

COSAF Report | Summary of Comments

Review: Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI) Fee 2022-23

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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)
11/4/22	Women's Resources & Research Center	Cecily Nelson-Alford, Director
11/4/22	Campus Recreation	Jeff Heiser, Associate Director Andy Ramirez, Associate Director
11/18/22	Intercollegiate Athletics	Rocko DeLuca, Director Olivia Pennell, Interim Chief Financial Officer
11/18/22	Cross Cultural Center	Joe Martinez, Director Olivia Hernandez, Associate Director

Following the final SASI presentation on 11/18/22, COSAF voting members completed a Qualtrics survey to provide comments and recommendations for each SASI recipient. The following pages summarize these comments.

Q1 - Please provide your comments regarding the Women's Resources & Research Center presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.

I believe that the Women's Resources & Research Center should gain continued access to the SASI fee since they target a large portion of the student body that typically thrives best off of extra support.

I believe that the WRRC continues to fulfill its mission to the UC Davis community. I hope for continued marketing to broad groups of UC Davis. The more people that see that it is available increases word-of-mouth transmission.

I think that the Women's Resource & Research Center is one of the most needed services on campus that supports Women and provides resources to different students. I believe that their presentations are very informative and details. I wish that there was a way for the Women's Resource & Research Center can get their services out better.

The use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee for the Women's Resources & Research Center is essential as it supports programming and resources such as free menstrual products and sex supplies. The programs builds community for women, trans and nonbinary students which provides inclusivity and education.

I thought that the presentation on 11/4 was very detailed and informative of the use of the SASI fee for the WRRC.

The Women's Resources & Research Center is truly an amazing place that benefits UC Davis students. It is doing a great job and I hope that with the SASI CPI adjustment, more can be done to support our women.

The community and support that the WRRC provides to students is vital. Thank you for emphasizing the importance of intersectionality on campus and I hope that you can continue to grow.

I loved learning about the programming and resources you provide for the student body. I understand that marketing and spreading the word about your work is an ongoing goal of yours, and as a student, I agree that this goal is very important. Personally, before your presentation, I was not aware of all of the work you do and that you even had your own library (which I now plan to pop by and visit sometime!).

I am very satisfied with the use of the SASI fee to support of the Women's Resources & Research Center since the majority of their uses of the fee are allocated to programming events that can benefit anyone who is interested in taking the opportunity to use the WRRC.

The women's resources and research center has been using SASI funds to help the women student body and improve the quality of student life. The women's resources and research center have been implementing a multitude of changes to improve the number of people who attend the center, after a rather low year of attendance.

They showed that they have a frugal approach to spending their budget. They are able to hold many impressive programs that really help student parents by providing them with necessities like diapers and wipes. Based on their estimated allocation, there is not a massive increase in their revenue from the fee, and a good amount is being placed in reserves, showing that they may be planning for large scale events in the future such as retreats.

Pretty good presentation, not much to say but seems useful yet underused

Amazing presentation, I really like the programming they put on and I hope they have more events.

It was really great to see that our campus has such amazing resources to help students. The Women's Resources and Research Centre's presentation demonstrated that it is integral to the community at Davis. Also it was great seeing that more people are using the facilities this year in comparison to last year. The marketing team is really doing a great job at promoting the center.

Q2 - Please provide your comments regarding the **Campus Recreation** presentation and use of the **Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI)** fee.

I believe that Campus Rec should also continue to gain use of SASI since they host many if not a majority of student activities that target the non academic portion of student life.

Campus Recreation continues to be one of the most widely used departments at UC Davis. The programs that are funded include as listed: Member Services, Rec Sports, Sport Clubs, Rec Pool, Craft Center, Equestrian Center, and the MU Information Desk. Most students have interacted with at least one of these programs. This shows the importance of SASI for Campus Rec and the University as a whole.

The Campus Recreation presentation was very informative and detailed regarding what they do and how they serve the students. I think that it is very important to make sure that the students know and utilize all the available resources.

The use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee for the Campus Recreation is necessary as it supports equipment replacement and allows for hours of operation to not be affected.

Deb Johnson and the campus rec team delivered a thorough presentation and tour of facilities. The SASI fees are necessary to allow the continuance of the numerous services and programs to students that increase physical and mental health well-being.

Similarly as said previously, the SASI fee was well presented in re to the uses for campus rec/sports/facilities.

