

CURB/SSFAAC Meeting
October 31, 2014
Special Events Room, MU East Wing
11:45 am – 1:00 pm

- I. Call to order 11:52 am/Introductions (Andrew Musca, CURB Chair)
- II. Overview for the day – to review CURB and SSFAAC functions

Packets distributed with existing bylaws for both

John Campbell - In line with examining efficiencies in Student Affairs generally, Vice Chancellor de la Torre has charged us with examining the functions of these two committees to determine if they can be brought together as one full body and function more effectively and efficiently. Some budget review is always a combined effort and this might facilitate those communications. Both bodies have been in existence a long time. John is advisory to both. A combining of efforts may be timely. VC de la Torre would like a combined report re: combining the committees by the end of fall quarter if possible.

Armando – Thinks this is a good idea. There's been difficulty keeping students on these advisory committees and we want to make them the most powerful they can be for students.

JC – The recommendation will come from this room. Both groups are important and appointed by the Chancellor.

Jan Barnett – Be mindful that the bylaws are clear. The Chancellor is the only one who can create or disband a committee, so the recommendation will go to her.

- III. Review of board responsibilities of CURB – CURB Chair, Andrew Musca

Bookstore

All things Campus Rec

Sub-committee on Athletic Finances

Represents student population re: things like ARC & MU renewal projects for example

Advise on specific fees as noted in bylaws

[JC – CURB has the responsibility to approve % of CPI applied to SASI fee. Once approved, both committees work together...this is always a point of confusion.]

CURB votes specifically on a few fees, then is advisory in other areas

- IV. Review of board responsibilities of SSFAAC – SSFAAC Co-chair Vidur Dewan

Every UC campus has an SSFAAC

Main role is to approve CPI increase re: the fees they oversee (same CPI CURB uses)

Membership comes from recommendations through ASUCD – VC decides whether or not to appoint

[CURB – applications, JC & Andrew decide. Not assigned through ASUCD]

Both get recommendations for non-student members (staff, senate, faculty)

Question: amount of the fees for SSFAAC oversight?

\$1704 is fee total; about \$1300 is SSFAAC oversight

JC note – Kelly Ratliff (Sr AVC – Finance & Resource Management) will be at our 3rd meeting with financial overview

V. Process for Advisory Committee Review – SSFAAC Co-Chair Adam Bolt

Why we're exploring bringing the 2 committees together

SSFAAC is having issues with membership

UC Davis' SSFAAC is the most conservative – has the smallest budget of all the UCs

Other campuses require a 2-yr commitment and provide compensation for members

Need to review member-choice process, compensation, workload & interest

The 2 committees often come to very differing conclusions re: CPI, so to combine will strengthen the student voice regarding these fees

It's a big task and we're interested to hear suggestions

Question: Is there going to be a conflict if we combine the 2 committees here when there is an SSFAAC on each UC Campus?

Adam – each SSFAAC is different, so it should still serve, even if we call it something different

JC – Chancellor will ensure legal appropriateness

Question: Will it have a new name?

Will be entirely new committee, new name

JC – VC wants to ensure a student voice to these Admin Councils. If we determine to keep these 2 separate, she may want a 3rd.

Adam – one big meeting would mean better student representation, easier to get people out to one meeting than 2.

Question: Who does what fee?

JC & JB – Can be unclear - that's one of the reasons to combine!

Ishmael – will there still be subcommittees like Bookstore and RAC

Andrew – that's how he sees it

JC – yes, and maybe more

Question: How is basic affordability a driving force to this efficiency (combining)?

Adam – rewriting bylaws is a huge part of addressing that, expects more student involvement re: new referenda. Want to provide a voice against fees established in perpetuity with no sunset clauses. Also regarding use of reserves.

Question: Is there a part of this body that could recommend fee reduction?

Adam – our ability to reduce student referenda-instituted fees is limited

Question: Can we work to have students vote to end prior approved fees?

JC – the committee is advisory, so can certainly advise the VC

Adam – we can ask for anything, but the administration chooses actions

Clarification: we can't change tuition or student services fee determined by OP

JC – we do have some campus-based fees that did not go through referenda, e.g. safety fee, health services fee. It's complex, and the committees sometimes give differing advisory opinions

Question: Do we advise before or after fees are passed?

Before

Adam – we want earlier involvement

Question: for example – 1994 fees passed by students...those students are no longer here
JC – yes, it exists that we do have a way to propose a new referendum to do away with that, but it is a complex process and there is currently no precedent

Andrew question: If we do see reserves for some projects, can we arrange for them to be switched to another place students use more, e.g. extra in equestrian center to ARC if needed?

Adam – there are guidelines already regarding reserves and reappropriation

JC – that would be a great comment in front of Kelly Ratliff in 2 meetings

VI. Process for conducting business during the review - Adam Bolt

SSFAAC is usually a biweekly meeting group. Meeting only 3 times this quarter. Anticipates frequent meetings once combined

JC – still 2 distinct bodies, and business will come up that needs action

Question: Will CURB meet separately?

Not this quarter

Question: For someone new - what are some of the things being worked on?

Adam – for SSFAAC: CEI, FACE, LEAP fees

Bare bones responsibility: go inspect facilities of units that receive fees, gather budget info, then approve or not CPI fees

CURB has specific projects, e.g. MU Renewal, PAC project, Freeborn, ARC, Rec Pool

Comment/question: CPI different for San Francisco than here – can we clean that up? Have a clear definition of it in the bylaws?

Adam – SF is our closest city. CPI is rate of change, not actual COLA, so it's really a fairly small difference since it's a % rate of change.

Then there's also University COLA, which is what the University uses

JC – believes VC will be in the next meeting and will likely make comments

MU renewal is advancing quickly, so if there's time we'll fit that in the next meeting

Goal – 3rd meeting, Kelly Ratliff's help with overall budget concepts

Question: What are we looking for undergrad reps to do?

Andrew – if it comes to a vote, voice opinion. Need student rep feedback

Comment: Show up for CPI vote!

Question: Who will rewrite bylaws?

JB, with Andrew, Vidur & Adam

Question: Admin Advisory Committees in general – Can we advise on the institutional appointment process for committees, not just these 2, so it's consistent for all committees?

Adam – would love to see it if we can create it

JC – we have a pretty critical piece here to get the student voice. This could be an exciting change.

VII. Meeting adjourned by Adam, 12:51 pm