

# COSAF Report | Summary of Comments

Action Item #2022-011

Review: Student Activities and Services Initiative (SASI) Fee 2021-22

December 6th 2021

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 2021:

Presentation Date	Department	Name of Presenter(s)
December 3, 2021	Cross-Cultural Center	<b>Olivia Hernandez</b> , Associate Director
December 3, 2021	Campus Recreation	<b>Jeff Heiser</b> , Associate Director
December 3, 2021	Intercollegiate Athletics	<b>Rocko DeLuca</b> , Director <b>Anissa Nachman</b> , Associate Director
December 3, 2021	Women's Resources & Research Center	<b>Cecily Nelson-Alford</b> , Director

On December 3, 2021, following the final SASI presentation, COSAF voting members provided the below written assessment and recommendations for each SASI recipient .

Please provide your comments regarding the **Campus Recreation** presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.

Transparent presentation - fully support this use of the fee.

Excellent facility for students, faculty, and staff. Also excellent use of their space for COVID testing. We need to support them.

The Campus Recreation presentation was a little lacking in providing details about how the SASI fee would be used--there was more of an emphasis on how the Campus Recreation provides to the students of UC Davis.

I think a clearer focus on how SASI helps campus rec would be useful for the presentation.

Campus Rec did a good job of explaining their use of funds and the importance of the SASI fee in their operations. I think it would be interesting to hear how COVID has impacted its operational strategies/plans. Specifically, I am curious to know how the closure of the main basketball courts has impacted student use at the ARC (fewer users? users using the ARC in different ways?). I would also be curious to see if the temporary "free parking" at the ARC, earlier this year, increased student use (and if free parking might be used in the future to incentivize students to be more active and use the ARC).

Great use of fees, though they should move more money towards free programs at the arc and public use of the spins rooms etc.

I liked the presentation from Campus Recreation because they showed how are they doing and what they are doing, I didn't know that there were so many sports and works going on in the ARC such as 15 different types of sports and their aquatics and partnerships made sense to me, their programs and services caught my eye because I didn't know about it before but now I am pretty sure what it is and I also use the ARC sometimes and I see a lot of these happening every single day

Campus Rec promotes the well-being of students and other campus members and therefore continues to fulfill their obligations to campus. The fee helps Campus Rec to help the rest of campus, and I hope it is being used in the best manner possible. One thing that concerned me was that there seems to be a disconnect between what Campus Rec admin believes is happening and what is actually taking place within their various units. I ask Campus Rec admin to please connect with the student employees at the bottom and make sure what you believe is happening is happening all the way down the line.

I loved the presentation, and it is clear Campus Recreation continues to make changes, and improvements to their facilities and programs for the students. The discussion on fees and how they try to collect some fees in addition to SASI was very insightful. I am positive these funds are going to proper uses that benefit UC Davis's diverse student population.

One of the courts are still being used as storage space, a fact stated by one of the associate directors of Campus Recreation during our meeting. It has been an entire academic quarter and that court still cannot be used by students. The student body should be reimbursed for the portion of Campus Recreation's SASI fees that went toward maintaining this court. If students are not reimbursed, the university will establish a dangerous precedent which suggests that campus organizations can continue to take in student fee funding to maintain rooms and buildings which students are unable to utilize.

The Campus Recreation presentation gave an excellent presentation and I don't have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your presentation. In future meetings it would be useful to not just know entries, but to know unique entries. I know many people who work out every day, thus (though unintentional) the number may be misleading if its actually the same people. It would be interesting to better understand the motivations for how funding new programs is prioritized, it seems kinda like a smorgasbord of "hey why not" when, possibly that funding should be used to support (and decrease fees for) existing programs. I think this is an important service to students. Thank you again for your time.

The presentation is good and the use of SASI fee is appropriate and clearly defined.

### **Please provide your comments regarding the [Cross-Cultural Center](#) presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.**

Transparent presentation - fully support this use of the fee.

The Cross Cultural Center is helping many students on campus. We need to support them.

The Cross Cultural Center presentation gave a lot information about how the CCC provides to the campus and its students, but was lacking in numbers for how the SASI fee would be implemented. There was little quantitative assessment of the usage of the SASI fee.

The presentation felt a little rushed but there was a lot of useful information going over operations.

I think this is an important part of any college campus. I would be curious to hear more about the RSO applications for funding from CCC and what funded events look like.

