

# Student Fee Advisory Committee

May 11, 2018  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Auzzsa Eaton, Connor Strobel, Edgar Dormitorio, Gabrielle Escobedo, Javier Solis (proxy for Shronda Davis), Judy Zhu, Rivka Jones (proxy for Lydia Natoolo), Michael McCarthy, Taariq Elmahadi, Travis Abshire, Brennan Gonerig, Deon West, Martín Jacinto

Absent: Michelle Chan, Shronda Davis, Lydia Natoolo

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

1. May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes Approved.
2. Connor served as Michelle's proxy on committee voting.
3. Committee Group Review and Deliberation of 2017-18 SSF Supplemental Funding Proposals.
  - i. The committee reviewed, as a group, the proposals that were ranked highest by the subcommittees. They further discussed, deliberated, and voted on which proposals should be moved on for final vote for including in funding recommendations.
  - ii. The committee voted to move the following proposals onto final ranking and voting for funding recommendations: 1, 3, 13, 15, 19, 24, 26, 29, 30 (if there are remaining funds), and 32 with 5, 11, 18 and 25 pending discussion with the Provost.
  - iii. Units submitting proposals 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 18, 19, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 32 have indicated they can utilize partial funding.
  - iv. The committee is waiting on information from PAA regarding the request for 50% funding for summer PAAs. Karen will send a reminder email to PAA.
  - v. The committee would like to know if OVPTL included the SSI SAO III in their annual budget discussions with the campus. Karen will send out an inquiry.
  - vi. A separate communication to the Provost expressing the committee's concern regarding funding for student priorities for critical services and programs will be drafted as well as included in the committee's 2017-18 annual report and funding recommendations. The memo will include a request to meet with the Provost.
4. Student Affairs Budget Discussion
  - i. Thomas Parham, Student Affairs Vice Chancellor joined the meeting to discuss and address questions the committee has regarding Student Affairs' budget.
  - ii. The committee asked why Housing has moved away from supporting the GSRC. Dr. Parham explained that Housing is an auxiliary enterprise and has no Student Services Fees to provide and while Housing participates in global sustainability

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efforts on the campus, the GSRC is not an initiative out of Student Affairs. Also, in regards to space in Housing, the space footprint of new housing is limited and not large enough to provide space to GSRC.

- iii. In regards to a question about housing rates, Dr. Parham explained the rates are set for each housing area after considering operating costs, debt service, personnel costs, deferred maintenance, sufficient reserves, etc. Rates are developed to keep rates low for each facility, but sufficient to support operating costs and debt for all buildings. Rates are about 20% below market. It is mandatory for the 3rd party housing rates to be 10% below market and campus housing rates are an additional 10% lower than 3rd party housing. Annual increases are about 2%-3%. UCI is in the bottom 3rd of rates for the UC system.
- iv. There is a request by the SHC for ~\$150K for immunizations. Why is this request being made to SFAC and why hasn't this already been funded? Isn't this a priority? Dr. Parham explained there are limited resources to fund this and SHC would like to try to keep health insurance premiums down. The SHC is funded with ~8% core funding and 92% auxiliary enterprise funds and student health insurance reimbursements. Other UCs like UCLA have more funding from a student health fee and other funds. If immunizations were included in the health coverage, the SHP fees would increase.
- v. There have been several requests made to the committee to fund student priorities. Does this mean the campus administration does not care about student priorities?
  1. Dr. Parham explained with limited resources and competing priorities, some priorities may be deferred to future years. Dr. Parham provided an analogy of the requests submitted to the committee. Every year SFAC budget requests exceed the SSF available to the committee and the committee cannot recommend funding for all priorities. Student Affairs faces the same difficult situation, but on a larger scale. The campus also has this dilemma.
  2. Dr. Parham also mentioned the campus is providing SSF funds for high priority student services that are not part of the SFAC requests. For example, student mental health is one of the highest priorities for UC and the campus (it is an issue nationwide) and a portion of Student Services Fee revenue has been dedicated to fund student mental health support. Student Affairs has an approved student mental health plan to hire clinicians and the campus has front-loaded funding for this in order for the clinicians to be hired now even though the ongoing SSF revenue to support these permanent positions haven't been generated yet. Also, the student mental health plan has a three-tiered system of funding. Tier 1 is for clinical staff, tier 2 is for support staff and tier 3 is for environmental and

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physical space requests. New SSF are restricted to tier 1 and some of the SFAC requests may be for tier 2 and tier 3.

- vi. The SFAC meetings with Latinx and W-Hub were discussed with Dr. Parham and he was asked if Student Affairs requested funding from the campus for commencement, Women's Hub and Latinx. Dr. Parham responded that Student Affairs has requested funds for commencement, but Latinx is a new request this year and the request has been included the new budget request to the campus. Student Affairs may be able to provide some temporary funding, but they do not have any new funds for permanent FTE.
- vii. Dr. Parham was asked about why the decision was made to move marginalized groups out to Lot 5 and why the final decision was different from the recommendations from a committee looking at the space. Dr. Parham was also asked if there are plans to move the W-Hub back to its original space in the Cross Cultural Center. The committee's charge was to make recommendations and those recommendations were taken into consideration along with other information. A call was sent out to groups to see who was interested in moving to Lot 5 and the W-Hub was one of the first to respond positively. They wanted to have two spaces, but found out that was not plausible so tried to decline the space in Lot 5 but were unable to at that time. Also, the decrease in drop in visits seems to be only affecting the W-Hub. The Dreamer's center and the food pantry were also moved, but they have not experienced a drop in student visits. It was pointed out that students go to the Dreamer's center and food pantry out of necessity (for legal services at the Dreamer's center for example), so the Women's Hub situation isn't really comparable. There are no plans to move the W-Hub back to its original space because the space isn't large enough to accommodate the W-Hub's needs.
- viii. Dr. Parham said previous Student Affairs' budget requests can be provided.
  1. Edgar will work on gathering this information and providing it to the committee.

5. Meeting adjourned.