COSAF Assessment and Recommendations

Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI)

COSAF Meeting: January 11, 2019

Per SASI referenda language, CPI adjustments will be applied each year to all SASI fee recipients. COSAF is charged as the oversight body to provide commentary based on each recipient’s fiscal stewardship of SASI revenue.

The following SASI fee recipients presented to the Council on Student Affairs and Fees during Fall 2018 and Winter 2019:

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On January 11, 2019, following the final SASI presentation, COSAF voting members provided the below written assessment and evaluation for each SASI recipient:

**Cross-Cultural Center**

- I do think having a cross cultural center is very important although my concern is how many students they reach. Considering that the center has been open since the 90’s and still shows very low members suggest they still are not effectively reaching students. We only have the data for the past couple years, but with such low numbers I’m not sure how their new ideas will impact the center.
- Needs to promote services/programs more to include more students. Outreach should be proportional to students paying (35,000+)
- 3,000 unique swipes, 10% of the undergrad population.
- The center showed how it will use its funds to grow and improve, and made a point of how all communities are welcome, so I approve on adjustment.
- I would love to know if the vacancy for the director position has been filled. The small space limits how much outreach can be done. Eventually, I think you’ll need a bigger space. You can have so much outreach no one will want to go there because of lack of space.
- I think the CCC needs to reach out to more communities. While they do great work for their current communities, there are still many groups that are not being represented (ex: there are programs for Mexicans and Chicanx communities but no other South American cultures).
• The cross-cultural centers outreach could be improved: there are so many great programs that it seems many students are aware of!
• The CC has great student inclusion and outreach activities that benefit the student body. The increasing use of the center is great to see as well. The SASI fee is clearly being put to great use and will continue to.
• I believe the cross cultural center is making decent strides to provide services to the UC Davis community but they are just not hitting the mark. They have been open and around for a decent amount of time and should be showing more progress than this.
• The CCC is doing very important work and their efforts are clearly – for example, trying to use swipes more, collaborating with other resource centers at Davis, etc. The main thing going forward is outreach to enforce the hard work put into running the CCC.
• I was very surprised by the amount of use that the cross cultural center gets and I learned a lot about what they do that I didn’t know before.
• The presenter enthusiastically promoted the CCC. I am a minority myself but I did not see much value it. However, if it’s important to some people then I am in favor of it.
• I think the continued support of the CCC is definitely important because of the population and communities it serves. I haven’t seen there myself, but I have seen the impact it has on some of my friends.
• The presentation was very informative and very detailed about how the SASI fee is being used. They listened to COSAF’s concerns about outreach and are passionate about taking any recommendations.
• I enjoyed this as well and as an international student (African) I believe this info was valuable for me and my community.
• I missed this presentation last November, along with the 2 on the back.
• Maximize their resources. Would benefit from more outreach to let more students know what is available.
• Should continue to focus on data collection to paint a better picture on use and impacts of the programs they run. Neutral opinion on this unit.
• It’s too late to comment on the presentation, but I feel that it’s extremely important for members of COSAF to understand that the outreach and services provided by the CCC (and Women’s Resources Center as well) are often the only form of support available to some students on campus. Funding for these centers is vital because for many underrepresented students, the standard resources available elsewhere are inadequate.

Intercollegiate Athletics

• I believe that it is important to expand these programs to remain competitive with other schools programs. The presentation showed needed improvement and with this fee can work to support these programs.
• They need more money.
• ICA is frugal with funds and well managed. They provide value to students and many students are allowed to use facilities.
• I think the facilities definitely need maintenance, I just don’t know if CPI is the right vehicle for these adjustments. I’d rather they be funded by the university itself, rather than incremental/incidental savings for big projects. Closer to a referendum.
• I think the presentation was really good. It was organized and the information provided was clear and concise.
• I appreciate ICA’s transparency with their budgetary information. They are using their funding efficiently and should continue in this way.
• The fee changes for intermural sports seems much appreciated by the student body.
• As always the athletics department benefits the students of UC Davis, student recreation, entertainment and more. I support the projects benefits to the student body through formal and informal sport activates. Hopefully the pool renovations sees a lot of student traffic.
• ICA brings in an amazing amount of revenue to the university and provides an experience for the entire campus. Athletics is also what puts a school on the map so the SASI fee should be approved.
• The presentation have clearly demonstrated ICA have been/continue to be conservative with expenses/speeding money and trying hard to raise funds themselves. There are many costs associated with
running athletics and since we have one of the biggest athletic programs across universities, support is very much needed.

- The presentation was very transparent and I also really liked that the presenter made comparisons between Davis and other schools.
- I loved the presentation that Kevin gave us! He always strives to be very transparent with the numbers and his explanations about why renovations are important. I also loved the tour he gave us of the stadium and associated facilities. I have a particular interest in seeing the improvements in the stadium as a member of the Band-Uh.
- The presenter was very detailed and open about the use of the fee.
- I still don’t see how this benefits the non-athletic community really.
- Fund is needed to support a 25-team program. ICA does a good job running a clean operation.
- ICA has really improved over the past 5+ years. Think the exposure to UCD on a more national level that they provide is a good thing. Budget is quite large compared to other units. So continue to focus on keeping expenses in check and increasing other revenue/funding sources outside of student fee increases.
- I appreciate the transparency on staff salaries and budgeting. This may have been addressed during the presentation that I missed, but I am curious about why SASI reserves and revenues have no specific planned uses. Is this to cover inflation, or because unexpected expenses occur when equipment needs replacement? It would be helpful to have more details about what the extra reserve money has been used for in the past. I am not clear from reading the paperwork about whether the return to aid is in place now in the SASI fee. On the SASI Orientation page, it says that this was not in effect when it was created. I did see a return to aid in a previous presentation, but wasn’t sure if it was added to SASI or only appeared on the Unitrans referenda.
- I would also like more details on the redirected Student Health fees that are redirected to athletics, and how this impacts health resources on campus.