Awesome presentation and great work. Appropriate use of SASI fee

Good use of SASI funding though I wish they could have more open study spaces.

I saw in the cross-cultural center saw that the student salaries went up high were there no students working before here or was it because of the COVID also 2021-22 Estimated allocation for the Programs, Information Technology, Administration went high by up to 60,000 which is a very drastic change, but this helps students in a way no other can so I support it and I think I understood and got what I needed to know what's going on and I really liked the culturally relevant community opportunities.

The CCC provides a safe space for people across the cultural spectrum. You can plainly see the inclusivity that is being promoted because of the funds they receive from SASI.

I enjoyed the presentation from the Cross Cultural Center, and really learned a lot that I never knew about it before. It seems like they are making great adjustments to the hybrid programming, with a good number of virtual events as well as in-person meetings. COVID-19 seems to have greatly impacted the center, especially in terms of staffing which hopefully will improve in the next year to come. I think their use of SASI funds is reasonable.

The CCC provides essential services that fosters the intellectual and critical development of anyone who chooses to take advantage of them.

The Cross Cultural Center presentation was well organized and I have no further questions or comments.

Thank you for your presentation. I am impressed with how much the CCC has achieved despite being obviously under resourced. I am shocked that so many staff positions are not filled. I understand this is being worked on, but I would urge the vice chancellor to make sure our fees are being used most effectively by filling these position as soon as possible. CCC, good job doing so much with so few staff resources. I am excited for how you are embracing and adapting to the post-lockdown world at UCD. Thank you for your time.

I know CCC is a valued campus unit and has been in exist for a long time. But I just wonder if campus has considered to put it under the division of DEI so it can get more resources and serve students better. It is sad to see they decrease from 6 FTE to 2 FTE.

**Please provide your comments regarding the [Intercollegiate Athletics](#) presentation and use of the [Student Activities & Services Initiative \(SASI\)](#) fee.**

Transparent presentation - fully support this use of the fee. Appreciated ICAs comparison to other institutions with similar programs and operations - straight forward.

Intercollegiate Athletics helps the campus in many ways. Student athletes represent us at various events. There are many students who work in athletics. ICA is a point of pride for our campus. We need to support them.

The Intercollegiate Athletics presentation did a phenomenal job at explaining how the SASI fee would be implemented.

I wish they could explain more how SASI helps them rather than pointing out it is a lot of money to run programs.

As always, ICA did a good job of answering difficult questions and maintaining professionalism. I was especially impressed by Anissa's explanation of the differences between UCD's and Berkeley's ICA programs to debunk some previously suggested allegations. As a walk-on college athlete, I can attest to the importance of college athletics in my personal and professional development. Since a lot of our discussion focuses on the small percentage of athletes on campus, I think ICA should really emphasize what it offers to the broader student body (e.g., ASUCD used the stadium for Sunset Fest). To fully measure its impact on UCD's campus, I think ICA should also consider how college sports can provide financial mobility to low-income high school students who may have never gone to college otherwise. I think there is also a way to quantify the percentage of students on campus that benefit from ICA facilities and events.

No comment. Thank you for a transparent presentation!

Unclear use of funds, still not sure why they need this much from SASI considering the benefits that they said are seen by the entire student body are those funded by Campus rec apparently? This presentation made me wonder what club teams actually use ICA spaces...

their fee doesn't really have a big difference the student salaries went up but the Career Staff Salaries came down which kind of balance it out and also they use SASI funds to support 25 varsity athletic teams, including sport operating expenses, equipment, home game expenses, medical-related expenses, and coach salaries. and I think it's valid

I am glad that ICA let the council know the difference between FBS and FCS. There are similarities in the amounts paid to UC Davis ICA from the SASI fee and the amounts paid by student fees at other FCS schools (per student). I do hope that maybe UC Davis ICA can supplement SASI funding with another source of funding in the future but understand that it is not feasible for an immediate transition away from SASI funding. Please continue to keep in mind that ICA receives funding from students and therefore works for all students. I believe ICA generally succeeds with this.

I really appreciated the way this presentation was prefaced with the note that UC Davis is not like other big football schools like USC, Ohio, and even our sister school Berkley. I think it great insight that it just is not really possible to be funded in the same way because of our ICA program, and that in relation to other schools like us, (Sacramento State for example) we are very similar. The presentation was very clear, and I appreciated how things were described in great detail for transparency.

