

# Student Fee Advisory Committee

April 24, 2017  
Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Brennan Gonerig, Edgar Dormitorio, Kajal Bains, Kim Sadler Matthew Tsai, Michael McCarthy, Rafael Carrazco, Tracy La, Will Devanny, Auzzsa Eaton

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

**Absent:** Michael McCarthy, Connor Strobel, Judy Zhu (excused), Michelle Chan (excused), Robert Dang (excused)

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Minutes approved.
3. CSF meeting recap, April 22-23 in Oakland, CA (Michelle and Auzzsa)
  - a. CSF discussed returning to UCOP; UCOP extended offer for CSF to do this.
  - b. Hayden Jackson (UCR) elected to be CSF chair for 2017-18.
  - c. Updates and summary of challenges facing individual campus SFACs (Michelle for UCI)
    - i. There are concerns/challenges in providing funding recommendations for necessary and important priorities for students.
    - ii. Accountability for PDST (Professional Fee Supplemental Tuition); need for increased transparency in PDST review; need for discussion on how fees are being used; more student feedback.
  - d. In-Depth discussions with UCOP administrators
    - i. Dr. Robin-Holmes Sullivan (UC Vice President, Student Affairs)
      1. OP using shared governance model that includes students.
      2. Environmental health initiatives: lack of qualified counselors in CA due to the process counselors have to go through to qualify to practice in CA; counselors are leaving CA and going to other states because it's easier to qualify in other states; funding needs (e.g., UCI has funds to recruit three psychologists, but still has two open positions that have been difficult to recruit due to UCI not being able to offer competitive salaries).
      3. UCOP funding issues: there are Regental working groups looking at changing cost of attendance, particularly graduate student cost of attendance.
      4. Need to amplify student voices with campus Vice Chancellors Student Affairs (VCSA); will compile document and facilitate discussions with VCSA.
      5. Main systemwide student initiatives: undocumented students; campus sexual assault; global student initiatives; diversity
    - ii. Nathan Brostrom (UC Vice President, Chief Financial Officer)
      1. Housing: UCOP working to increase public/private partnerships for financing student housing. UC currently plans to increase student housing by 14k units; goal is to increase housing by 20k units.
      2. UCOP will lobby for increased state funds for UC. During budget cuts, the state decreased UC's budget by \$1b.
      3. Debt: reduced amount of debt for state bonds; buy down debt paid by students; support passage of a state general obligation bond (2018

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- ballot); restart lease revenue bonds to increase funding for capital projects.
4. Funding challenges: need for more funding for capital projects (replacing older buildings, seismic issues, etc.); managing enrollment growth; decreased federal funding including UC medical center block funding (equals ~75% of revenue for UC medical centers), reduced funding from Dept. of Energy for two UC labs, and reduced funding for Pell Grants.
  - e. Need for more input from and discussions with UCOP administrators; increased CSF consultation in regards to student fees.
  - f. Discussion on a possible UC systemwide student fee referendum process
    - i. There are challenges to get approval of a systemwide process. The Regents have delegated authority to review and approve campus-based student fee referenda to the President; a systemwide referendum will need to go to the Regents, and CSF would have to make an argument to the Regents for why UC needs to move to a systemwide process.
    - ii. Campuses need to get approval of referendum language through SFAC.
    - iii. Campuses need to maintain institutional memory and to be able to compare referenda language proposed each year with past referenda language, but there is currently no depository for referenda.
4. Discussion regarding UCI remaining in CSF.
    - a. Need to have productive meetings; need agenda from CSF chair and vice chair.
    - b. UCI might have an opportunity to provide more leadership to CSF.
    - c. It was beneficial to coordinate the CSF meeting with UCOP and have access to administrators; CSF should continue this at future CSF meetings.
    - d. Defer decision on CSF membership to next years' committee.
  5. In-depth review: Student Health Center
    - a. Michelle would like the committee to review the Student Health Center
      - i. How SHC allocates their fee funds and a better understanding on how they use the fee revenue.
      - ii. New requirements for vaccinations.
      - iii. Matt will follow up with Michelle.
  6. Other business
    - a. Next meeting will be scheduled for week 6 (no meeting next week)
    - b. Improvements for next year
      - i. Revising funding proposals.
      - ii. Better communication with SSF-funded units.
      - iii. A lot of academic units feel if they keep getting rejected for funding, it is not worth it for them to keep requesting funding.
      - iv. If SFAC is not reviewing parts of the proposal, then the proposal template maybe should be revised.
      - v. It is difficult to compare requests that are so different and hard to compare and prioritize student experience support versus safety/crisis issues versus support for academic units; if committee compares these types of requests,

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then student safety/crisis issues and wider student experience issues will always have priority over academic student affairs requests.

- vi. Student Affairs has more of a direct impact on a larger number of students and most student services are housed in Student Affairs, but maybe a certain % of funds could be set aside for academic student affairs requests.
  - vii. It would be difficult to use temporary funds for on-going programming requests because program need budget stability and would have to reapply for funding each year.
- c. Matt will be presenting at the 5/18 MABO meeting
    - i. Talk to MABO about what type of requests academic units can make.

7. Meeting adjourned.