Women’s Resources and Research Center

- The WRRC is an important outreach for students and I think their efforts to expand and reach more unique members will be very beneficial. The goals and purpose for the center are very important and is a need resource on campus.
- Need more data, I understand swipes are a problem; however, you could have a counter at the door. There should be a measure of usage to promote accountability.
- The WRRC seems much underused, low swipes and not a particularly widely used service by students. WRRC should do more outreach with the students. Maybe consider joining forces with other women’s services in UC Davis to increase engagement.
- I wish there were a confidential way to collect uses data – perhaps like how concerts will count people one-by-one with a clicker. Either way, I support their efforts and therefore an adjustment.
- It was very informative. More space will be necessary as you continue to grow. There is only so much outreach you can do before it’ll show negative effects. People will not want to go there if there is really no room.
- I think they’re doing great work. I think a better way to reach student engagement would be to have the person at the front desk use a basic counter rather than swipe students in. While it would count repeats when someone comes in multiple times, I think it would give a better estimation of student engagement.
- The center should do more outreach; the programs offered are wonderful (the library is great) and it seems like female students know that there is a student space. I could see future student bodies increasing the fee if there was more students using the programs and great space that exists. I know there are privacy issues, but trying to boost numbers other ways would be great.
- Although the WRRC is implementing card swiping, it is clear that it has great outreach programs including study space and its outreach which benefits the students of UC Davis. It will be good to see increased use of WRRC facilities through the outreach efforts.
• The WRRC is an amazing resource for individuals on campus going through a difficult time and should continue to be funded.
• Similar to CCC, the WRRC needs to elevate outreach to ensure higher resource use and have their work shine through more.
• I thought that the presentation was well done but I hope I can see more outcomes coming from the center and hopefully they reach more people.
• The presenter compellingly defended the program. Even if a lot of people don’t use it, it could be a really big help to those who do.
• While I believe the WRRC is important, it should place more emphasis on outreach. I have been at UC Davis for 2 years and still have not utilized this on-campus resource.
• There is a necessity for more outreach and more space because the WRRC is doing important work as presented but not enough people know about it. The presentation was well done and informative about all the programs available that I didn’t even know about even though actively visit the WRRC.
• This presentation was good and highlighted a resource I didn’t know existed.
• Does good work, focusing on outreach will allow for more students to know the work they do.
• Should continue to focus on data collection to paint a better picture on use and impacts of the programs they run. Neutral opinion of this unit.
• My thoughts are the same as those above for the CCC. While the funding that reaches these centers is much smaller than what goes to the athletics department, the services provided are extremely important and are often the only form of outreach that prevents many students from falling behind or even dropping out of school.

**Campus Recreation**

• I believe that the improvements and new parts of the ARC facility will have a huge improvement and are needed. The ARC currently, is overcrowded and condensed and all of the new equipment will have a very positive impact!
• Presentation well done. I would like more oversight in the form of sub-committee meetings.
• Facilities are used by a wide swath of the student population, the budget is well managed. It is excellent that Campus Recreation employs so many students.
• Very well done, showed how funds directly benefit a large amount of the student body. I approve an adjustment.
• I’m excited for when the ARC opens. I definitely think it will be a good thing for our campus once the two projects are done. It was very informative as usual.
• I think campus rec is doing great, but I think they need to get the word out about the different programs and services that they offer.
• It seems that UC Davis Campus Rec is doing a great job with outreach, its student employment and how it’s managing the reserves.
• The Campus Recreation presentation was very thorough in presenting the project’s completion and current use of facilities. The students at UC Davis clearly enjoy using the recreational opportunities on campus. It will be great for the current and in-coming student body to be able to use the expanded ARC and pool.
• I believe that Campus Recreation reaches a huge amount of the student population with the new expansion, they deserve the SASI fee to continue outreach and servicing students.
• Based on the info provided, facilities (ARC, Aquatic center) is being used more frequently and by more students despite construction. This expansion project serves to benefit more students in many forms, including increasing student employment.
• The Campus recreation presentation was very clear and ell presented. It made me excited for the rec center after all the construction. The presenter made good use of visuals and was very transparent about the spending of the money.
- The presenter made compelling argument that funds are being used well. I was excited to hear about all of the ARC Renovations.
- I really enjoyed seeing the progress of the ARC expansion and renovation of the Rec Pool. And thanks for the shout out to the Band-Uh!
- Quick and informative. Did not get bogged down with details. Made a good argument about the necessity for the CPI Adjustments and their proper use of them.
- The presentation was very good and I like how they showed their decision making process as being impacted by student comments and desires as opposed to only what they thought was best.
- I am completely in support of the much needed upgrades to the rec center but agree with some of the members that more outreach is needed. There are a lot of students here who don’t know about the amenities and access, and efforts need to be made to make more people aware of these.
- They engage a large percentage of the student population. Good use of student feedback to drive the new initiatives and expansion.
- So excited for the new Campus Rec facilities come online this spring! This unit is great for bringing the community together while promoting healthy live-in. highly support funding requests they have and hope to see state of the art facilities and programs for many years to come.