

**2008-2009 UC IRVINE**  
**Student Fee Advisory Committee**  
**Report to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost**

The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) is charged with advising the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost on the distribution of all mandatory student fees. Two of the ways that the SFAC executes this mission is to recommend Registration Fee funding allocations to the EVCP, and to recommend ways to improve student services and programs. We created a general agreement in the beginning of the year with the EVCP that with the increases in enrollment, we would recommend distributions of \$100,000 of the increased allocations for the registration fee. In light of the difficult budget situation facing UC Irvine, SFAC found it most prudent to make recommendations totaling the \$100,000 to attempt to fully support student services on-campus.

This year, the SFAC also found it important to revisit the guidelines of the SFAC. During these difficult fiscal times, our goal was to ensure that students would have an adequate voice and input on the funding of campus life and student services. While the current guidelines may have been adequate during early times of prosperity for the campus, as UC Irvine has grown and its stable sources of funding have shrunk, we felt that more infrastructure and a new model was necessary for SFAC to successfully advise and support the EVC in the recommendation of the registration fee. These guidelines are attached.

Requests for funds were weighed on a set of general criteria and guidelines. Preference was given to requests that were able to provide the greatest positive impact to the greatest number of students, improve student services/campus life, assist units under severe fiscal strain, and requests from units that have not received major funding in the past. The committee did not recommend allocations for programs that were educational in nature, or did not attempt to supply the majority of funding to programs that were educational support services, due to the committee's philosophy that registration fees should not be used for education services.

### **ALLOCATIONS**

The committee took the above criteria into account and has decided to make the following recommendations for allocations of enrollment growth registration fees. Recommendations for permanent fees total \$70,688 while recommendations for temporary fees total \$29,312, with a complete total of \$100,000 in recommendations.

#### **Campus Recreation**

- 15,000 Permanent – Funding for Club Sports programs.

#### **Career Center**

- 30,000 Permanent – Funding for one full time employee for event planning.

- 1,800 Temporary – Funding for subscription for “Going Global” international employment program.
- 2,000 Temporary – Funding for Annual Career Fest.

### **Athletics**

- 6,000 Temporary – Funding for computer equipment.

### **International Center**

- 2,000 Permanent – Funding for the English Corner program.

### **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center**

- 500 Temporary – Funding for transgender task force and programming.
- 750 Temporary – Funding for LGBT anonymous chat room.
- 1,000 Temporary – Funding for transgender education and trainings.

### **Peer Academic Advising**

- 6,188 Permanent – Funding for two part-time Peer Academic Advisors.

### **Disability Services Center**

- 2,500 Permanent – Funding for programs and outreach.

### **Center for Service in Action**

- 4,000 Permanent – Funding for support for co-curricular community engagement programming.

### **Social Ecology Counseling**

- 3,500 Temporary – Funding for grad programs and support.

### **Associated Students of University of California, Irvine**

- 11,000 Permanent – Funding for marketing career staff support.
- 3,600 Temporary – Funding for 3 student marketing interns.

### **Zotportal**

- 10,162 Temporary – Funding for new software utilities, student programmer’s employment and computer hardware support.

## **GUIDELINES**

The SFAC decided this year to revisit the SFAC guidelines in an effort to help boost the infrastructure and student voice surrounding and supporting registration fees on-campus. We mainly focused on four major changes to the guidelines.

1. Revising the committee composition and eligibility, by adding two undergraduates, including one additional ASUCI Executive or designate, and one graduate student, as well as taking out the “ex-officio” language attached to ASUCI representatives and adding a provision for replacements.

2. Adding a mandatory orientation for all committee members in the fall quarter.
3. Creating a mandatory standard for the budgetary review activity of the committee.

These changes are being recommended in an effort to increase the effectiveness of the committee in supporting and advising the EVCP in regards to the registration fee. We believe that increasing the size of the committee on both the undergraduate and graduate level will increase the committee's capacity to handle budget reviews and give the committee a more thorough and complete student perspective. We hope that the mandatory orientation for all committee members in the fall quarter will speed up the efficiency and familiarity the committee has with budget proceedings, so that they may more effectively advise the EVCP. Finally, in these difficult fiscal times, we believe that creating a mandatory standard for budget review activity for future committees will help the committee advise the EVCP on the effectiveness and impact of registration fee funding towards student service departments.

We hope that the EVCP considers and approves of these changes to the guidelines. We suggest them as considerations to make the committee more effective in its advisory role to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, and thank him for his time and consideration.