

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS AND FEES (COSAF) MEETING

April 13, 2018
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
MU Garrison

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order

Jessica Sandoval & Aaron Zheng, Co-chairs

2. UC Council on Student Fees & UC Office of the President Trip Update

Jessica:

- We'll do the announcements with regards to the Student Services Fee, that Aaron and I had mentioned, that we talked about at the UCCSF meeting.
- So, we were asked to give our input as a whole, like each representative from the campus, about what our position was to the student fee going up, and I don't know if you remember, but when I asked all of you for your opinions to the nonresident tuition increase, above that was also a section for California residents that had a Student Services Fee increase and the tuition fee increase.
- The Regents are going to be voting on that soon – not as quickly as last time, how it was within that week. I think there's still some time until they're going to have to vote on that, but we wanted to get all of your opinions with regards to the Student Services Fee.
- Do you remember how, at the beginning of the school year, how we were talking with regards to use of Student Services Fee for commencement. So, the Vice Chancellors got together and they pretty much said that they found it appropriate to use Student Services Fee for commencement because it is something that is needed for the university to fund itself.
- I don't know if Aaron has mentioned this before, but commencement has voluntarily decided to sort of wean themselves off the Student Services Fee, but they're still going to be utilizing it.
- They have support from all of the Vice Chancellors to continue to use the Student Services Fee because of that need to have that funding source for it because where else are they going to get over 500,000 dollars to pay for commencement.
- So, with that thought in mind, while we were at the UCCSF meeting, they asked about our opinions with regards to the Student Services Fee going up, and on our vote we decided to not support an increase – and our perspective on that is that it seems like a lot of things that should be funded in don't necessarily fit under the Student Services Fee so it's kind of like throwing things under the rug to help pay for something.
- I just wanted to get all of your opinions on that – I know that's my opinion, that they want the Student Services Fee to go up, but as it continues to go up, it'll continue to just be funding things that don't necessarily meet the purpose of the Student Services Fee.

Aaron:

- I can quickly give arguments for both sides to make it more balanced.
- So, the argument for increasing the Student Services Fee is that it's kind of like providing a lot of student services, and there's a lot of UCs that are struggling, that's not us specifically. So, the fee increase applies to every UC, and this is a fee that every UC pays. Some UCs are having an extremely difficult time with their SSF because it's very low and they're having huge deficits that they just simply couldn't be without an increase. So we can't think just Davis, we have think about the bigger picture about all the other UCs and what they're facing.
- There's no definition right now for what it can be used for so there's a lot of free flowing, kind of on the go, like let's just kind of define based on what we want it to be, to be advantageous to our group. People use it to their advantage [...].
- There's a lot of pros and cons, kind of think of both sides. Wanted to make it more balanced so that we're not exactly just pushing you one way.

3. Student Services Fee Presentation: HR CHILD CARE

Barbara Ashby, Manager, WorkLife & Wellness

- You may be wondering why are we in HR -- there's a long evolution of child care coming out of students who need housing.
- We're here to talk to you today about Student/ Parent/ Child Care Funding Program: Family support system. Created in 2013. Student parents worried about housing. At the time there were 3 financial child-care support programs: 1) ASEC Academic Student Employee Contract – child-care reimbursement system. 2) child care grant – money awarded out of financial aid. 3) US Dept of Education C-Campus grant – competitive federal grant through our office. Monies used toward child-care support centers.
- Communication between the three groups was not great. Chancellor Katehi wanted better communication, restructuring of the programs. Wanted to raise awareness about financial support, minimize confusion around obtaining funds, maximize net distribution.
- Criteria stated had to be licensed child-care by state of California to ensure quality. This is extremely costly and did not accommodate much flexibility for parent wishes. Opened up opportunities to look at what the parents wanted and what they thought was appropriate for their families.
- Grants at the time primarily went to age 5. Advanced it to age 12.
- Distilled down to 2 types of grants.
- Graduate student grant available to all. Didn't want to exclude grad or professional students who have changes in employment throughout the school year.
 - During the summer, parents have to be enrolled in classes. Flat amount given. Dispersed through financial aid.
- Second grant is Community based Care grant. Money carried over from federal grant and financial aid. Some comes from university and privatized student housing. Close to 90k/year. Monies go to child care also. Had to do with evolution of child care here.
- Financial need based. Need FAFSA to be completed. Amount is per child and set amounts based off age.
- 5 year snapshot. We don't have a database but what we know comes from the parents who come up to receive the grants. First year was the smallest. Word of mouth is important. Number of children is variable. 58% still up to the student parent to fund. This is a subsidy. Estimated numbers for '17 and '18 were close. Student parents apply once unless significant changes occur in income.
- Last year's survey for program evaluation. Grant has been very impactful. Deciding factor in student parents decision to come here [to UCD]. Allowed students to attend classes and labs and graduate on time.
- Questions? The student receives the money in their account and they use the money to pay the childcare. Streamlines administration. Student certifies that they are using the money and then the child care confirms the service.
- What is the difference for the criteria for the grants? --- the grad student is a mirror of the ASEC contract. Worded per student parent. The program is need-blind so [the money] went to the student. The needs-based takes into account how many children and the differing versions of care needed for older or younger children. It's a supplement. If you are an undergrad the only available funding is the community-based, need-based grant. If you're a grad student, it's an entitlement to the money. \$900/quarter would cover 1 to 2 school-age care.
- Is Solano Park being torn down? – There is a committee who have been in contact with student housing and reality housing. It's being closed due to age.
- Is it possible to extend the funding for grad students into the summer? – If they are enrolled or working as a TA, GSR, tutors, they get the \$900. Community based will not serve anyone in the summer. That is being looked at in our program improvements so that undergrads will be able to get some money in the summer.

