

Student Fee Advisory Committee

March 4, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Present: Justin Chung, Elaine Won, Aaron Tso, Jason Lee, Payel Chowdhury, Andres Gonzalez, Clara Schultheiss, David Curry, Sitara Nayudu, Erin Kelly, Sandra Jones

Absent: Nidal Zmily, Natalie Goudarzian

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Minutes from 1/21/11 meeting approved with changes to add Justin Chung to the present list and remove Adam Van Wart from the absent list.
3. Minutes from 2/25/11 meeting approved.
4. SFAC Recommendations to EVC/P
 - a. Open discussion:
 - i. The Cross Cultural Center should be protected because it helps provide cultural balance to UCI's traditional campus demographics.
 - ii. The Career Center is important because it provides a needed service to students, especially in the current economic climate.
 - iii. The Counseling Center provides immediate help to students in need when situations arise.
 - iv. The LGBT Center is significantly small to begin with and needs program funding from ASUCI and SFAC.
 - v. Some Student Services programs are self-protected, mandated programs that should be protected from budget cuts.
 - vi. The committee needs to prioritize and choose programs that affect the most students. There are certain departments that affect all or a lot of students and there are departments that are highly important to a subset of students; the SOAR referendum may touch on some of the subsets of students.
 - vii. The CARE program provides services like Clothesline, Take Back the Night, etc., and will be asking for addition grant funding; but some of the programs/services may overlap with the Counseling Center; CARE may not be a top three priority, but maybe a top five priority.
 - viii. DUE's Student Support Services helps first generation students integrate into campus community; these activities may overlap with SOAR.
 - ix. LARC provides an important service to students in terms of providing assistance to help students succeed academically; the first priority should be to protect academic mission of the university.

- x. The highest funding priorities were: funding for programs that hire and train student employees/interns, Career Center services, and counseling and mental health programming and staff support.
 - b. Motion is passed to select the top three, unranked priorities as follows: Counseling Center, Career Center, and LARC.
 - c. Aaron will also draft a general statement from the committee regarding the importance of Student Services to UCI students to include in the recommendations to the EVC/P and then email the draft out to committee for comment.
- 5. SOAR Referendum and Policy Discussion and Ballot Language Approval
 - a. ASUCI has reviewed the proposal to see whether or not it should be a petition or a referendum based on student interest. SFAC needs to review ballot language, not the merit of the referendum.
 - b. The UC return-to-aid policy for campus-based fees is a minimum of 25%, but the UCI policy approved by Chancellor Cicerone is to provide 33% RTA. UC is now funded more from student fees than from state funding, so it is important to include financial aid in any new fees; RTA will provide assistance to students in need.
 - c. The committee is concerned that the Legislative Council did not get copies of the SOAR policies and this is the first time policy language is being reviewed.
 - d. Does Legislative Council have snapshot of UC budget in terms of the level of funding from student fees versus state funds? Are they aware of the issue that for the first time ever student fees make up more of the UC budget than state funds?
 - e. The SOAR constitution only mentions high school outreach and retention. Are other non-traditional populations (i.e., transfer students and veteran students) included in this outreach/retention? “Outreach” is defined in Section V as primary and secondary schools and the greater university community; guidelines don’t limit outreach to specific populations. SOAR will coordinate outreach efforts of individual campus organizations.
 - f. Policy amendment process: recommendations on policy language regarding outreach and other recommendations can be sent back to the author; David will be the committee’s primary contact with the author.
 - g. Motion to approve referendum language passed.
- 6. SFAC Guidelines/Charter Revision
 - a. Committee guidelines and charter will need to be updated to change “Registration Fee” to “Student Services Fee.”
 - b. SFAC Guidelines revision will be deferred to the spring quarter.
- 7. Course Materials Fee proposals for Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences and Engineering will be reviewed and the committee’s recommendations to EVC/P on the proposals will be determined at next week’s meeting.
- 8. Meeting adjourned.