

Student Fee Advisory Committee

January 17, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: Justin Chung, Naaz Mirreghabie, Sonali Madireddi, Nicole Hisatomi, Bob Gomez, Isaac Straley, Myron Lozano, Meerae Park

Absent: Dominique Doan, Jason Lee, Kevin Bache, Sarada Cleary, Melissa Gamble

Guests: Provost-EVC Howard Gillman, Planning and Budget AVC Rich Lynch

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Provost-EVC Gillman's Visit
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Dr. Gillman is the Chief Academic Officer of the campus (Provost) and deans report to him, and the Chief Operating Officer (EVC) overseeing the day-to-day operations of the campus including administration, facilities, budget, etc., and all the vice chancellors report to him as well.
 - c. The Provost-EVC supports the opportunity to work together to move the collective vision of the campus forward. The campus administration can benefit from student knowledge to work collectively; students know better what other students' interests and priorities are.
 - d. Provost-EVC Gillman credits the SFAC with an incredibly thoughtful and thorough 2012-13 Annual Report driven by very important values and reflects the shared values of the administration and students.
 - e. The Provost is eager to benefit from student input and looks forward to updates on what the SFAC feels is important from the student point of view.
 - f. Committee updates on the SFAC's current agenda and projects:
 - i. The 2013 budget questionnaire and survey templates have been sent out to SSF-funded units. The committee has set a deadline of February 6th to receive the surveys and questionnaires back from the units.
 - ii. The 2013-14 Student Fee Survey
 1. Survey will be launched toward the end of February. The survey has been revised to add questions regarding the new undergraduate fee referenda passed last spring (Anteater Express Fee and Measure U Fee) as well as requesting additional student feedback on fees.
 2. The committee plans to increase the advertising and marketing of the survey to increase response rate.
 3. The 2012-13 survey had 1,156 responses; the goal is to double the 2013-14 survey response rate.

4. The committee is hoping there will be response rates from graduate and undergraduate students that are proportional to the graduate and undergraduate student population.
- iii. Committee Meetings
1. The committee would like to set aside part of one meeting a month (perhaps last meeting of each month) for the general student population to provide feedback and bring their student fee concerns to the committee.
 2. The committee would like to advertise and use social networking much more broadly and increase marketing efforts to make students more aware of the SFAC.
- g. Q&A/Discussion
- i. A perennially concern of the SFAC is how SSFs are being utilized; the committee would like to take a step back to see how fees are spent.
 1. A big area of concern is that Student Affairs units are getting squeezed in terms of funding:
 - a. The UCI Student Health Center doesn't get as much campus support as other student health centers at other campuses get. UCI gets about \$1.4m in SSF funds, but UCSD gets about \$7m per year.
 - b. There is sometime a month-long wait at the Counseling Center, which is too long when a student has a crisis. The Counseling Center may also need more space in the long term.
 2. SHP rates are significantly increasing.
 3. There need to be more careers for graduate students.
 4. Too much of SSF revenue is provided to Intercollegiate Athletics in relation to Student Services. Does UCI need to have to Division I athletic programs? Can the campus go to Division II?
 - ii. The Provost appreciates and needs the ongoing advice from the SFAC.
 1. In regards to SHC and student mental health, there is an overall national trend for more student health/student mental health support across country.
 - a. The campus has already taken some steps in increase support for the SHC and will continue to meet with VC Parham.
 - b. In regards to counseling services, there have been very productive campus meetings with counseling representatives from across the campus. The general wellbeing of campus is an important issue and the conversations have just started; there is a sense that there is a gap in services and the capacity for providing counseling services.
 2. Some of the SSF funding concerns might get addressed in the SFAC recommendations; but there could also be additional views the committee could provide on how the administration should proceed.
 3. The Provost-EVC completely understands the concerns regarding IA; there is not a decision point at this time.