4. **Student Services Fee Presentation: CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT**

Kristin Dees, Director

- Who we are – cover grads and undergrads at all campuses. Registered to do organization process. RSOs go through our office and are then officially recognized by the university and become affiliates of the university. Student organizations under different departments are simply departmental and are not affiliated or recognized like RSOs.
- We process reservations for the RSOs particularly for special events. Process 3 grants. 1) Club finance council – Made by ASUCD. Added onto Pepsi Grant. 2) Beyond Tolerance – Grant, promotes principles of community. 3) Pepsi Product grant.
- Campus wide. Outstanding student awards. Involvement Fair. Advise Picnic Day board. Leadership development within student orgs. Leadership summit. Presentations in the community.
- 3 members in our office are also first responders for freedom of expression events: protests, rallies on campus.
- Bulk of allocation to staff and student salaries. Oversee admin budget, campus budget for Picnic Day, bigger campus-wide elements.
- Oversee fixed costs such as MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding), ASUCD, and Shared Services to help manage different agency accounts.
- Officers of RSOs (Registered Student Organizations) will update their rosters more frequently so that they aren't outdated.
- A survey is conducted every other year where they ask the officers of the previous software (OrgSync) a series of questions about sense of belonging, what they're learning through RSOs, etc.
- Through these surveys, we found that RSOs help with finding friends, connecting people with diverse backgrounds, with time management, and with career development.
- A lot of what we do is process things for the RSOs. Whenever they have an event they need to fill out a form with our office so that we know exactly what is going on. Things to do with minors, food, timing, venue, leadership, etc.
- We also promote the RSOs by going to outreach events and telling students how they can get involved and engaged beyond the classroom.
- They also do things for other offices called "Special Projects." For example, they advise the picnic day board.
- Pepsi Grant is when Pepsi came in to be the primary product at UCD, it was negotiated that 50,000 dollars would go back to the students and the rest would go back into events, and product availability at events.

5. **Comments on TGIF Presentation**

- Feedback will be provided to the administration about the allocations that have been made.

6. **Bylaw Updates Discussion**

- Info in red is added info that has not yet been approved, things that are crossed off are things that will be removed.
- Where it used to say "Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs," the name that will be added is "Vice Chancellor of FOA."
- Membership composition is what is going to change – last year's auditor said that we were really student affairs heavy, so they encouraged us to have other departments that also received funding from student fees that aren't student affairs.
- Have other units that aren't Student Affairs to be voting members but Aaron and Jessica have mixed feelings because want more students to have a voice, not more staff members.
- 12 instead of 10 voting undergrad members.

7. Deliberation on Student Programming Fund Allocation

- Aggie Blue to Gold presentation → essentially starting a department. Need necessary equipment to start a department for financial planning for students (no specifics).
- Involvement Fairs wants more funding in order to spread the fair to both sides of the Quad so that more clubs and organizations can be a part of it.
- Student Service Fees that aren't used get rolled back into the fund so that it is available for the following year.
- 20,000 for Aggie Blue and Gold does not include the additional 15,000 they were requesting for the golf cart, the printer, the computer, etc.
- HackDavis on the day of their proposal upped their number by \$30,000 (people did not find it appropriate).
- They believe that money for certain equipment such as a golf cart or tablet should come from the department not from a programming fund.
- 10,000 = initially requested by HackDavis (?) plus 25,000 for WiFi = 35,000 total.

8. Meeting Adjourned 1:12 PM