Student Fee Advisory Committee
February 5, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Present: Connor Strobel, Joseph Acevedo, Isabella Blake, Alan Doig, Darlene Esparza, Amihai Glazer, Andrew Hallak, Brionna Martinez, Nisha Sandhu, Wiley Wilson

Absent: Ashkuor Abdulkader, Sarah Alkhatib, Chico Hill, “Angel” Hsiao-Yun Tsui,

Staff: Katherine Warnke-Carpenter, Karen Mizumoto

1. Meeting called to order.

2. Motion to approve the agenda. No objections. Agenda approved.

3. Motion to approve the minutes from the 1/29/2021 meeting. No objections. Minutes approved.

4. Reviewing 3 agenda attachments:

   a. Merage Student Fee Referendum
      i. Karen provided background:
         1. Merage Student Association (MSA) has their own student association in addition to AGS.
         2. Last increase was in 1995 and went from $9 to $13.
         3. First time increasing in 25 years.
      ii. Comments from the committee members:
         1. CPI is not defined – ask for that to be changed in the document.
         2. Not clear who MSA is – ask for a few sentences to be added to the document that give background or explain.
         3. Explain what the social events are, clubs they participate in, conferences, etc.
         4. Phrase as an increase of $19 to the $14 listed as 2020-2021 (currently).
         5. Put the total annual at the top.
         6. Issue presented about MSA being an RSO and Student government…can they be both? Could our own student orgs run their own referendum?
      iii. Subject to the changes requested, Motion to recommend to the Chancellor to put this fee referendum on the ballot. Seconded. Approved.

   b. Womxn’s Hub (W-Hub) Resilience Student Fee Referendum
      i. Karen provided background:
         1. There is overlap from last year.
ii. Comments from the committee members
   1. Specify internships
   2. Are they W-Hub internships or external?

iii. Subject to the changes requested, Motion to recommend to the Chancellor to put this fee referendum on the ballot. Seconded. Approved.

c. Esports Student Fee Referendum
   i. Karen provided clarification on the 4 terms (includes fall, winter, spring and summer):
      1. Summer is typically prorated by credit hour (generally 53%), and an overall historical average is used and could be rolling.
   
   ii. Comments from the committee members
      1. Whom does this apply to over the summer?
      2. Is it based on 1 class or 12 units?
      3. Request to remove value statements and words such as,” unique”, “valuable”, “secure”, and “ensure” since this is not an advertisement.
      4. State that the fee will be managed by the Esports Director and Staff
      5. Put the new annual total at the top of the document, as has been suggested on other referenda reviewed today.
      6. It may be unclear how the fee is being used. Is it to upgrade technology? Is the intent to keep the cost to use the facility free instead of having to pay per use?
      7. Will they end the fee or draw down if they get further corporate support? Clarify this in paragraph 4.
      8. Revise paragraph 4 to also include what the per use cost is currently.
      9. Ask for clarification on the second sentence of the fourth paragraph. What does, “expand our efforts to engage more corporate sponsors and donors to support scholarships for students and expand research opportunities,” mean? To redirect fees or to do donor events?
      10. As for clarification of the statement, “gives more flexibility on donor supported funds”?

   iii. Subject to the changes requested, Motion to recommend to the Chancellor to put this fee referendum on the ballot. Seconded. Approved
5. Motion to recommend to the Chancellor to put all three of these fee referendums on the ballot. Motion approved. Seconded. No objections. Motion passed.

6. No further questions.

7. Meeting adjourned.