF funds, the SHC said they would fund the cost of extended evening and weekend hours with their own reserves, and now SHC is asking SFAC for funding.
- viii. The SHC is asking for a large amount of funding. There are larger funding needs and may be beyond what SFAC can recommend from available incremental funds, but the committee can include a recommendation that the campus should perhaps address this outside of the incremental allocation available to the SFAC.

6. Disability Services Center SFAC Questionnaire/Survey

a. Questionnaire Discussion

- i. DSC is requesting permanent funding for a Disability Specialist for veterans and grad students (\$38,625) and an Adaptive/Assistive Tech Coordinator (\$52,673). The Disability Specialist request will fully fund the remaining portion of the position partially funded by SFAC last year.
 - 1. SFAC provided seed money last year; maybe DSC should be able to investigate other sources of funds, perhaps through the formal budget requests.
- ii. SFAC can recommend additional partial funds, i.e., and additional .25 FTE.
- iii. DSC received additional campus funds for ADA requirements in 2012-13.
- iv. Additional request includes one-time request of \$100K to repair and refurbish a vacant building to be used for additional DSC services. This could have been an amount requested from other resources.

7. Campus Recreation Questionnaire/Survey

- a. Questionnaire Discussion
- b. Funding request includes funds to reduce class fees. Students might be most interested in mind-body classes, and students might sign up for more classes if class fees are reduced.
- b. How would they allocate the funds among all of the classes?
- c. Campus Recreation also requests funds for an Intramural Director. Intramural sports are different from Club Sports. Club Sports compete against other college/university clubs; intramural sports are only for UCI students.
- d. While some of Campus Recreations request are worthy, there are a lot of more pressing requests form other units.

8. General Discussion

- a. The total dollar amount of the requests for this year seems much higher than in past years (\$1.8M in total requests).
- b. Units may be trying to get back to where there were before the budget crisis, and now that the campus may be in a better position, units are more willing to ask for additional funds. After 5-6 years of budget crisis, units are trying to build programs back up.

9. Next weeks meeting will include discussions on 2014-15 CMSF proposals.

- a. Three requests from Biological Sciences, Engineering and Arts (Music department) will be posted on Drop Box.

10. Meeting adjourned.