

Student Fee Advisory Committee

May 13, 2011
Meeting Minutes

Present: Aaron Tso, Jason Lee, Erin Kelly, Elaine Won, David Curry, Andres Gonzalez

Absent: Payel Chowdhury, Natalie Goudarzian, Nidal Zmily, Sitara Nayudu, Justin Chung, Sandy Jones, Clara Schultheiss

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

- 1) Meeting called to order.
- 2) Minutes from May 6, 2011 meeting approved.
- 3) Sitara has proxied her vote to Aaron.
- 4) SFAC Guidelines Revision
 - a) Motion to amended changes to SFAC guidelines is passed.
- 5) Veteran Services Funding and Revised Student Services Fee Funding Discussion
 - a) The committee discussed revising the Student Services Fee funding recommendation to the EVC/P to reallocate the \$10,000 being considered for Veteran Services to other high priority areas. Veteran Services has not demonstrated to the committee that the funds will be used for the purpose included in Veteran Services' original proposal and as the committee intended.
 - b) The committee considered revising the recommendation to fund the priorities included in budget letter to EVC/P (Counseling Center, Career Center, LARC) and to fund areas with measureable outcomes/data. However, LARC did not request funding, and Counseling Services has already been emphasized as a high priority and the committee has recommended funding a good portion of their request. The committee also discussed increasing Career Center funding to fund student outreach and/or increasing student lead funding from \$9,000 to \$18,000 to fully fund the student lead request. The student leads fill a vacuum created by a staff member who has left the Career Center.
 - c) The committee considered funding requests that have not been included in the current funding recommendations, but are still student priorities (just not highest priorities). Of the remaining requests, some of the requests were too high and the available funding would not make an impact; some of requests did not seem like necessities given the current budget situation; some seemed to be more of a "secondary" or an indirect benefit/component of education; and given the limited funds available, the committee felt it wouldn't be equitable to fund one department's request while not being able to fund a similar request from another department.
 - d) A motion was passed to provide an additional \$9,000 to the Career Center for student leads and hold the balance of \$1,000 in reserve for 2011-12 recommendations.
- 6) SFAC Budget Recommendations
 - a) Aaron will send final version to Karen for formatting and will sign the letter to the EVC/P.
- 7) Meeting adjourned.