

MEETING NOTES

Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF) Meeting

November 4, 2016

Memorial Union, MU II

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

I. Call to Order (Briar Tanner) 11:35 am

II. SHIP Meeting Update (Nathan Sy)

- Q. (Chaye VanKeuren) Did we have a volunteer for SHIP? A. (NS) I am the COSAF representative for SHIP. Jessica Sandoval volunteered for HFOC.
- (NS) Please let me know if anyone has questions regarding the meeting summary he sent.
- Q. (Laura Emberson) Will the cost be changing this year? A. (NS) No, but may the following year.
- (John Campbell) SHIP is a very expensive program. Cost varies, based on expenses on any given year.
- Q. (LE) Grad students not losing any benefits, but how long will that be the case? A. (NS) Decision is delayed indefinitely.
- (JC) The out of pocket expenses are changing this year. Looking forward for more feedback on this topic from Nathan. Co-Pay is being removed.
- Q. (Chung-Lung Chiu) How many students are registered for SHIP. A. (NS) Not sure. (JC) Approximately 45%. Q. (CL) If student has financial issues, do they receive assistance to join SHIP? A. (JC) That would be handled through Financial Aid.
- (NS) Will ask these questions and come back with more information.

III. ICA Trip Update

- (BT) Madeline and I are attending to experience from the athlete's perspective
- (Greg Ortiz) His role is with ASUCD is an advisor to Athletics. Wants to create transparency. ASUCD will send 2 representatives on an away trip to experience and see what it looks like. Last year, Alex Lee went to Oregon and set-up time to meet with other peers there, to learn what they do and exchange information. This opportunity allows others to see first-hand how dollars are being used. Athletics will take care of the cost. Charter flight with 100 seats. Greg is continue to pursue student on these trips. He will introduce Madeline and Briar to the team. They will ride with the team. 33 hour trip. Wants to hear their perspective.
- (Madeline Garcia) We can send out the trip itinerary to members for reference.
- (GO) I brought copies. (*handed out to members*) 75% of attendees are students.
- (MG) Please send us questions and we can answer them at the next meeting.

IV. SASI CRU Template

- (Janna Tolla) Please ask any questions you may have.
- (CV) Regarding the last question, 92% is a large amount.
- (JT) This number represents all recreation programs used by undergraduates. The numbers are different for graduate students.
- Q. (JC) What percent of CRU income is from SASI fees? A. (JT) A small proportion. SASI fees support programs that are available to all students. 33% of users were unique undergraduates.
- Q. (LE) Is equestrian included. A. (JT) Yes.

- Q. (NS) How long will Dairy Field be unavailable during re-turfing? A. (JC) We don't know the specific timeline, but will most likely be over a summer period.
- Q. (Jessica Sandoval) Does the 92% include the swiping at the Mac Room? A. (JT) That issue has been fixed so that students do not need to swipe.
- Q. (BT) Why did facility expenses go down? A. (Rekha Sylvain) The spending was allotted for a specific expense that is not anticipated this year.
- Q. (MG) Does the CPI adjustment go toward student salaries? A. (JT) Rec employs 600 students, a total of 350 at any one time. If CPI is not approved, we would have to cut student hours, which would shorten service times.
- Q. (MG) Would ARC hours be shortened? A. (JT) SASI fees do not support the ARC, but are used for other programs such as Intermural Sports. Number of teams could be reduced.
- Q. (LE) What are other fund sources for Campus Rec? A. (JT) Fees
- (JC) When SASI was bundled, the CPI increase was denied for 3 years. Now unbundled, voted on separately. CRU CPI adjustment was approved last year.
- (RS) *referencing backside of template*. You can see the adjustment on this Financial Report.

V. SASI Cross-Cultural Center Template

- (Bruce Smal) CCC also received funding from CCR and SA. SASI funds support programs such as cultural weeks and cultural celebrations.
- Q. (MG) Regarding the facility expenses, the CCC is housed in the Student Community Center, so what are the facility expenses? A. (Mike Rogai) The facility expenses are more operational costs.
- Q. (LE) Describe the acronyms at the top of the form. A. (BS) PEACE is peer education. DdA is a Mexican cultural dance group.
- Q. (LE) What is the participation like in the programs? A. (BS) Our programs are very well attended, and have been for many years.
- Q. (Steve Ilagan) Are the retreats free of charge to the students? A. (BS) No, but we keep our fees low, such as renting a bus to take everyone together when going to an event.
- Q. (SI) Are dance uniforms covered? A. (BS) They are in a bigger part of the budget, but yes.
- Q. (MG) Are the SASI funds used for student salaries? A. (BS) No, they are more used for programs. Salaries are covered with Student Affairs funding.
- Q. (LE) Do you keep any reserves? A. (BS) No. Fees in/fees out for program expenses. Student Affairs does not prefer to have reserves for this use. Q. (LE) How do you handle unexpected expenses? A. (BS) It can be challenging sometimes, but they do have other options.
- Q. (Aaron Zheng) Why did program expenses adjust up? A. (MR) We are just using more SASI in this area.

