Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)
January 7, 2022
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Zoom

Meeting Notes

1. 11:30  Welcome
   Mai Mai, Co-chair

2. 11:35  Campus Expansion Initiative (CEI) Orientation
         Daniel Fre, Co-Chair

3. 11:40  CEI Sources & Uses 2021-22 Report
         Jessica Lewis, Budget & Institutional Analysis

4. 11:45 – 12:00  CEI Presentation: Student Health & Counseling Services
                   Margaret Trout, Executive Director
                   12:00 – 12:05, Question/Answer Session

Q. Two days ago I got a test result and part of the message I received said that if I were symptomatic that I would need to get a nasal swab. I wasn’t symptomatic, but if I were, I would have been unsure of how to schedule the nasal swab.
   A. You can schedule that through Health-e-Message, schedule an appointment, there will be a question if you are symptomatic or not, if you are, it will take you to a screen to make that appointment. Those appointments are held in the HR building which is on the corner of our parking lot.
   Q. Are there any plans to integrate the student health programming into the student rec app that they just came out with pretty recently.
   A. Your personal COVID health information is protected per Yolo County health order, so we need to keep that private and not integrate into other programs on campus.
   Comment: I used the services throughout the pandemic, I just really appreciate it and I feel really safe every time I went in. So thank you.
   Q. Is your system integrated with the same system that UC Davis Medical Center uses?
   A. Were not completely integrated, however we do communicate with other entities to support students when we share their care. We can electronically pull that information, but only with your permission and knowledge.
   Q. Re: card reader at Wellness Center.
   A. If the power went out, the card readers would not work on the building. We would need to contact the police to gain access and open up the building.

5. 12:05 – 12:20  CEI Presentation: Unitrans
                   Jeff Flynn, General Manager
                   12:20 – 12:25, Question/Answer Session

Q. How safe are the older busses that are not electric?
   A. The busses are very safe. They are inspected every 2,500 miles. CNG technology has been around for decades and we’ve had no incidents with CNG safety issues. It is very safe. Buying a bus is a 12 year commitment as required by our primary funding which is the federal government. The government will award you 80% of cost for a new bus and you must keep that bus for at least 12 years. Busses cost now over a million dollars. You cannot just sell and replace with a new one very easily. We will not be fully electric here at UC Davis until about 2034. Our commitment to UC Davis and the city is that we will not purchase any more fossil fuel busses, it’s just going to take awhile to get there.
Q. Regarding reserves.
A. We use the CEI for matching funds. We try to make the CEI stretch as far as possible. We use CEI and state money for the required 20% match.

Q. In comparison to the normal combustion engine, what is the maintenance schedule like compared to the electric ones.
A. Intervals are the same for maintenance. Maintenance costs will be going down on electric buses. There are far fewer parts that are moving.

Q. Graduate and professional students cannot ride the buses free. What is your opinion on that.
A. Unitrans is not free. Undergraduates pay a series of 5 fees that go to Unitrans. Graduates currently pay zero fees to Unitrans. Undergraduate have voted 5 times to support Unitrans financially, and for that they get “fare free access”. They pay for it quarterly. Grad students have opted to not pay those fees. Two and half years ago, the Grad Student Association considered supporting Unitrans for the “fare free” service, but it did not go to ballot. If you are interested in that, you can engage your association.

Q. Can you provide an update on Unitrans services for the next 3 weeks while we are doing remote instruction.
A. We planned to go to a lower level service for week #1 due to the remote instruction, similar to the summer services. We have had a huge challenge staffing due to Covid. When we learned we are going remote through January 28, we reduced the services to “break” level, and consolidated everything to just the Memorial Union hub. Not at the Silo. Ridership is currently 85% down from Fall quarter.

Q. For electric busses, do you foresee less overhead expense for operating them.
A. We do expect a slightly lower maintenance cost. Gas for us is pretty low with the CNG engines, so this is a question mark right now, not knowing how much the cost will be for charging. Thinking it will be a slight savings overall, but not a large savings.

Q. How does a student reach the upper rate for pay?
A. We have a 2-tier rate structure. Base pay is $17.25 and premium rate is $18.75. Since 2020, they have only been paid the premium rate due to the front line exposure they have with the public.

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6. 12:25 – 12:40

**CEI Presentation: Coffee House (COHO)**

Darin Schluep, Foodservice Director

12:40 – 12:45, Question/Answer Session

Q. Why doesn’t the CoHo sell milk and why doesn’t the CoHo accept CalFresh in comparison to the Silo Market that does.
A. We do offer bottled cold milk in our refrigerated case. CalFresh regulations are specific on what a “restaurant” is and restaurants are not allowed to accept CalFresh. But I will revisit this again.

Q. Does the Coho collaborate with the Food Sciences Dept. or the Food Services management on campus.
A. We have in the past, but we do not have any partnerships with them at this point.

Q. Can you give an update with operations for the next few weeks [during remote].
A. We met with the team and made the difficult decision to close during remote instruction. We are experiencing trepidation from the student staff, which we need to operate. Also, business wise it’s not a great decision to be open at this point. We are collaborating with Student Housing and Dining to offer our employees an opportunity to work there during this time. We will be re-opening January 31 when we are back in person.

Q. What types of things are you looking to add in the future with new technology and monitors.
A. Student Affairs communications is looking at some other visual display options. Those conversations are happening on the ASUCD level. Although we are very interested in taking advantage of that in our space. That’s the extent of what I know about it but I know there is funding and they are moving forward on it. There is a possibility for us to use one mobile food ordering system to the entire campus, which is what Student Housing does now. It’s called “Get Food”. I am looking forward to examining if that will be a fit for us.
Announcements

Co-Chairs

- Biweekly timesheets are due today by 5:00 pm
- Next regular meeting: January 21
  
  *We will continue the review of CEI*

Meeting adjourned