iii. Student Fee Referenda

1. The committee believes there is a need for sunset clauses for all referenda. All referenda proposed this year will have sunset clauses.
 2. The Provost would like to know what the state of sunset clauses in referenda is across all campuses.
 - a. Most referenda at other campuses do not have sunset clauses; however SFACs at other campus will push for this.
 3. AVC Lynch notes the campus view to-date is that sunset clauses are probably not appropriate in cases when there is funding for facility maintenance or funding for ongoing operations.
 4. Fee referenda usually create ongoing commitments for the campus; sunset clauses may be disruptive to operations, but they can be looked at on a case-by-case basis.
 5. The Provost acknowledges that different groups of people/students in the future may want to reaffirm the need for campus-based fee revenue. There needs to be ongoing engagement on how resources are being used to see if things evolve and if priorities change several years out. This can be addressed with good planning and students may need to consider re-voting on the fees if they no longer value what the fees support.
 6. The committee would like to lock in on reaffirmation votes; the student body could vote every few years on whether or not to continue a fee.
 7. The committee only has an up or down vote on whether or not to endorse a proposed referendum; the SFAC would like to be involved earlier in the process.
- iv. The committee informs the Provost-EVC that UCI will be hosting the systemwide CSF winter quarter meeting on February 8-9; about 22-25 committee members from other campuses are planning to attend plus UCI SFAC. The committee extends an invitation for the EVC and/or VC Parham, VC Michaels and AVC Lynch to attend.

3. “New Narratives” Funding

- a. AVC Lynch shares that Interim EVCP Sue Bryant indicated to Student Affairs that the campus would fund \$25K for the “New Narrative” series.
- b. The main goal of the series is to bring people together to help students deal and work with other students across the campus who come from different cultural backgrounds.
- c. The series is primarily targeted to students and the initial funding recommendation is that it may be appropriate to use SSF funds.
- d. It was reported in the New U that the first two events (in Crystal Cove) were well attended.
- e. Student Feedback
 - i. Feedback some committee members received was that the first event did not go well. The event was geared towards the entire student population, but there are varying degrees of knowledge about the topics; some students know very little about the topics and some are very knowledgeable.

- ii. The first event became a forum to vent and there were clashes of tempers and a lot of tension and hurt feelings.
 - iii. Students did not feel encouraged to go to later events.
- f. The committee feels it is hard to support SSF funding when the program (series) has not been a success and when providing funding input is provided after the fact.
- g. AVC Lynch suggests Student Affairs can meet with the committee to present an update on the series.
- h. The series doesn't have to be funded by SSF funds.
- i. The committee is still open to support the funding and agrees to invite a representative from Student Affairs to come speak to the SFAC about the series. Karen will contact Student Affairs.

4. Student Survey Update

- a. Language about Measure U and Anteater Express fees was added to the survey.
- b. Jason has submitted his updates/comments.
- c. Myron and Meerae will look at language for Measure U and Anteater Express.
- d. The committee needs to finalize the advertising campaign.
 - i. Myron notes the campus has not really adopted Twitter and many students don't have Twitter accounts, so Twitter may not reach very many people. Facebook has more exposure.

5. CSF Meeting Update

- a. Hotels rooms have been booked.
- b. The meeting will be from 9:00 am – 7:00 pm on Saturday, February 8th and from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 9th.
- c. Transportation is complimentary from the hotel to campus and from the airport to the hotel.
- d. The food and conference room budget needs to be submitted to the Budget Office. Sonali will provide the forward the budget to Karen for AVC Lynch's approval. The food budget needs to include breakfast, lunch, and refreshments for both days.
- e. Room reservation
 - i. The Cross Cultural Center's conference room is available for Saturday. The cost includes about \$60.00 for labor.
 - ii. Woods Cove (set up for 36 people) is booked for Sunday. There will need to be a food table set up.
- f. The committee can open up a half hour of the meeting to students to attend.
- g. The committee will need to reach out to students to promote forum.

6. January 10, 2014 meeting minutes approved.

7. Meeting adjourned.