VI. SASI Women's Resources and Research Center Template

- Q. (AZ) How do you help students with resources? A. (Jessica Castellon) We have an entire program dedicated to STEM mentorship.
- Q. (NS) Can you describe the library program? A. (Jessica) 12,000 books in the library. There is no fee to access. Mostly used to conduct research and physical WRRRC space.
- Q. (SI) Do you have other funding sources? A. (Jessica) Yes, Student Affairs. No funds rollover except for scholarship funds. They have a donor for their Art program.
- Q. (BT) If you do not receive a CPI adjustment, what would be cut? A. (Jessica) Currently, they would have to cut back in the STEM mentorship program. But would have to evaluate each year what to cut based on attendance in certain programs.

- Q. (JS) What percent of students use WRRC? A. (Jessica) We don't collect data overall, so their percent would only be based on library and registration, which would not be an accurate representation.
- Q. (CC) Are fellowships open to everyone? A. (Jessica) Yes, international students too. It is not limited.
- Q. (AZ) How do you build relationships with other student organizations? A. (Jessica) We provide workshops upon request. We also let SAGE (Student Advocates for Gender Equity) use our office space and hours.

VII. WRRC Move

- (Sheri Atkinson) WRRC currently has space in the Student Community Center. Providing information about the move is relevant as WRRC uses SASI funds.
- There have been a lot more issues surrounding Mental Health, and this is an area that will be expanding. Will need to hire more counselors and need space to accommodate them.
- Will need to move WRCC to a new location to make space for the Mental Health expansion.
- They have had several forums with WRRC staff, and have meetings with the stake holders.
- Q. (Parteek Singh) What is the timeline for the move? A. (SA) Still being determined. They are taking the necessary time to meet with everyone involved first. May be next summer.
- Q. (PS) If the space size changes, will WRRC facility costs increase? A. (SA) No, as facility costs are more "operational".
- Q. (Zac Bourchard) Will WRRC get a newly built space? A. (SA) No, they will be moving to an existing space which will be repurposed for them.

Q. (Alex Lee) Why aren't we hearing from ICA today?

A. (MG) Their representative was unavailable to come to today's meeting. They will present at the next meeting.

VIII. Adela De La Torre

- You all are a part of a very important committee. I am so impressed by your questions. Why is it so important to ask questions? Because it is your money.
- Q. (LE) When Student Affairs funds are mentioned, where is that coming from? A. (AD) Not from tuition, SA Fees only.
- (SI) Our goal in COSAF is to understand the fees. Do you have advice on how to share our knowledge with the greater student body, such as the \$9 million for ICA? A. (AD) Possibly, "The Aggie", a YouTube video of Adela speaking about the fee use? Open to other ideas.
- (CV) Everything is on the COSAF website.
- (AL) With student fees increasing, there is a lot more awareness. Maybe send out a campus wide message – at least some students will read.
- (AD) Perhaps a series of videos could be made regarding the student fees, pointing the audience to the COSAF website. These videos could include herself and John Campbell, Associate Vice Chancellor. Could we get something like this done in winter? A. (JC) Yes, he will organize this.
- (JC) To clarify, Student Affairs funds are Student Services Fees.

IX. Student Services Fee Overview

- (Laurie Carney) SSF is paid by every student. It is established and controlled by the Regents, however, on campus, we can control how it is spent.
- *referencing handout.* (LC) Fees have been increasing. Regents approved a 5% increase. 1/3 of the increase will go to support mental health in 2016-2017.

- *referencing backside of handout.* (LC) We will have an Expense Report at the December meeting and a projection for 2016-2017.
- Q. (AL) Do Student Affairs budget all come from SSF? A. (LC) No. But SSF is the largest part of the Student Affairs budget. Student Affairs funds come from CBF, SSF, Auxiliary (from housing), Student Health, Recreation, Memorial Union. However, SSF fund are targeted to specific areas.
- Q. (AL) Are the Auxiliary funds discretionary. A. (JC) Yes.
- Q. (AL) Can we get a breakdown of the Student Affairs budget? A. (Luci Schmidl) Yes, she will send it to Madeline for distribution.
- Q. (AL) Mental health is 1/3? A. (LC) Yes, 1/3 of the increase, which applies to all undergrad and professional students.

1:05 pm. Meeting adjourned (MG)

- Reminder to send any questions regarding the ICA trip.
- Next meeting is a voting meeting, so please attend.