

Student Fee Advisory Committee

October 23, 2009
Meeting Minutes

Present: Sarah Bana, Megan Braun, Payel Chowdhury, David Curry, Andres Gonzales, Natalie Goudarzian, Ching-Yun Li, Erin Kelly, Calvin Sung, Nidal Zmily, Adam Van Wart, Rosemary Busta and Stacey Murren

Absent: None

Staff: Karen Mizumoto

Interns: Karen Wong, Sally Yu

1. Meeting called to order at 1:13pm
2. Chair and Vice Chair Nominations and Elections
 - Calvin Sung and Andres Gonzales are nominated for the position of Chair; Calvin is elected as Chair.
 - Andres Gonzales and David Curry are nominated for the position of Vice Chair. The Committee votes Andres in as Vice Chair.
3. Course Materials Fee (CMF) Proposals Discussion and Recommendations
 - Two CMF proposals are presented to the Committee for comments and recommendations to the EVCP.
 - The Department of Chemical and Material Science is proposing a \$25 per student per quarter CMF to purchase software licenses for students in ENGR 54 (a lower division required course) to simulate materials selection for industrial designs; the software is used by many top industrial design and engineering companies. Cost of license is \$25 per student and the student will retain a copy of the software. All students responding to survey support the fee.
 - The Committee discussed if students would take a similar course (if offered) at a junior college instead of at UCI; it was commented that the students would have to pay a per unit fee at a JC and it might end of costing more than paying the CMF.
 - A lists of currently approved CMFs is distributed, however the list is not complete; the complete list will be distributed at next Friday's meeting.
 - The Committee discussed whether or not this software was "open sourcing" software; it is not known if it is or not, but this is something that should be discussed between student leadership and the Academic Senate.
 - The general consensus of the Committee is that a \$25 per student CMF is a reasonable fee for students to have access to the software, even after they finish the course, that is used in the industry and given that the students taking the course seem supportive, the Committee as a whole supports the fee.
 - The Committee votes to recommend the \$25 CMF for ENGR 54; votes were 10 in favor, 1 against, and 0 abstaining.

- A new \$10 per student per quarter CMF for EDU 137 (Art in the Elementary School) is presented and discussed. The CMF will support art supplies needed to give the students an opportunity to apply pedagogical theory to actual hands on experiences.
- The Committee in general agrees to support the CMF because it will facilitate the “hands on experience” of art theory, it may cost the students more than \$10 if they had to purchase the materials on their own, and because the majority of students (70%) taking the course support the fee. The Committee does express some concern that the department couldn’t cover the cost, but given the budget situation, it was somewhat understandable.
- The Committee votes in favor of recommending a \$10 CMF for EDU 137; the votes are 10 for, 0 against and 1 abstaining.

4. Discussion of SFAC Calendar for 2009-10

- The Committee discusses beginning unit reviews sooner and being able to give more consideration to departmental audits.
- The Unit Information Survey and Budget Information templates used for 2008-09 is distributed and the Committee discusses possible revisions for a short version of the surveys for units not requesting Reg Fee funds. The Committee agrees to merge questions 2 and 4 and merge questions 1 and 6.
- Sarah volunteers to draft a cover letter to be included in the survey; Karen will forward the email sent to departments last year.
- Last year, this survey received about 20+ replies; the Committee would like to get more responses.
- Stacey is asked her opinion as staff that would likely complete the survey. She believes people would fill out a survey only if the goal of the survey is clearly stated; if it is only for information gathering, she might be less inclined to complete the survey. Calvin mentions the goal is to gather information, but it is also to examine the how student fees are being used.
- Sarah agrees to take responsibility of revising the questions along with the help of Erin.
- The timeline for the survey is determined. The Committee plans to send out Friday of Week 6, reminder at Week 7, and due Week 8 (November 20th) at 5pm, with a three-day unspoken grace period.

5. Karen announces that EVCP will be coming in to meet with SFAC on November 20.

6. Meeting adjourned 2:45pm.