

COSAF Report | Recommendations & Comments

Review: SASI Fee

Student Activities and Services Initiative

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Per SASI referenda language, CPI adjustments will be applied each year to all SASI fee recipients. The Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF) is charged as the oversight body to provide commentary based on each recipient’s fiscal stewardship of SASI revenue.

The following SASI fee recipients presented to COSAF during Fall 2022:

Presentation Date	Department	Name of Presenter(s)
11/3/23	Intercollegiate Athletics	Heather Hunter, Senior Association Athletics Director Sean Quinn, Chief Financial Officer
11/3/23	Campus Recreation	Andy Ramirez, Associate Director
12/1/23	Cross Cultural Center	Joe Martinez, Director
12/1/23	Women’s Resources & Research Center	Cecily Roberts, Director

Following the final SASI presentation on 12/1/23, COSAF voting members completed a Qualtrics survey to provide comments and recommendations for each SASI recipient. The following pages summarize these comments.

Please provide your comments regarding the **Women's Resources & Research Center** presentation and use of the **Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI)** fee.

The use of the SASI fee will be used to go towards programs that directly impact the student body. The fee is a vital resource that can directly benefit many walks of life.

I am very grateful for everything the WRRC provides to students. It's great to hear that they're constantly listening to student input and making improvements as needed.

I believe the Women's Resources & Research Center uses their SASI funds adequately. It is apparent that they are passionate about their work and try to provide the best services for students. I feel confident that the fees I pay are being put to great use here.

The Women's Resources & Research Center presentation was very informative. I could tell that these resources are useful and instrumental to our campus and student success. I am convinced that SASI fee is put to a good use and that the leaders running this organization are very passionate about their work.

The presentation showed the meaningful impact of the WRRC in our UCD community. Showing the awesome work they do.

I think the use of the fee is done appropriately and with the interests of the students at the forefront. Product accessibility as well as the different programs and events the WRRC hosts sounds wonderful. I would like to see more engagement with the WRRC, given that only a small percentage of students actually swiped at their center, but I am sure this is something they want as well and will continue to work on.

I have been impressed by the events at the Women's Resources & Research Center, and I believe they would benefit from proposed fund allocation.

Based on the presentation it seems like this center benefits a lot from this fee and is able to provide resources to people on campus that need it with the funds. If more people become aware of the center, they will be able to reach a larger group of people and having this fee will enable them to continue to provide of them.

I believe they will make good use of the SASI CPI adjustment and their work they have been doing for the campus and for the underserved women.

It was very informative and it's great to see that they're able to provide many services by spending their budget efficiently.

Hearing the presenter it was clear she was very passionate about her work and I really enjoyed hearing that they listen to student feedback through their work to create more study spaces. They are really focused on catering to the student population's needs which was awesome.

They seem to be good steward of funding and use most for the direct benefit of students who use the facilities and attend events. Since a large % of their users had needs related to diapers and toiletries, I would urge them to try and collaborate as much as possible with other service centers on campus to maximize awareness, combine resources where appropriate, and not duplicate efforts unless necessary.

The presentation was clear and concise. I think that the use of fees is fairly allocated.

Please provide your comments regarding the **Campus Recreation presentation and use of the **Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI)** fee.**

The use of the SASI fee at the campus recreation is a critical resource for all the students. It offers students the opportunity of employment and a variety of programs to ensure good health.

Campus Rec plays a vital role in student life. My only note is that it would be nice if, in the future, their presentation could focus more on their usage of SASI fees vs what Campus Rec does in general. Originally we could not get a clear answer as to why their carryforward was so high and why their facility/maintenance costs went up almost 100%. However, at this last meeting, Deb was able to bring clarity to our questions and concerns.

Campus Recreation serves many students on campus and uses the SASI fee as best as they can given the rapid changes to equipment and/or conditions of facilities. For future presentations, it would be beneficial to have a thorough break down of what the SASI fee is specifically used for and the timeline of projects to better understand the ways students' money supports Campus Rec.

The Campus Recreation presentation was very informative, and I liked how all of the expenses are transparent and fully reflected. It is obvious that the SASI fee is necessary and instrumental in keeping the campus recreation operational.

The presentation clearly showed the spending and it explained the future projects. I appreciate the presentation mentioning the though behind future projects.

I think Campus Rec's use of the SASI fee is being done appropriately and for the benefit of the students. I appreciate that most of the fee has historically been, and will continue to be, applied to salaries and benefits -- further putting people first including some of our student workers. I dislike some of Campus Rec's back-and-forth answers on whether they will be able to maintain particularly student salaries with the lack of a CPI adjustment for both SASI and previous fees discussed.

Campus Recreation has greatly improved student life, and it is beneficial to keep everything running and up-to-date with proposed fund adjustment.

Campus Recreation *continued*

The Campus Recreation presentation was very insightful and it definitely showed us how much of an impact they are having on the students. It seems to me that the fees are being invested in a way that the students are able to benefit from.

I love how much Campus Recreation impacts student's lives. They are very much in need of the SASI fee and will use it to continue to give students a positive outlet for stress and recreation.

