

Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)

March 10, 2023
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Memorial Union Mee Room

Meeting Notes

1. 11:30

Welcome / Lunch

2. 11:35

UC Davis Hosting UC Council on Student Fees Meeting this Weekend

Co-Chairs

3. 11:35 – 11:40

Subcommittee Updates

- Student Development Fund & Dean Witter Fund | Avni Bafna
Action Item #'s: 2023-043 through 2023-056
- Student Equity in Mental Health Programming Fund | Emma Kantor
Action Item #'s: 2023-39, 2023-040, 2023-042
- The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) | Caspar
TGIF is focusing on the elections next quarter. We are working with clubs to help publicize the event, such as the Zero Waste club. We are also hoping to work with Unitrans and radio station to promote elections in general. We are attending ACI meetings. ASUCD approved extending the voting time, so that's amazing. Campus sustainability is working with TGIF on sustainability events, such as Earth Day. TGIF is sending out notifications to clubs and departments to apply for mini grants.
- Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) | Carlos
All updates to the plan will be sent to the Council in early April, when sending the email with the 4/7 agenda.
- Health Fee Oversight Committee (HFOC) | Next meeting TBD

4. 11:40 – 11:45

Announcement of GSA Fee Survey Results

Co-Chairs

Passed by COSAF Graduate student members, to recommend a CPI adjustment for 2023-24.

Action Item #: 2023-038

5. 11:45 – 11:55

Student Programming Fund Presentation: Undergraduate Research Conference

Dee Clark & Lolita Adkins

11:55 – 12:00

Q&A

***Comment.** I know multiple people that are going to this and I think it's very good for undergraduates.*

***Q.** You are expecting 600 participants?*

***A.** 620 have registered to present. And can have up to 8,000 attending.*

***Q.** Do you encourage faculty to attend?*

***A.** Yes, we sent invites to faculty and we will send out more information as it comes. We do have faculty as moderators so every student has engagement with a faculty person during the conference.*

***Comment.** I think this is an awesome opportunity and connected to the culture we cultivate here at Davis, so thank you.*

***Comment.** I will spread the word to the Law students.*

***Q.** How do you account for the change of more students applying than you anticipated?*

A. We will seek further funding to adjust for the increase and expand the number of poster sessions. We do our very best to accommodate as many students as possible.
Presenter. This conference is also a requirement for a lot of the research programs. So we are happy to be a part of that.
Q. Can you clarify the printing costs?
A. We do print things to have at the event, such as the Welcome poster, abstract book, here's where to register, etc. We have to outsource for [poster] printing, which is a significant cost. It's beyond our capacity and we don't want to cut other services to students by being overwhelmed with the print job.
Comment: This is a great event and exciting to see that we have this forum on campus.

6. 12:00 – 12:10

Student Programming Fund Presentation: **Professional Development Resource Fair**
Teresa Dillinger

12:10 – 12:15

Q&A

Q. Have you considered adding more photographers for headshots?
A. Yes, ideally that would be best to have two photographers for the two stations.
Comment. I went to the most recent Resource Fair and thought it was great! There are things I would have never learned about it had I not gone. The field research safety table was such a vital resource. My only feedback is that I wish it was bigger. More tabling, more resources.
Presenter: If you know of some resources that would be helpful, please send an email to me.
Q. Do you also work with them to help their plans after they graduate?
A. Yes, we partner with the Internship & Career Center to do that.
Comment. Great presentation. I love the idea of having a scavenger hunt because it would incentivize people to talk more.
Q. Is there a reason it is in February and not the Fall? I think it would be helpful for right when you start Grad school.
A. We do a resource fair in the Fall along with orientation.
Comment. I recommend to reach out to the [COSAF] subcommittee to ask for more funding.
Q. Do you offer advice to grad students who do not necessarily want to go into the academic field after graduation?
A. We do. I do a couple workshops on career exploration. Part of that is how to have conversations with your faculty mentors about your choices and goals. We have a mentoring academy that will happen in Spring for grad students and post-docs and it includes how to have a conversation with your advisors.
Q. How long does the event last?
A. Two hours.
Q. Can you extend that, which could affect how many people are present and increase how many headshots can be taken?
A. We could do three hours. That's a good idea.

7. 12:15 – 12:25

Student Programming Fund Presentation: **Reentry Retreat**
Marissa Weiss

12:25 – 12:30

Q&A

Q. Where is the youth program held?
A. It takes place at the ARC, so the parents bring them at 8:30 am. Then walk them over for the magic show.
Q. Would shortening the time reduce costs in any way?
A. It could.
Comment. This looks like a wonderful event. It was good to see participant feedback from last year.

Q. How many reentry students do we get every year?

A. Around 1,600

Comment. Great work. This community can use the additional support.

Comment. I've heard great things about the recreation youth program. I notice the improvement from last year's program to this year.

Q. How is the event promoted?

A. The TRC [Transfer & Reentry Center] sends out weekly emails and individual emails. It is also sent to all the advising staff. We are also hoping to have a committee.

Comment. I appreciate this retreat. My mom was a reentry student and this would have definitely helped her.

Comment. It's an awesome opportunity. Recommendation to break out networking events by colleges, so they have someone to connect with.

Comment. Your presentations last year and this year were great.

Comment. Great presentation.

Comment. I was on the Student Programming Fund committee last year and we reviewed this application. I'm glad that this event turned out well last year.

8. 12:30 – 12:40

Student Programming Fund Presentation: **UrbanSitter Gift Cards**

Marissa Weiss

12:40 – 12:45

Q&A

Comment. I'm glad it turned out well and we were able to give you a little extra funding last year.

Q. What is your strategy in getting the work out that this service exists?

A. It is on the Transfer & Reentry website. We reach out to student parents that are identified as low income first. Then put it out there to other undergraduate parents. There is more need than we can probably handle. So that's how we try to segment it.

Comment. I think it's great that you are also inviting undergrads to help out by giving them that chance to be babysitters. Very creative.

Comment. Seems like a very good program.

Q. Is this program available for the Law and Graduate students?

A. They can.

Q. Are there day care resources on campus for students with families?

A. Bright Horizons is not for student parents, but we had asked. Just not enough money for that. There are four daycares on campus. They have long waitlists. I would love to change that.

Q. Can you clarify the application process?

A. Pretty much anyone applies will get it.

Q. Do you choose them all at once or is it spaced out over the school year?

A. We space it out so there are funds available for each quarter.

Comment. My mom was going to school when I was born and I remember crying because my mom was always studying. I just want to give a heartfelt thank you for this service.

Q. Is there a tax that gets factored in?

A. I don't believe so, but I can look into that and let you know.

9. 12:45 – 12:55

TGIF Council Discussion

Co-Chairs

Action Item # 2023-041

10. 12:55

Announcements

- Biweekly timesheets are due next Friday, March 17
- Next regular COSAF meeting is next quarter, on **Friday, April 7**
 - Student Programming Funds presentations, Round #2

Meeting adjourned