

Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF) Meeting
February 5, 2016
Memorial Union, Garrison Room
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

- I. Call to Order (Chairs) 11:36 am
 - Roll call
 - Handed out ballots for the 2 new initiatives being proposed
 - Jan Barnett gave a summary of the fees
 - What the total increase will be for students if CPI is approved on all of them
 - What we're considering this year & maximum fee change if everything were to pass
 - Shows a range from zero if nothing passes, to the max if everything passes
 - Correction to GSA increase: from \$3.86 to \$5.15 due to added RTA component. RTA was not initially included when fee was passed because it was before 2006 when the RTA component became required.
 - John Campbell clarified – the omission here was no one's "fault" but any change in a fee triggers the need for the RTA component
 - Question (NS) Was this projection sent out to all groups?
 - No, it's for this committee's reference
 - Summary also included the increase in SSF, because even though tuition was frozen, there was provision for an incremental increase in SSF
 - Question (IW) Where are the fees at now?
 - We have that info in packets elsewhere, will hand out again if needed
 - Regarding the vote on initiatives
 - You already have the ballot
 - Remember that comments are required for each vote
- II. TGIF Presentation (Shaina Forsman & Hanna Ulansey)
 - Presenter provided a handout and reviewed it
 - Noted 25% RTA
 - Reviewed proposed committee make-up and non-voting advisory
 - Any students would be welcome to attend meetings
 - Budgeted for a paid administrative/fund manager position
 - Propose quarterly evaluations of the position
 - Responsible for connecting students with stakeholders
 - Propose COSAF oversight
 - Benefits
 - Will impact all students if passed
 - Campus wide
 - Education
 - Visibility of projects
 - Education to take beyond campus and to make lasting changes after UC Davis
 - UC Davis is already awesome (#3 of 400 evaluated world-wide)
 - Mostly due to faculty efforts
 - Want to also make it be the students' reputation
 - UC Davis has already reached the "low-hanging fruit" in this area, so want to encourage innovation to make it even better, e.g.
 - Improve/broaden composting efforts

- Reach campus goals for sustainability/reduction
 - Creating student “ownership” and getting buy-in for behavioral changes
 - Program offers a broad range of project options and opportunities for collaboration
- Question (LS) Who has oversight of the budget?
 - The fund manager and the committee
 - COSAF oversight annually (could be quarterly if desired)
- Question (PG) How much funding is allocated for paid positions?
 - Overall budget \$240,000
 - \$190,000 for grants
 - \$30,000 for part time career position
 - \$10,000 for Chair & Vice Chair positions
- Has a 5 year sunset clause
- Question (LS) Is there an RTA component?
 - Yes
- Question (PD) You say there is a GSA component to the committee. Say more? Have you discussed this with GSA?
 - Yes, want that element or representation on the committee – an ex-officio representative
 - Have not talked to GSA yet
- Question (PG) How do you see other universities using this funding
 - First year or two they did not use up all the grant funding available, but with a career position promoting it, within 2-3 years the money was always used up
- Question (PG) How does the amount compare to what you’re asking?
 - We are on the low end – only UC Irvine has a program with a smaller amount.
- Question (JL) How long have other programs been around, and why is Davis taking so long?
 - UCSB 2006
 - UCD proposed this in 2009 but it was not passed. Adjustments were made to the proposal based on the faults with the last proposal
 - In 2009 it also may have been overshadowed by the Occupy movement
- Point of clarification (GO) on the meaning of Ex Officio
 - Means only that it is designated by virtue of the office held
 - Does not designate whether or not member is a voting member – that is as defined in the bylaws

III. Aggie Fee Initiative Presentation (Scott Dresser)

- UC Davis is the only UC without a printed paper
- Aspiring journalists have no paper to work for
- Has been around for 100 years
- Has a staff of 100
- Financial struggles
 - Moving to more community-based
 - Receives no funding from ASUCD
- Students have an evident desire for a printed paper
- Has a 5 year sunset clause – was originally proposed as a perpetual fee
- Can send a copy of the budget if COSAF wants – did not bring it today
- Trying for a fully operational, profitable business
- Would still have daily online content
- Would also have 1x/week print version of “news you can use”

- Breaking news would still be online or via social media
- A paid position would, for the first year be a stipend position, but would later move to a paid position model
- Ad revenue does not cover recharge costs (owed to ASUCD) as well as printing costs
 - Had a business manager before, but after that position was eliminated, finances dwindled
 - Would hire a business manager again
- Fee money would allow for making money with money; fundraising
- Question – How many are on student staff
 - ~100 right now
- Question (VD) What is the vision for use of the fee? Re-run the initiative in 5 years or make it sustainable?
 - Hopefully re-run the initiative in 5 years
- Question (VD) Why have print? Students saying it doesn't necessarily mean they'd pick it up.
 - Feel it will reach more students, offer more exposure
 - Question (VD) Why do you think it's better?
 - It's a visual – you don't have to go to a website or a social media page
 - Question (VD) Do you have data on papers that were picked up vs. the # printed?
 - Yes, and we'd be reducing the # and putting them in more visible, high traffic places
- Question (JL) How is paying people related to the printing of the issues?
 - May not be, but wanted to deal with both issues
 - Question (JL) Have you considered splitting the referendum into 2 parts?
 - No, it's a model
- Question (PC) You previously proposed debt repayment as part of this. Is that still so?
 - Good question! That's a big change since November. None of the \$ from the fee will go to debt repayment – only \$ from profits. Will have a repayment plan.
- Question (AZ) What model will you be using for your presentation of information (listed a few, e.g. news, Humans of NY, etc)
 - Hopefully all of it!
- Question (MG) How many visitors are there to the website?
 - ~60,000/month
- Question (PG) Would there be an overlap of the online vs print versions?
 - Very little
- JC clarification: This is NOT an ASUCD fee. It is a stand-alone fee.

