

Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)

Feedback from URC Presentation, 1/27/17

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Student Services Fee - Undergraduate Research Conference

- The amount of funds the URC is requesting is not appropriate. The percentage of the SSF for URC is not mirrored by an appropriate percentage going to the Graduate student research conference (IGPS). In fact there has been a refusal of administration to assist in conference development for graduates. It therefore does not seem right for SSF, which is paid by both grads and undergrads to have a significant allocation to URS. Secondly the event is not appropriately run to be rigorous enough to prepare undergrads for graduate conferences. Without appropriate feedback at the conference on abstract and poster submissions, the URC is just for show, not for academics.
- I still not do feel comfortable committing Student Services Fees towards the URC without full knowledge of the SSF (how much we have to allocate, who specifically governs the fee, etc). I feel COSAF was not equipped with appropriate knowledge to make any allocation decision. I do not question the merit of URC but I seriously question why this cause or any other can access SSF and how COSAF can arrive at an informed, budget allocation decision without tools and training to do budget allocation. Furthermore, URC had presented us a plan that already incorporated SSF funding – showing the semblance that having SSF funding was a foregone conclusion. For these reasons that seriously undermine my faith in this process, I would vote NO. I would not deem URC to be an appropriate recipient of SSF till more information is given.
- Good, if changes are made.
- I don't feel comfortable having SSF pay for half of the research conference because the fee is not fixed and I feel like eventually more money will be needed. This in turn will potentially increase SSF which means students will be paying for this conference.
- I support the use of student services fees for Undergraduate Research Conference.
- Yes. Valuable to a lot of students and academic rigor.
- I think this is appropriate, but that it is possible for URC to seek funding elsewhere and student service fees may be better allocated to other projects.
- SSF should be used so that the program can focus on providing its resources to students and not spending time gaining funding.