1. The ICA presenters falsely claim that UCD ICA revenue from student fees is comparable to student fee revenue from other FCS schools. According to the Knight Foundation Database on Intercollegiate Athletics, UCD students paid the **\*\*SECOND MOST\*\*** in student fees to their ICA program compared to the other 125 FCS schools in 2019 (<https://cafidatabase.knightcommission.org/reports/da2e346c>). 2. And in 2019, UCD students paid **\*\*THE MOST\*\*** in student fees to their ICA program compared to all other Big West conference schools (<https://cafidatabase.knightcommission.org/reports/2edf3e22>). \*To be sure, UCSD was not in the Big West conference in 2019. Today, UCD and UCSD students today pay a comparable amount in student fees to their ICA program. CSU Bakersfield is also excluded from the data since it joined at the same time UCSD did. 3. For the pie chart slide of ICA's SASI presentation, it makes no sense to group student salaries and coach staff salaries and benefits together. They are two fundamentally different groups of people. Even the SASI templates separate student salaries from career staff salaries. The pie should have accurately reflected that, in 2020-21, ICA dedicated 57.2% of its SASI fees to its career staff and 0.018% to its student staff. 4. Furthermore, the ICA program's allocation to its student salaries is decreasing each year. In 2014-15, \$58,857 in ICA's SASI fees went toward student salaries. Yet in one year, ICA SASI fees to student salaries dropped to \$19,250. Student salary funding dropped again in 2016-17, down to \$18,944. And by 2017-18, SASI funding for ICA student salaries dropped to \$8,230.33. Though with an increase in 2018-2019, the overall trend is that ICA SASI funding to student salaries is on a downward trend, with the estimated allocation for this year being \$7,000.

The Intercollegiate Athletics did provide a lot of information, however, I wish we had more time for them to further explain some inconsistencies found within some of their budgeting.

Thank you for your presentation. ICA provided an amazingly detailed breakdown of how fees are spent to support the service ICA provides (fielding a D1 athletics program for UCD). It showed great frugality and good return on investment in fundraising for the cost. I greatly appreciate the detail provided. I feel convinced that these fees are being used cost-effectively and judiciously for the purpose that they are allotted. Thank you for your time.

This presentation is the best ICA did this year. I think the comprehensive information and data helped us to better understand the big picture. I recommend you do this at beginning of each year knowing that many COSAF committee members don't have this knowledge and information. Also, many of us like to see data comparison. Providing data comparison with similar schools speaks with more power.

Please provide your comments regarding the [Women's Resources & Research Center](#) presentation and use of the Student Activities & Services Initiative (SASI) fee.

Transparent presentation - fully support this use of the fee.

Excellent resource for women on campus. We need to support them.

I greatly appreciate the work that the Women's Resource & Research Center is doing however I would they should take additional measures to promote the activities and services provided to graduate students.

The Women's Resource & Research Center presentation provided a thorough explanation about how the WRRC contributes to UC Davis, and how the WRRC would use the SASI fee. I have no qualms.

Great presentation. Very detailed and useful information

I think this is a great use of COSAF funds. I have several friends that have used this service on campus. It would be good to see additional advertisements on campus (especially in and around the MU).

No comment, all good. The work done at WRRC is amazing and necessary for the community + world. Fair and appropriate use of the SASI fee.

They deserve the increase, and they are an amazing program on campus.

I support the Women's resources and research center because they make US Davis safe, equitable, and accessible for all through intentional community buildings they also marginalized gender identities, such as womxn, transgender people, and nonbinary and gender-expansive individuals.

The WRRC seems to be an important part of the UC Davis community. They provide essential services that are/can be used by a majority of campus. As they continue their ramp up after the last academic year, I hope to see as much support and outreach as possible.

The Women's Resources and Research Center presentation was very well done, and it is evident that this department on campus needs as much help as they can. I would have liked to see more of a breakdown of where the SASI fees are going and how they are being allocated, but nonetheless I believe they are doing a great job given the circumstances.

The WRRC provides such a diverse array of services that any student can make this space their home.

The Women's Resources & Research Center gave an excellent presentation and was very clear about what their program does for the community.

Thank you for your presentation. I think the WRRC makes good use of this fee and has programs that spread across the breath of our campus to meet needs not fill by other programs. In a future year, I would love to learn about the re-branding process and motivations and goals of renaming the center. Thank you again for your time.

WRRC provides great resources and services to students. The presentation is good and use of SASI fee is appropriate and clearly defined.