

Student Fee Referenda Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2010

Members present: Mark Lucia, Nadesan Permaul, Miguel Daal, Walter Wong for Anne De Luca, DD Fanner-White, Fabrizio Mejia, Noah Stern, Sameer Khan

Members absent: Nhunhu Nguyen, Jodie Rouse, Kyle Simerly, Judi Sui

Recorder: Laura McBride

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. CACSSF Update

- Sameer Khan gave an update on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services & Fees. He reported that changes will be proposed at next week's meeting, to set up CACSSF as the campus Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) pursuant to OP policy, including a proposal to add one more student to the Committee which will even out the distribution of students to 3 each from GA, ASUC, and CSF.
- CACSSF will be making recommendations about allocations of student fees.
- CSF would continue to assess the use of fees in various student services units (perhaps reviewing several more units each year than in the past) - the plan is to streamline the unit reporting process – and share this information with CACSSF. CSF will also maintain a website with this information.
- The question arose how CSF evaluates the way student fees are used / what & how CACSSF reports & analysis are done. There is a brief recommended outline for reports as part of the SFRC guidelines, which contains seven categories of information for reporting. This outline will be emailed with this meeting's minutes.
- Next steps: how to get input from students on proposed fees.

3. BEARS Referendum / MOU Update

- Miguel Daal noted there are no reportable issues on the progress of implementation of the BEARS Referendum.
- There is an annual reporting requirement in the SFRC's new guidelines.
- Miguel suggested the heads of fee committees send reports to CACSSF. Since CACSSF has a website & reports are stored there; SFRC can link to that location.
- Walter Wong noted that there is currently not a lot of oversight around proper collection & use of student fees. The Committee will ask Bene Gatzert, staff to SFAC, if she can provide a list of all student fee committees doing work on the campus.

4. Potential New Mandatory Student Fees for Referendum

- Two referendum ideas are being considered within the ASUC and GA:
 - Reauthorization of Rec Sports Fee which is set to expire 2015. One approach would be to re-authorize an amount equal to or slightly higher than the current fee level of \$82.50/semester and use the new fee (which would no longer have to cover debt service) for increased RSF services and facilities as well as capital maintenance.
 - Very tentative—ASUC fee increase. Current fee of \$27 is set; other schools charge between \$80-\$250 per term [semester or quarter]. A multi-year, incremental raise per

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year is being considered as part of the proposal. This fee might be proposed for Spring 2011. Miguel noted the applicability to this potential fee of Section 80 of the UC Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students (which is also incorporated into the SFRC guidelines):

<http://www.ucop.edu/ucophome/coordrev/ucpolicies/aos/uc80.html>.

5. New SFRC Website

- Mark Lucia requests that committee members review the new website at <http://www.sfrc.berkeley.edu> and give feedback to Mark.
- Mark has added links to other campuses' fee schedules, along with general information about how the SFRC fits into the referenda process, so that students/staff new to the process can acquire a basic understanding from the website.

Action Items:

- Make website additions or revisions suggested by committee members (Mark)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 1:00-2:00 p.m., 4th Floor Eshleman conference room