

**Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF) Meeting**  
**May 29, 2015**  
**Memorial Union, MU II**  
**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

- I. Call to Order – Andrew Musca 11:40 am
- II. Overview of CPI Adjustments to Campus Based Fees – Luci Schmidl
  - Luci provided and explained a handout with proposed CPI increase for FY 2015-16
- III. Committee Discussion on CPI
  - CPI can only be applied to eligible expenses
  - Next year there will be increases to salaries and benefits, and utilities all increased. CPI supports those increased costs.
  - If there is no CPI increase and there are no other funds coming in, we will need to cut.
  - Question (AM): When was the last CPI increase?
    - 2013-14 – no on SASI
    - For 2014-15, no on FACE, LEAAP and SASI; yes on CEI
    - 2012-13, no on FACE & LEAAP; yes on CEI & SASI
    - 2011-12, FACE & LEAAP, CEI & SASI – all yes
  - JC – Until last year SASI hadn't received a no for over 10 years
    - Question (RR): Why was there a no on SASI last year?
    - JC – It was viewed, by CURB, at least, as a fee increase rather than an adjustment
    - AB – SSFAAC had the same feeling. Tuition is getting high and there was a reluctance to add any costs.
    - NK – CURB vote was close and had to be decided by the chair
    - Question (VD): Will there be service cuts even if there is a yes on CPI?
    - Luci – likely, since there are extra expenses (e.g. for custodial costs) and since there was no adjustment last year.
    - JC – If there is a no vote one year, there is no way to recoup. Without a COLA, costs have to get covered by departments somehow.
  - JC – the Student Health fee is the only one with an automatic escalator in it.
  - Luci – Reserves and carry forwards are needed
    - Costs for new Student Health Center and CoHo are now interest only, but in 2020 interest-plus-principal will kick in. We are reserving now for that eventuality since a significant increase will happen in 2020.
  - Question (RR): What about the Community Center?
    - Luci – This year was the first year making principal and interest payments/
  - Question (AB): Is it traditional to negotiate interest-only first?
    - JC – Yes, the university uses bonding and UCOP blends these things. It's very complex.
    - The rule is usually that you don't pay the fee until the building is activated, but in this process, sometimes a building is activated before the bonding is settled.
  - AB – opened up for general discussion
  - AM – At first there was concern that all we've really seen info for this year are CRU and Athletics, but most of the increases are there, except Return to Aid.
  - AB – Because of this year's other concerns, we haven't had the in-depth review of all of this, but we still represent the most informed students for this.
  - NK – We're still feeling the tension of last year – feels like we're between a rock and a hard place, with tuition increases still hard
  - IP – agrees, but has a better grasp than last year and feels more comfortable voting

- AB – feels the same. Prefers to reduce or freeze fees. Doesn't feel it hurts the administration, but leads to cuts
- Question (AJ): Have the students said they need more resources for what we're increasing?
  - What was the cost analysis?
  - If tuition and other fees both go up, they're lumped together in student perceptions.
  - JC- This year the Division just created an assessments center to provide documentation on participation, etc. Aimed toward increasing retention. The intention is to do what Ade suggested
- JC – recognize that these are Cost of Living increases; not adding anything. Reserves can't pay for this annually.
- JC – another question is, can we increase income? BUT, most of our income comes from students.
- Annually, Student Affairs covers costs up to 80% to cover Student Services Fees and General Fund things. Campus Based Fees doesn't have that. When there's a moratorium on tuition increases, but there's still an increase in SSFs and Mental Health, CBFs don't get that.
- Question (PC): Are there groups that don't get fees?
  - JC – only Housing and the Bookstore
- Question (RR): What if some of these don't pass? What is the saving mechanism?
  - JC – units have the responsibility to reduce services and expenses or increase income
  - Everyone has a mechanism for return to reserves
  - A portion goes to return to aid
- Question (RR): Is there any issue to adjustments to athletic scholarships?
  - JC – We just need to make it work
  - MB – Reserves were set up because there wasn't a full funding for scholarships
- Approved CPI increases don't match tuition increases, which leads to a growing deficit, especially with CEI not always approved.
- Question (AJ): Are there any other fees outside our control going up for next year?
  - JC – Tuition for in-state is not going up
  - GSA and Health will be asking for increases
  - SSF will go up 5% per the President and Governor's agreement (\$972 to \$1,002 - ~\$30). The additional will be reallocated but we don't know how yet
  - Any increase has a Return to Aid component (30% goes to Financial Aid)
- Question: Mental Health funding – is it for backfill or additional services?
  - JC – that is for Michelle Famula to answer. JC does know they plan to switch their contract positions to permanent staff positions.
- CBF rates could go up within certain environments, e.g. the fee to play on intramural teams could be increased, but those fees are local

#### IV. Roll Call and Ballot Distribution – Chairs

- The committee has 16 voting members
- 8 constitutes a quorum, so quorum was reached
  - Andrew Musca
  - Adam Bolt
  - Vidur Dewan
  - Bhawandheep Cheema
  - Nicole Kenley
  - Ade Jackson
  - Ishmael Pluton
  - Paul Cody

- Determined that status needn't be noted on ballot – otherwise it would not be anonymous
- It will be obvious who is voting on the Law ballot since Adam is the only one!
- JC – Adding something to the comments section is encouraged. It will be important to the functioning of the committee for next year.
- Question (PC): math for the percentages on the spreadsheet don't make sense
  - JB – clarified that it is only a % of operating expenses
- Question (AJ): Re: Return to Aid?
  - JC – 30% goes to Financial Aid. Now it is only CEI and FACE (not SASI)
  - This is now mandatory, so any NEW referendum would have to include it.
  - UC Davis started that, and now all UCs have followed

V. Committee Completes Ballots

VI. Vote Count and Results – Chairs

<b>Fee</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Yes Votes</b>	<b>No Votes</b>	<b>Abstentions</b>
CPI – SASI	Passed	4	3	1
CPI – CEI	Not Passed	2	5	1
CPI – FACE	Passed	4	2	1
LEAAP	Passed	1	-	-

VII. Final Remarks – John Campbell

VIII. Meeting adjourned