

## Student Fee Advisory Committee

March 14, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Sonali Madireddi, Jason Lee, Sarada Cleary, Nicole Hisatomi Bob Gomez, Myron Lozano, Justin Chung, Anastasia Kosenko, Dominique Doan, Meerae Par,

Absent: Melissa Gamble, Naaz Mirreghabie, Isaac Straley

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

1. Meeting called to order.
2. March 14, 2014 meeting agenda approved.
3. March 7, 2014 meeting minutes approved with corrections to the spelling of Parshan's (Khosravi Kermani) and Braden's (Buckel) last names.
4. CMSF discussions
  - a. Music Department (Music 165-170 and Music 65-70)
    - i. Summary – The Department of Music is requesting a \$50 increase to the existing CMSF in individualized music instruction from \$450/quarter to \$500/quarter.
    - ii. UCSC charges \$650/quarter, or about \$150/student per class; UCI charges about \$120/student per class. UCD charges \$120/per quarter (for half hour classes).
    - iii. Based on the student survey, there was strong disagreement by music students for support of the CMSF increase due to already high Tuition costs.
    - iv. The survey also did not explain why a fee increase was needed (the fees will fund non-senate faculty (NSF) who teach 1 on 1 music instruction).
    - v. Per UC Guidelines for implementing CMSFs, state that fees “...*may be charged to fund compensation for temporary faculty needed to provide enhanced, highly specialized instruction.*”
    - vi. The CMSF follows the letter of the guidelines that allow fees to cover “highly specialized instruction,” but there was opposition to the fee because, from student perspective, it is extremely expensive and some students are not able to take the courses or become music majors because of the cost.
    - vii. There was also discussion about the definition of “temporary faculty.” However, these lecturers (without security of employment) are temporary instructors and are contracted rather than permanent FTE faculty to teach specific one-on-one instrumental music instruction, and many of the instructors may change from quarter to quarter because of professional commitments.
    - viii. The committee was troubled by a fee so high for these types of required courses and recommended that:

1. The CMSF should be included in the recruitment materials; students need to be made aware of the fee when they are recruited and when they apply to the Music Department.
  2. Fees be rolled back, and a portion of the fee (33%?) be set aside for aid.
  3. Information on the student survey needs to be communication more clearly including better reporting of the results, information on the survey population. The survey should also have clearer questions including why the CMSF increase is necessary.
  4. The department should look at peer institutions within the UC system (other than Santa Cruz) and see why they have been able to accommodate these music students without a fee when UCI cannot.
- ix. A motion was made to reduce fee by \$50, and, due to the extraordinarily high fee level, that the same amount be set aside for RTA.
- x. Vote: Yes = 9; No = 0; Abstain = 0
- b. Engineering – Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (ENGR 195)
- i. Summary – The Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering is requesting a new \$40/quarter per student fee for a fee for a course that began in 2012-13. The fee revenue will be used to purchase consumable electrical components, wood, plastics, and aluminum fasteners.
  - ii. MAE didn't provide a good cost breakdown/budget of each consumable that makes up the total cost (in comparison to information provided by Biological Sciences).
  - iii. The entire CMSF will go towards consumables and is slightly less than the cost per student.
  - iv. The actual projected total cost (for 2013-14) is currently funded by the department and is not substantial ~\$2,963.
  - v. The committee recommended that the CMSF should be \$20/quarter per student, lower than what MAE is requesting. The school/department would need to come up with remainder of the needed funding.
  - vi. Vote: Yes = 9 ; No = 0; Abstain = 0
- c. Biological Sciences – Developmental and Cell Biology (Bio Sci D170)
- i. Summary – The department requests approval of a new CMSF fee effective for spring 2015. The new proposed fee will be \$35/quarter per student fee for the purchase of consumable supplies and specimens.
  - ii. The committee question depth of consultation (only 10 students when the class size will be about 100).
  - iii. The detailed cost breakdown was helpful, but the committee would like to see a more extensive survey/consultation.
  - iv. The committee observed that the impact CMSFs have on students with low incomes is significant. The extent to which the campus allows more CMSFs also expands the extent to which the campus is creating a two-tiered education system.

- v. The requested fee level (\$35/quarter per student) is higher than the projected cost per student of \$33.
- vi. A motion was made to approve the Biological Sciences CMSF for \$30/quarter per student.
- vii. Vote: Yes = 9; No = 0; Abstain = 0

5. Spring CSF Meeting

- a. The meeting will take place of April 26, 27, at UCSB.
- b. All of the data collection has been completed.
- c. Reports will be reviewed.
- d. Committee members interested in attending the meeting should contact Sonali.
- e. Sonali will provide a travel budget to Karen for AVC Lynch's approval.

6. Sweatshirts

- a. The SFAC sweatshirts are ready to be ordered (\$15 each). Please let Dom know what size you would like.

7. Student Campus-Based Fee Referendum

- a. The Chancellor has approved new guidelines for campus compulsory-based fees. Now prior to submission to AGS/ASUCI councils and the Chancellor, the ballot language must be reviewed by the SFAC.
- b. Justin will forward the new guidelines to the committee.
- c. The SOAR and Club Sports referenda have been approved by the Chancellor for the spring 2014 ballot.

8. Meeting adjourned.