

## MEETING NOTES

Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF) Meeting

April 7, 2017

Memorial Union, Garrison Room

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

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### I. Call to order – Briar Tanner

- Laura- Update on Graduate student fees
  - Graduate student association fee referendum passed 87% in favor 13% not in favor.
  - Wanted graduate student fees to be held under CPI Adjustments.
  - Couldn't get Graduate students to vote on anything, this referendum will help with that.
  - Will come before COSAF next year to be approved for the following school year.
- Nathan- SHIP meeting on Monday

### II. Campus Expansion Initiative Orientation – Jason Lorgan

- Acknowledge Laura for great job she did on the Graduate student association fee
  - A lot of work and steps and she did a great job.
- This quarter the focus is on CEI, Campus Expansion Initiative, for Campus Based Fees
- CEI was voted for in 2002
- Intended to fund numerous Programs
- Student Health Center was one of these projects
- Lots of parts of campus were being out grown because of the size of the campus.
- Undergraduate, graduate, professional, and Law schools voted on programs.
- Common question: How is it decided what portion of the referendum each group voted for?
  - The students themselves decided what portion of the referendum they wanted to be a part of.
  - Each professional school and graduate and undergraduate voted on different thing, but all under CEI.
  - Actual ballot and referendum on COSAF website
- SEE PRESENTATION
  - ICA: Recruit student athletes need to provide scholarships for them, CEI will do that.
  - Coffee House Expansion: Students wanted better food service options
  - Unitrans: Government requires matching funds, don't raise your own money, government won't help you.
  - Sport Clubs and Intramural Sports: Participants pay a lot of money to participate. Help provide resources to lessen participants' load.
  - Principles of Community Center: Student Community Center
  - Return to Aid: UC Davis first UC to have Return to Aid component in campus based fees. Now all UCs have it.
  - When initiatives support a building, there are ongoing maintenance fees.
    - For example MU Fee:
      - No student fee increase
      - Fee maintains building
      - Were able to pay 12million down to build MU from built up fees, the rest is through MU Bond
  - Janna: Why didn't the graduate students vote on all the same programs the undergraduates did?
    - Jason: All I know is each body made a decision as to what they were going to vote on.

- Laura: Coffee House and Unitrans owned by ASUCD so graduate students don't pay those fees
- Jason: Considered taxation without representation because it was administered by another Student Government Body.
- Greg: Single largest voter turnout for this referendum, about 50%
  - Jason: Students were aware that UC Davis was growing

### III. CEI Budget Overview- Luci Schmidl

- SEE ATTACHMENT
- Madeline: How are percentages determined?
  - Luci: They are determined by the actual fee that is collected multiplied by the actual student enrollment.
  - Madeline: How is the percentage established?
    - Jason: Each unit decided when they were making the referendum how much it was going to be. Decision of those department to ask for what they wanted, for example \$4/student
    - Greg: Each department says how much it will cost them divided out over the quarter. What they felt could be passed.
    - Luci: based on actual expenses that they would incur.
- Laura: Clarification of Revenues chart where are the percentages coming from?
  - Luci: amount received for each program divided by the total.
- Daniel: What qualifies as taking money out of the reserves? What spent out of the reserves?
  - Luci: Spread sheet, difference between total revenue and expenses and the debt becomes the contribution to the reserve. Spent out of the reserve is maintenance that is above and beyond operating expenses. Not on going expenses
  - Daniel: Who approves that?
    - Luci: different units(?) do.
    - Jason: When we get the templates: "What is the planned use of your reserves?" Units and departments have to fill that out.
  - Daniel: Wanted to know disparity between money going into reserves and money going out.
- Student Health Center right now debt set at 1.9 million, but is set to go up in 2020 to 4.3 million
- First obligation of CEI fund is to pay the debt and increases in debt
  - Aaron: Why is it increasing by so much?
    - Laurie: No answer
    - Jason: Numerous ways to get bonds. Maybe the bond is variable.
    - Luci: refinanced a lot of the bonds

### IV. Native American Studies Graduate Student Symposium- Kaitlin Reed

- Only Native American Graduate Student Symposium in the world
- 6 years
- Entirely student organized
- Growing every year. First year only UC Davis, now international
- SEE PRESENTATION
- Daniel: How many people attend this event? What kind of publicity outreach have you done to the undergraduate and graduate community about this event?
  - Kaitlin: We use a lot of social media platforms, and list serves. Publicity primarily this week and next, and Facebook is primary source.
  - Kaitlin: Turn out is well over 100 students attend. 130 registered so far for this year. Most registration occurs the week of the event. Hoping to get about 200 students.

- Aaron: Is it UC Davis sponsored?
  - Kaitlin: No, it is not part of the institution. No UC Davis entity plays a part in it. Done on our own time. Student run.
- Madeline: Do you have any undergraduates involved in the planning?
  - Kaitlin: No.
- Laura: You received funds from Student Affairs last year. How did you secure those funds?
  - Kaitlin: I was not in charge of the budget last year.
- Jason: Vice Chancellor de la Torre wants COSAF's advise on how to invest student money?

## **VI. California Aggie Template Review – Scott Dresser**

- UC Davis does not have a journalism program. We are the only on campus journalism lab for students.
- We have been the official campus paper since 1915.
- 120 staffers (3 times the size 3 years ago)
- SEE PRESENTATION
- Plan to build reserves so that they can be self-sustained for the future
- Have hired 70 paid students. One of the highest student employers on campus. Since they are paid instead of volunteer, has resulted in higher performing staff.
- Have hired a full-time professional business manager, Laurie Pederson. Number of ads and amount of advertising revenue has increased since her hire. Projecting this increase will continue.
- 5 year sunset clause. Want to be self-sufficient financially by that time. Will be increasing advertising staff.
- Cost of printing increases every year.
- More equipment needs to accommodate the staff size growing.
- Madeline: On the template it shows staff salary and benefits. Students do not receive benefits, correct?
  - Scott: Yes, that is true. That was pre-printed on the form.
- Nathan: Do you own the newspaper distribution racks?
  - Scott: Some are owned by ASUCD. The wood boxes are ours.
- Daniel: The \$100,000 for staff, almost seems negligible. Would like to see more of the fee go toward salary.
  - Scott: Would love to pay more. Has negotiated for higher staff pay and will hope to increase in the future.
- Daniel: Since there is limited space on the newspaper for ads, what is the plan to continue to increase revenue generated by ads?
  - Scott: Digital site with advertising opportunities there.
- Zac: What is the life span of your printing machines?
  - Scott: We don't print in-house. We pay a publisher, the Stockton Record. Has lowered delivery cost.
- Aaron: Do you have a surplus right now?
  - Scott: By the end of this year we will have money in our reserves.

## **VII. Comments and Vote for Council Members**

Closing Comments  
Meeting Adjourned