MEETING NOTES
Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF) Meeting
January 27, 2017
Memorial Union, Garrison Room
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

I. Call to Order (Briar Tanner) 11:32 am

II. SHIP and HFO Committee Updates
• SHIP (BT). Reading from Nathan Sy’s update notes:
  1. There is a lot of discussion from those overseeing healthcare at Davis about how possible changes to the Affordable Care Act would affect students not under SHIP. For now, they are waiting to see what will actually happen legislation-wise.
  2. During discussion about the upcoming SHIP renewal, it was mentioned that the final surplus for the SHIP UC family was about $24 million, and UC Davis ended up with a surplus of about $600,000 for graduate and undergraduate students. Though no votes were held, there was some discussion at the meeting about benefit changes, including those for emergency room (ER) visits and specialty drugs that are not covered by a SHIP co-pay for the student.
  3. That was about it for the information related to fees and students under the plan. There was some discussion about the UC SHIP EOB charter and bylaws, but that mostly had to do with meeting format and conditions.
Q. (Aaron Zheng) Are these meetings happening at UCOP or here? A. (BT) They are on campus and take place at the Student Health & Wellness Center.

• HFO Committee (Madeline Garcia). MG attended in replacement of Jessica.
  1. No show fee. May introduce to help discourage not showing up for appointments. There will be an appeal process set-up.
  2. Stabilizing counselors. High counselor turnover rate. Working on work/life balance with them.
  3. Same day appointments. Looking for a balance between students that long term standing appointments vs. students that have a one-time urgent need.
  4. Increase in staff this year and next year. 2 new cardiologists, 1 new pulmonologist, 1 new optician.

(Jason) Clarifying what we are doing this quarter. Primarily dealing with FACE/LEEAP so far and at the end of this term we are focusing on the Student Services Fee. This is our first template attempt with the SSF. This is your opportunity to ask Tammy any questions. We will have her give a summary of the Undergraduate Research Conference, then you can ask any questions. We will have another presentation next week, and will discuss the SSF more in a few weeks.

III. Undergraduate Research Conference (Tammy Hoyer)
• Started chairing the conference in 1989, and have been doing it for 28 years.
• Conference gives students a forum to present their research.
• First year – 19 students. Last year – 540 students and 3,000 in attendance.
• Presentation types: oral, poster, arts exhibit (3D format)
• The conference is open to all undergraduate students, all class levels, all majors
• 350 faculty mentors sponsor the students
• Looking to have the matching portion of $10,000 be permanent and not ask for each year.
Q. (JL) Is that the same amount of funding that Student Affairs has been paying, just looking for a permanent source? A. (TH) Yes. The conference started with Student Affairs and Undergraduate Education was asked to match. UE has been more the anchor only because I moved positions.
Q. (MG) Will the cost be staying the same. A. (TH) Yes, the conference stays about the same each year at $20,000 and each year they do cost-cutting to keep it there.

Q. (AZ) Is there room to allocate money in SSF to move money around? A. (MG) The only way to get new money in SSF is increase the fee or increase enrollment. There will be a surplus next year and Adela in charged to allocating those funds. (AZ) So is $8,000 being requested? (TH) $10,000.

Q. (Laurie Carney) Do you have other sources of funding? A. (TH) It always been a 50/50 split between Student Affairs and Undergrad Education. University Library is providing $5,000 this year. My time and resources were spent on trying to collect funds in the past. Dean’s office felt this was a misuse of time and would be better spent invested in the student development. So now looking for a permanent source of funds.

Q. (Chung-Lung Chiu) Did you consider requesting industry support? A. (TH) No as it somewhat competes with the colleges and intern/career center. The idea is always brought up to charge the students, but I do not want that as it can deter students who cannot afford – wants this open to all students. No barriers – do our best to make this accessible to all levels of students.

Q. (CC) Did you consider rewards for presentations/judging? A. (TH) This gets brought up every year. We always decide not due to the labor intensive process and time commitment to gather judges across all subject/college areas, 540 presentations, comparing notes – not possible.

(AZ) Would be good know the context of the Student Fee surplus before giving input to Adela.

(JL) Yes, we will be reviewing this more, this was just our first template and introduction.

Q. (AZ) Why is the return to aid both a revenue and expense? A. (JL) It is revenue when students pay the fee and an expense when it is distributed to students. Should be the same amount coming in and going out.