Campus Rec has shown their use of these fees and the importance they have for student's quality of life. It is impressive how Campus Rec grown since Covid, both in their programs and usage. I like how they explained their new student-priority registration at the craft center. I think it would be useful to get the number of students who are in all sports clubs to get more data on student participation.

Your presentation was very informative about all that Campus Rec contributes to a student's UC Davis experience. As discussed in the meeting, I would appreciate a bit more clarity about how SASI is being used to fund Rec Sports, Sports Clubs, and the Equestrian Center compared to FACE/LEEAP. Since Campus Rec has many funding sources, it'd be nice to see how much each funding source contributes and how these contributions differ from one another.

As a frequent user of Campus Recreation, it has been really nice to see the capacity levels of the facilities grow back towards pre-pandemic levels. I think that Campus Recreation does a terrific job of embodying their mantra "come as you are" through all of the unique services they provide to the entire student population. I also think that not only does Campus Rec offer a multitude of services, but also employment opportunities to such a large population of students and it is evident that allocating the SASI will continue to support those students.

Campus Recreation operates a multitude of facilities from SASI funds, these funds are incredibly important to the mental and physical health of students.

Campus Recreation uses the fee to support their career staff and student workers-- the amount of revenue they receive is needed for them to continue to provide service to the increasing amounts of students each year.

Really glad they are fixing machines in the arc, and love that they offer fee waivers for arts/crafts

Campus Rec always demonstrates to us that it cares about the student body of Davis and tries to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone. UC Davis is an academically challenging school and it is wonderful that students have the spaces Campus Rec provides to take a break and destress.

Q3 - Please provide your comments regarding the **Cross Cultural Center** presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.

The Cross Cultural Center should gain access to SASI because the only reason they use the fee is for student-based projects - to continue to support various communities, access to the fee should be continued.

The Cross Cultural Center receives a small portion of SASI revenue, but I was glad to hear that all of the revenue received goes to support the various programs that they put on.

The CCC presentation was very informative; however, it was a little lengthy. I think summarizing the different programs they have would be significantly more efficient for them to finish the presentation on time and have more time for questions. Overall, I'm really glad that the CCC is now has more staff to help the students.

The Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee for the Cross Cultural Center is necessary to continue the growth of programs that serve underrepresented students which help create a sense of belonging and community building.

The CCC provides spaces for students to come together and build community. The SASI fee provides cultural programming, workshops and training for student groups. Increased staffing will allow the CCC to work on extending outreach and programs.

After reading how SASI is used for the CCC, the events and programs created by the cultural center warrant use and continue support from the SASI fee.

The Cross Cultural Center provides so many necessary resources for our students. The SASI fee is used efficiently.

I am impressed with the growth that the CCC has had in the past year and the programs that they run. They are a clearly essential resource. I am excited to see that they are developing their marketing and student outreach plans so they can contact more students.

I really enjoyed learning about the work you all do to contribute to a student's sense of belonging. I look forward to seeing what new events/programs you all lead this year now that you'll be fully staffed!

I think that the Cross-Cultural Center may not be as well known to many students compared to other on campus establishments, however from their presentation it sounds like they are doing a lot of work on reestablishing themselves through social media marketing, and by expanding their team. I think this center has a lot of potential to continue developing through the support of the SASI fee as this center aids to fostering inclusivity and acceptance for the diverse student population that we have here at Davis.

The cross cultural center provides a welcoming space for all people to grow and learn, to create a more equitable world. The center uses SASI funds wisely to engage students.

The CCC is efficient with how they spend their revenue from this fee. They solely use it for programs and events--their center looks full of students in their lobby and they have planned many events to showcase different cultures. From hearing of these events for the first time, I was thinking that they could improve on spreading information about events, but in their next slides they mentioned that they were aware of this and have even created a plan to increase their marketing of their events. It is great that they are hosting many programs and are also looking for ways to increase their audience.

Looks promising I want to learn more about them, I actually think I walked pass their office after COSAF. I like it when there are cultural centers that focus more on expression of culture and less on the political aspects of culture. Such things like history and meaning behind celebrations. Seems like the CCC does this in part.

Great presentation, wished I knew about the amazing events, more outreach would be awesome.

It would be great to see CCC partnering up with international organizations to reach more students. Freshman orientation would also be a great way to reach new students as I did notice that Freshman engagement wasn't as prominent as Seniors and Juniors. Overall the team is doing great at marketing the events and the center as we have seen a prominent increase in the usage of the facilities!