Campus Recreation runs many programs for students and it is good to see that they are provided the funds in order to do this.

Campus rec always is an impressive presentation to listen too. They are such a large and prominent entity on campus and serve such a large proportion of the student population with so many services.

Campus Recreation has done a fantastic job responding to the evolving demands of the student body. The staffing costs, while high, provide a large number of employment opportunities for students. I think this is one key reason why they have their finger on the pulse of their customers. Rec facilities and equipment are expensive to properly maintain, but when done diligently promoted higher use rates and quality of use. Survey results show that this is among the most appreciated services, and provided to the largest number of students based on usage numbers.

The presentation was great and I also think that the fees are being utilized appropriately.

Please provide your comments regarding the **Cross Cultural Center** presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.

The use of the SASI fee at the Cross Cultural Center will go towards programs that directly impact all students from many cultures. The SASI fee will be utilized to uplift many walks of life and create a space for many communities of color to connect and network.

The CCC is an amazing addition to our campus' culture and continuously works to make the campus more inclusive. They had an amazing presentation, I hope all of their events play out smoothly this year!

The Cross Cultural Center is very enthusiastic about their mission, which I appreciate. I believe they are using the SASI fee for what it is intended for. However, as a student, I do not see many of their events advertised outside of their building. It would be great to see more outreach in order to serve more of the student body.

The Cross Cultural Center presentation provided a lot of testimonials regarding how integral and the impact this service has on students. Again, it is obvious that the SASI fee allows for these cultural events to take place and make students feel welcome and identified.

Cross Cultural Center *continued*

The presentation did great by showing the demographics of students using the CCC. Joe and the CCC team work hard to make every student feel welcome. It was good that the presentation included student testimonials.

The CCC supports so many students across different identities, granting many students the kind of support and presence needed to feel like they belong on campus. Often, a student's motivation on campus is indirectly related to their support system and community, so CCC provides a way for students to foster growth in their own affinity communities. It is necessary work!

I believe their work is genuinely meaningful for our community, but it seems that overall they are very well funded, ie, with a large portion of funding from other sources.

The cross cultural presentation provided a lot of insight on how resourceful the center is to students and how many students it continues to touch across the campus and bring together. To me it seems like they are making a good use of the SASI fee and being able to continue to receive this will definitely enable them to continue with their work and expand their resources that are available.

The cross-cultural center does amazing work for the campus in promoting diversity and equity for everyone on campus. They will be able to continue the programming that benefits the CCC with the SASI fee.

The Cross Cultural Center is a great space for students. They manage their funds very well by keeping a good amount of money as contribution to reserves.

The presenter was clearly very passionate about what he does and it is obvious that the center is very intentional with their choices. This begins from calling student employees scholars, to simple things such as the artwork surrounding their center. I loved learning about this center and am so grateful knowing there are genuine efforts made by the CCC to foster inclusivity and diversity at Davis.

Very focused on services and events that directly benefit students. I like their collaborative efforts and hope they continue to work with, and help foster, more grass-roots level student service providers and continue to grow the base of beneficiaries.

The presentation was passionate and the use of fees was very clear.

Please provide your comments regarding the **Intercollegiate Athletics** presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.

The use of the SASI fee at ICA provides a resource for those in sports but also the students who watch sports. The use of the SASI fee serves as another means to offer students an opportunity to take a break from school and participate in Aggie pride.

Intercollegiate Athletics continued

I really enjoyed ICA's SASI presentation. They showcased how SASI fits into the big picture of their overall sources and how these fees are specifically used. I was able to gain a better understanding of how Athletics is run and how they go about using their funds.

I appreciate the way Intercollegiate Athletics has broken down the ways they use the SASI fee. I feel I am able to better understand their needs this year, so I am comfortable with their use of the fee.

The Intercollegiate Athletics presentation was very transparent and provided the breakdown of the costs. It is obvious that Intercollegiate Athletics requires this fee to be paid so that they can continue to operate.

The presentation was clear about the spending and use of SASI funds. The presentation was very specific. Athletics continues to provide school spirit for the UCD student community.

As the largest generator of funds for the ICA, I understand why a CPI adjustment is so important to their mission, execution, and operation as a whole.

The ICA seems to be very mindful with how they are using their funds and trying to allocate them as evenly as possible across all expenses. The fee seems to be going towards different things that are allowing them to continue their program and make positive impacts on the campus and students.

ICA will benefit from the SASI fee in that they will be able to hopefully diversify their staff to include more women and underserved communities. I believe this will open up the option for non-athletic campus people to get involved in ICA

The ICA makes efficient use of their budget and keeps their facilities in great condition. This fee will be put to good use towards certain needs of the department.

I found it very interesting to learn about ICA's fundraising efforts and constant emphasis on frugality within their operations. Their financial presenter always comes to COSAF so knowledgeable and we really appreciate the constant transparency.

They are great stewards of the money they receive, and respect their duties and obligations to maintain both high-quality facilities and staff on a budget. I appreciate the quality of the budget information provided as well.

The use of fees is very cost-effective and optimized.