IV. Vote to Endorse New Fee Initiatives

- Naftali introduced the vote
 - Committee is voting on both fees, whether or not to endorse each
 - Noted that Mariah Watson sent a delegate to vote on her behalf
 - Per the COSAF bylaws, the ASUCD President or designee votes
 - Note that everyone else needs to physically be here to cast their vote
 - Process – Whatever our recommendation is, it will go to Adela to bring to the Chancellor who will ultimately decide whether or not it will go to a student vote

V. Student Community Center Follow-Up Presentation (John Campbell)

- Provided handout
- Why is John the one to do this presentation?

- The Division of Student Affairs oversees the management and operations of the facility itself
- Since the facility has a number of tenants, the division retains overall oversight
- Another similar facility is the Conference Center
- SCC was part of the CEI ballot
- At the time, it was combined with money from campus
- It's not just for Student Affairs activity. Includes IET, labs, classes, etc.
- Grad students did not vote in favor, so only undergrad fees fund this
- SRRC is funded through FACE initiative, allowing them to land in a facility, essentially SCC rents to SRRC
- Divisional staff at SCC include one 50% FTE plus student employees
- A reserve contribution is required for replacement, renewal and equipment
- There is ongoing discussion regarding increasing the space for the building. New development could only occur with reserves and a bond against current fees
- SCC event billing (room rental/reservation) creates income
 - That money is allocated by AVC of Student Life (Milt Lang)
 - If it is not used, it goes into reserves
- CRC – manager manages the tenants within the facility
- Question (GO) CoHo South is there. Do they pay rent?
 - It is very successful
 - Originally managed by Sodexo
 - Sheri Atkinson asked CoHo if it wanted to bid on the service. They did, and it's been very successful
 - CoHo pays no rent, but does pay 20% of gross profit back to Sheri's area, then back into the Student Life area
- Question (PC) Right now there is ~\$400,000 coming out of reserves. What happens if it keeps up that way and the reserves run out?
 - Main reason for that is the UC-mandated provision for AB540, Campus Directive
 - We are now in the 2nd year of a 3 year agreement, so will be reviewed for what's to happen after that
 - Q – If it is UC mandated, then why is it funded by student fees?
 - It was seen as an operational expense; fits the style of what was being done within the building
 - Q – So, could other tenants request program funding?
 - Yes. Requests would go through Milt Lang, Student Life
 - JC – As noted, we are in the 2nd of 3 years. We need to be nimble at times, but generally stay within the referenda stipulations per the Chancellor

VI. CEI CPI Overview and Vote (Chairs)

- (Naftali) Revisiting the vote does not mean we're trying to force a change, we're just enabling people to make changes now that they have more information and understanding of the issues
- Question (PD) Are comments required?
 - Yes, on each vote
- Naftali – Abstention is still an option, but his personal recommendation, as a fellow student and committee member, is not to use it
- Jan Barnett made some corrections to the numbers on the fee increase ranges presented earlier
- Question (IW) It would be good to see current dollar amounts
 - JB – they are on the projected fee handout

- Question (PD) What does the comment on the bottom of the paragraph mean, “must pass by 66%”?
 - 66% of present voting members is needed for committee’s recommendation to approve
 - JB noted that IW found an error on the ballot – correct the year reference on the 3rd item
- VII. Meeting adjourned 1:00 pm
- Noted that endorsement for both new initiatives passed
 - Will send the other ballot results out before the next meeting

Email sent later from Chair Vidur Dewan with results and additional information:

Hello Everyone,

Here are the results for votes today:

Endorsement Vote:

Both TGIF and The Aggie initiative received enough votes for an endorsement from COSAF.

CEI Revote:

Campus Rec and Unions, Student Community Center, and Coffee House all passed for a recommendation for a CPI adjustment.

ICA and Student Health did not pass.

As an additional note, applications for administrative advisory committees are opening up on Monday. I encourage all of you who will remain in school next year to reapply to COSAF to serve for another year. We've had great engagement this year and we've all learned a lot, which will be invaluable for next year's committee. As you've all have seen thus far, COSAF is still growing in its charge and its capacity to serve the campus and the student body. I imagine it being even more engaging next year.

I also encourage you to ask your friends or anyone you know that will be interested in serving on COSAF to apply as well.

Here is the link for the application, if you are interested in serving on COSAF again, please do send in an application. <http://aac.ucdavis.edu/membership-application.cfm>

Also, both spots for the co-chair positions will be open for next year. Please send your name to John and Naftali/me if you are interested in serving for next year. Both undergraduate and graduate/professional students may serve as chairs. If you would like more information about what the position entails and the time commitment please feel free to reach out to either me or Naftali and we will be more than happy to fill you in.

Have a great weekend,

Vidur