

Student Fee Advisory Committee

March 17, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jun Jang, Johnathan Li, Francesca Fong, adeli Duron, Kasey Ning, Shruti Gundu, Reginald Gardner, Lee Bardwell, Sharad Mehrotra, Joshua Ma, Taeoni Norgaar

Absent: Sarah Semaan, Parleen Brar, Angela Yun

Committee Staff: Karen Mizumoto and Jonathan Saucedo

- 1) Approval of 3/3/23 minutes
- 2) Discussion on Initial Rankings - Procedures
 - i) Jun decided the committee would have an initial discussion about each request, and committee members will review their rankings and decide if they want to make changes.
 - ii) Professor Mehrotra recommended to categorize requests by fundable, maybe fundable, or un-fundable.
 - iii) Committee split on methods for reviewing requests; Jun decided to follow Professor Mehrotra's recommendation.
 - iv) Humanities and OVPTL's requests were marked as un-fundable due to their low rankings.
- 3) Discussion on Initial Rankings – Proposals
 - a) Student Affairs/SL&L – Basic Needs CalFresh:
 - i) Reginald stated that this program provides services to all students and approving funding would provide better pay for student workers.
 - ii) Professor Mehrotra believes this is a good proposal but would have liked a better explanation for the need for four employees.
 - iii) Jun clarified that this proposal is to maintain the same level of student employment most likely in the face of budget cuts.
 - iv) Request marked as fundable.
 - b) Student Affairs/SL&L – Womxn's Center for Success
 - i) Request marked as fundable.
 - c) OVPTL – Peer Academic Advisors
 - i) Kasey ranked highly according to committee's pillar to support student engagement.
 - ii) Professor Bardwell believes the PAA's in Bio Sci add a lot of value to the students and the request is for a small incremental amount to their pay, so there is a lot of value for a relative smaller funding request.
 - iii) adeli mentioned that the reason the pay is being increased is due to the mandated minimum wage increase which departments across campus will need to supplement from their budgets.
 - iv) Request marked as fundable.

- d) Student Affairs/SL&L – Cross-Cultural Center
 - i) Johnathan does not want to entirely fund the request as it would make up approximately 20% of the budget for SFAC funding decisions.
 - ii) Kasey would be in favor of further discussing partially funding this request.
 - iii) adelí stated that a total of 10 students is the standard level of employment for this department.
 - iv) Reginald stated that the partial funding option funds a majority of the staff.
 - v) Committee’s discussion on this item moving forward will only consider partial funding of \$40,000.
 - vi) Request marked as fundable.
- e) Student Affairs/SL&L – LGBT Resource Center
 - i) adelí believes this is an important department as it supports at-risk communities that are being targeted in the media currently.
 - ii) adelí added that this department is one of many within Student Affairs that is surviving off of temporary funds due to budget cuts (temporary funds are backfilling permanent budget cuts), which will deplete soon.
 - iii) Request marked as fundable.
- f) Student Affairs/SL&L – Latinx Resource Center
 - i) adelí explained that award dinner is focused on graduate students.
 - ii) Francesca stated that the ask is not very large and has a direct impact on the students.
 - iii) Professor Mehrotra ranked this request lower based on Student Affairs lower prioritization of the request.
 - iv) Request marked as fundable.
- g) Student Affairs/SL&L – Sustainability Resource Center
 - i) Johnathan made a decision to highly rank request related to student employees.
 - ii) Johnathan added that the committee should consider the fact that the carry forward for this unit can sustain the position for one year, in which case this could be partially funded and requested again next year.
 - iii) Professor Mehrotra recommended potentially considering this request for the “maybe fundable” category as it is a good cause but the department has funds already.
 - iv) Request marked as maybe fundable.
- h) Student Affairs/SL&L – Campus Orgs & Volunteer Programs
 - i) adelí mentioned that this request would affect a large number of students and helps them become more involved in student life or learn more about resources.
 - ii) Jun believes these events help connect students with development opportunities.
 - iii) Professor Mehrotra wanted to know which department was previously funding these events and why have they stopped funding.
 - iv) Johnathan stated that the department has large carryforward balances and could be categorized in “maybe fundable.”
 - v) Request marked as maybe fundable.
- i) Graduate Division
 - i) Reginald rated this request highly due to their role as a representative of graduate students, and student mental health is a critical issue especially after the strikes that took place on campus.
 - ii) Reginald recommended considering this request for temporary funding.
 - iii) Professor Bradwell sees the value in the request, but also mentioned that all students pay fees but would mostly benefit graduate students.

- iv) adeli brought up that there might be confusion over the title of the position as it would not provide direct one on one counseling.
- v) Reginald added that there might be indirect benefits to undergraduate students for example responsiveness Teaching Assistants
- vi) Johnathan understands the value in the request but does not understand why Graduate Division is requesting this rather than a more centralized department that provides counseling services.
- vii) Request marked as maybe fundable.

4) Meeting adjourned.