

Student Fee Advisory Committee

January 27, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Present: David Curry, Ching-Yun Li, Megan Braun, Calvin Sung, Andres Gonzalez, Sara Bana, Nidal Zmily, Erin Kelly, Adam Van Wart, Rosemary Busta
Absent: Leslie Millerd-Rogers

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

Interns (absent): Karen Wong, Sally Yu

1. Meeting called to order at 12:13 p.m.
2. Minutes from January 20, 2010 are amended as follows:
 - a. Nidal was present
3. Chair updates
 - a. Calvin updates the committee on student fee topics discussed at the January 19-21 Regents meeting.
 - Regents are researching the possibility of instituting a fee guarantee which will include a ceiling on fee increases by entering class. This is meant to allow students and their families to be able to plan ahead.
 - If budget cuts result in higher fee increases, these fee increases will be borne by the next freshman class.
 - Megan feels if the governor's budget proposal to guarantee funding for higher education passes, this might be a good idea; also it is an intriguing idea to have fee stability. However if there are future budget crises, the majority of the fee increase will be disproportionately borne by freshmen. This could make UC less affordable and less competitive.
 - The Legislative Analyst's Office is not supportive of this.
 - b. CSF is continuing to work on the systemwide guidelines for the use of Reg Fees.
 - CSF would like students to have approval authority over Reg Fee policy and funding decisions and would like this to be included in a MOU between CSF and UCOP.
 - The systemwide Reg Fee guidelines will be separate from the Reg Fee policy approved by the Regents. The guidelines will specifically list what services can be funded with Reg Fees and will be approved by president Yudof.
 - CSF would like the students to have the ability to grant special exceptions to the Reg Fee policy when they feel it is warranted; CSF would make the determination

of allowing the exception, but individual campuses will also have a voice in how Reg Fee funds are used on their campuses.

- Megan believes this would set a negative precedent by suggesting there is Reg Fee funding to spare and by using Reg Fees for services that should be funded by the institution. This also goes against the principle that Reg Fees should not fluctuate due to changes in the economy.
- David suggests the exceptions should have a sunset clause, i.e., two years, when the funding exception would be revisited.

4. Budget Surveys

- a. Calvin will send out a Doodle message to try to get a time for the all-day comprehensive survey review and deliberations.
- b. The committee split into sub-committee to preliminarily review the budget surveys submitted by student fee-funded units.
 - The sub-committees will review their assigned surveys for completeness and give the full committee a summary of the requests being made.

5. Meeting adjourned.