Q4 - Please provide your comments regarding the **Intercollegiate Athletics** presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.

Athletics is primarily for students, however, they do seem to be gaining heavy traction from various other sources. Ultimately, SASI should continue to support IA but keeping in mind that they have other resources.

Intercollegiate Athletics receives the largest portion of SASI revenue, which is used for the operating expenses of 25 varsity teams. ICA seems to continue to follow the guidelines set out for SASI funds in the original referendum. ICA is almost completely reliant on student fees to function, so I believe they should present a framework to significantly decrease their reliance in the future. But, ICA does still provide benefits to all students whether or not all students decide to use those benefits. Therefore, I believe they are a good receipt of SASI revenue, just not at this level.

ICA presentation was rather very detail on how their budgets are being spent regarding the SASI fee.

The Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee for the Intercollegiate Athletics is important as it helps support student athletes with travel and other equipment expenses.

ICA demonstrated its commitment to the responsible use of its funding to support its programs. The facilities for students are impressive.

I am still unconvinced as to the uses of SASI for ICA. The presentation helped me somewhat, but mostly it did not affect my opinion.

This presentation was really effective in showing how athletics increase UC Davis's acclaim and emphasize our academic achievement. I think it is important to remember that although the student fees for athletics are high, they only cover a quarter of athletics' expenses. To continue to provide the facilities and reputation for UC Davis, fees are necessary for athletics to function.

Looks like they are doing well, mentioned the getting closer to red lining the budget but I am finding myself impressed with Rocko's team.

As discussed in previous meetings, it's amazing to hear how much ICA is able to accomplish while still being frugal with its money usage. I wonder, as we learn about the different fees that fund ICA, if it'd be possible to see a list of all of ICA's funding sources and how much each contributes to the organization as a whole. I believe this would be a useful visual and could act as a "center point" as COSAF explores the different student fees that fund ICA.

Also, I wanted to say that I appreciate how much the ICA community contributes to boosting awareness of our school and its accomplishments.

I think that there was a good point made during the COSAF discussion for the allocation of this fee, in that the fee increase for athletics is substantially higher than the other fees. Although it was interesting to see the comparison among all the other schools in the ICA divisions, I believe that for uses such as salaries, we are in line with the schools most similar to us. I think what attracts a lot of people to UCD is the fact that we are a research institution and less how good our football team is. Additionally, as I previously mentioned, this fee is the most drastic in change and realistically would only go to benefit those who are athletes and not the entirety of the student population who would be charged the fee.

Intercollegiate Athletics help display an important message about UC Davis academics through their media coverage. Intercollegiate uses SASI funds to operate facilities.

Their presentation for this fee was impressive and highlighted that when our sports teams do great things, such as beating nationally ranked teams, the college benefits from wider recognition. They played a video clip showing that our head football coach, when interviewed about the win over #15 ranked Idaho, made sure to highlight Davis as a great research institution on national television. It would be great if all of our coaches could do this and continue to do so. I do feel that there is a need for ICA to spread this kind of message throughout the campus so that the student body sees that the athletic teams spread awareness about other aspects of UC Davis. I hope that ICA will continue to do events with other colleges and departments and even expand on those relationships to better integrate the academic and athletic aspects. I do feel that there should be more information on the nearly-12 million dollar revenue from these fee is being spent, such as how many employee salaries are being supported by this and why there is not as much contribution to the reserves as there was last year. How much of this fee is being spent for traveling/operating costs of the teams? Are there plans in place to figure out how to lower costs or be more efficient with spending when addressing costs such as repairs?

I think ICA's use of the SASI fee, is within bounds, I also commend them for their fundraising efforts. However, regarding the presentation, pertinent use of the fee revenue was left out, and graphs were skewed in their favor. In the future it would be best to compare our campus to similar ones, ie. those that are research institutions and not big ten schools or schools that have a positive reputation solely based on athletics.

I really have to commend the ICA as it is definitely not easy to stick to a tight budget. I think the idea of creating an app to reach the students is really smart especially by asking a student teams from the Hackathon to develop it. I think it's really ingenious as this will allow non-athletes to make a contribution to college athletics and shows that the ICA is really trying to be creative in spreading Aggie Pride. It's was great seeing that the Head Coaches are understanding towards the athletes academic commitments too!