IV. FACE/LEEAP Costs and CPI Adjustments (Luci Schmidl)

- Review of handouts: Financial Summary 2015-16, Proposed Fees 2017-18 (see Meeting Resources at COSAF.UCDAVIS.EDU)
- FACE/LEEAP is student based. Units supported are Campus Recreation, Multi-Use Stadium, Schaal Aquatic Center, Student Recruitment and Retention, Return to Aid.
- Subject to CPI. (only on the operating expenses)
- FACE/LEEAP supports ARC facility and operations, sport clubs and intramurals, recreation improvements and equipment, Equestrian Center enhancements, aquatic center complex facility, multi-use stadium facility, paying debt service and improvements, SRRC operations staff and program, return to aid.

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V. Student Recruitment and Retention Center (Mayra Llamas)

- (Janelle/SRRC) We are student led component within the Student Community Center. We offer services regarding recruitment and retention to under-represented students. Our space is also a study area for under-represented students. Always busy. Lots of programming. Established in 2000.
- (ML) One of the questions on the template was to explain any cost changes from last year to this year. We have had changes in staffing so there is a variance there.

Q. (Britta Heiss) It appears you are going to add another GSR which is a high cost, so is there a reason behind that? A. (Janelle) Graduate student population is increasing and we are currently under staffed. Need a graduate student staff that understands the retention issues with grad student.
Q. (Zac Bouchard) Can you give an example of activities provided by SRRC? A. (ML) Visit to a high school, presentation at a community college, leadership retreat, workshop, volunteer internship. We track every program. A proposal is submitted with intended outcome of the activity.

Q. (MG) Can you elaborate more on the effect of not receiving a CPI adjustment? A. (ML) Would have to reduce the number of students that can be hosted.

Q. (MG) Do you have a compilation of student success stores for those that have used SRRC? A. (BT) Lived in Southern California. Applied for the program and was flown up to campus, stayed in dorms, met community members, made her feel comfortable coming to campus as a minority – that she would have support and a welcoming community. Because of that trip, she applied to UCD and is here today.

(ML) You are referring to the Aggie Senior Weekend. We have a robust assessment plan for our programming – we do evaluate all of our programs as much as possible. We have qualitative feedback and students have shared that helping one of the SRRC programs gave them social support, a sense of family and belonging that they wouldn’t find elsewhere. Many of their students that moved on to grad school, masters programs, law school credit SRRC with grounding them.

VI. Tuition Fee Increase Review (Kelly Ratliff)

• I am here today about the budget. The Regents just approved the first tuition increase in 7 years, so it seemed important to speak to a group like this.
• 4.6 billion is total budget for UC Davis. 2 slices of the pie that total 919 million which is state unrestricted funds – closely tied to tuition.
• Governor has proposed a 4% increase which will total 14 million next year. Also will get 1.2 million from enrollment growth. 15.2 million total.
• This year, the UC’s added 5,000 additional California resident students. UC Davis is number 1 in serving the highest number of California resident students. Next year we will be letting in fewer to rebalance. Much less growth in total.

Review of handout: Campus Sources & Uses (see Meeting Resources at COSAF.UCDAVIS.EDU) to justify the need for the increase.

Q. (MG) Is there a predictable incremental increase instead of the drastic increase all at once? A. (KR) Predictable increases are by far preferable. But we live in a political environment. We advocate, you should advocate. It would be much easier for us at UC Davis to plan and make rational choices when you have something modest and predictable built in.

Q. (MG) What political things are preventing predictability? A. (KR) People want to hold it flat. But eventually you can’t do it anymore. Then you get into a period where you have no choice.

Q. (JL) Is it true that 2/3 of California residents will have the tuition increase covered by Financial Aid? A. (KR) It’s true that over half, yes, because we have additional Cal Grant funds.

Q. (BT) The question that was sent in asked if the tuition increase is due to inflation. A. (KR) I wouldn’t say it was due to inflation, but I would talk about fixed cost increases. If I look at overall inflation, yes, it is less than 2.5 percent but we worry about here is the fixed cost increases. On going staff salary increases and benefits/compensation.

Q. If the majority of the cuts are coming from the need to supplement the state funding cut, why are the non-residents fronting a lot of the cost? A. (KR) Those students are not paying into the tax sources, we are not getting state funding from them, so they pay something closer to the full cost.

VII. Closing (BT)

• Reminder, timesheets are due
• Next meeting is a voting meeting, so please show up
• Meeting times will stay as 11:30-1:00. If you have time conflicts, email to me.