

# Student Fee Advisory Committee

February 7, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Present: Connor Strobel (proxy for Amy Shine), Khajika Soyoltulga, Wiley Wilson, Ashkuor Abdulkader, Chico Hill, Alan Doig, Darlene Esparza, Auzzsa Eaton (proxy for Dashay Richmond), Peter Trejo

Absent: Amy Shine, Teresa Gaspar, Dashay Richmond

Staff: Karen Mizumoto, Jonathan Saucedo

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Meeting Minutes from 1/17/20 approved.
3. SFAC Open Forum Debrief
  - a. Discussion:
    - i. Auzzsa noted the committee should provide feedback to the units that did not receive funding.
    - ii. Auzzsa recommended informing the proposal writers that their unit received funding, not just the unit leaders.
    - iii. Connor established that the proposals will be reviewed by subcommittees this year.
    - iv. During the Open Forum, Wiley recommended that the new category should be updated on the application.
    - v. Darlene noted that some forum attendees did not have any knowledge of the committee and recommended part of the forum be dedicated to explaining the function of SFAC.
4. CSF Meeting Updates.
  - a. Discussion:
    - i. Connor informed the committee of potential new tuition models to be rolled out for UC students.
    - ii. Wiley expressed concern for students reliant on financial aid, which Connor confirmed that lower income earning families will not be affected by the changes.
    - iii. Connor informed there is a second proposal to let any student registered organization create a referenda without student government approval.
    - iv. Khajika expressed concern on possible complexities with distributing funding out to SRO's, which are third parties.
    - v. Wiley expressed concern over issues with students having to opt out.
    - vi. Connor also added that the proposal could affect quorum restrictions.

vii. UCSA and UCGPC are proposing adding a systemwide advocacy fee.

5. CMSF Proposals.

a. Engineering (ENGRMAE93)

i. Discussion:

1. Karen clarified course expectations are changing, and therefore, require a higher fee.
2. The committee noted the survey only asked if \$100-\$160 would be an acceptable fee,
3. Khajika asked why some students take both 93 and 189, which Auzzsa clarified 93 allows students to take 189, but is not an explicit prerequisite.
4. Auzzsa informed the committee that in both 189 and 93, the amount of materials required depends on the professor and project.
5. Ashkuor asked why a lower division course would require the same amount of materials, which Auzzsa clarified students in lower division classes tend to use more materials practicing.
6. Professor Glazer questioned what benefits students receive, and if students could possibly be allowed a larger budget for their projects.
7. Connor recommended asking what exactly the increased fee will be covering, perhaps a department deficit or avoiding the students having to pay out of pocket if they exceed their budget.
8. Wiley asked how the course is funded if students are only paying \$14.
9. Alan asked how the school plans on running the course if the fee is not approved.
10. Darlene asked if the school would be open to proposing a lower fee.
11. Karen to clarify items 6-10 with the school.

b. N129 Transparent Brain

i. Discussion:

1. Karen clarified lab fees should be labeled course fees, as the students do not get lab credit.

ii. Vote: 7 recommend, 0 recommend, 3 abstain

6. Meeting adjourned.