

# Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)

November 17, 2023

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Memorial Union Mee Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

## Meeting Notes

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1. 11:30 – 11:40

### Welcome / Lunch

2. 11:40 – 11:45

### Subcommittee Update

*Caspar Schulte, Dean Witter/Student Development Fund*

Action Item No's:

2024-031, 2024-032, 2024-038, 2024-039, 2024-042

3. 11:45 – 11:50

### COSAF's Role in New Student Fee Initiatives

*Co-Chairs, Jason Lorgan*

- *Referenda process is very similar to the state's proposition process*
- *Collect signatures to get something on the ballot*
- *2<sup>nd</sup> step – Sent to the Attorney General's office. We are serving the role of like the Attorney General's office.*
- *Look at the language of the ballot – to make sure it is neutral and very clear*
- *Today we will be sending a Qualtrics survey to the Council and ask you to respond regarding:*
  - *Was it very clear on the ballot what a Yes vote would do*
  - *It is very clear what a No vote would do*
  - *Does the ballot language seem neutral*
  - *Think of your experience so far on COSAF, so you would want to look at the CPI and oversight body section*
  - *Are there questions that need to be addressed before this moves forward*
  - *Is information missing*
- *We will then send all your comments to the referenda sponsors within the next two weeks for their consideration to improve their ballot language.*
- *It is up to the author if they want to make changes or not*
- *In step #6 of the new referenda process, COSAF will be asked to look at the final ballot language and make a recommendation to the administration about whether or not this should go on the ballot for all student to vote on.*
- *20% of registered undergraduates have to vote for there to be a quorum.*
- *Needs 60% of the vote in the affirmative to pass.*
- *If these standards are met, then it would become a student fee.*

4. 11:50 – 12:05

### New Referendum Presentation:

#### The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF)

*Madison Suoja, Grant Program Manager*

*Annie Kanjamala, TGIF Student Secretary*

12:05 – 12:20

Q & A

*Q. Will you be asking for CPI to applied?*

*A. No*

*Q. Was the previous fee just a flat \$3.00 fee for all 5 years?*

*A. Yes*

*Q. in the TGIF projections, where did the income of \$42 come from?*

*A. Interest accumulated from money sitting in our accounts.*

*Q. Do the projects have to be specific or just increase sustainability over all?*

*A. We have different metrics we use to determine if we will fund a project or not. One thing we keep in mind when evaluating the projects is does it benefit the undergraduate student population in some way.*

*Comment. I really hope it passes this time and the ballot language is very clear.*

*Comment. I really like the transparency of the date base.*

*Q. Do you have any ideas of how to get more students to vote?*

*A. Last year, we tabled for 8 hours each day in the MU during the 5-day election period. We also tabled with ASUCD. Gave away swag.*

*Q. Are these annually funded grants? Is there any carry forward?*

*A. We typically like projects to be complete over 12 months. There are opportunities for a time line extension.*

*Comment: in the paragraph above Table 1, Issue, make it more clear that the fee is \$3.50 and note \$4.00.*

*Comment. I think it would be helpful to add a column to Table 1 to reflect the annual cost.*

*Q. Have you thought about not having the fee sunset?*

*A. This will exist for 10 years, then the undergraduate student population can vote at that time if they want it to continue. At that time we can reevaluate the program and determine if the fee amount would change.*

*Comment: UCOP in general discourages fees that go on forever.*

*Suggestion: Reach out to the different colleges to have them include information about the election in their newsletters.*

*Q. How did you decide that \$8 dollars was adequate for the fee in 10 years?*

*A. As we fund mor projects, we anticipate there will be more of a want and we can give away more money. And we don't expect the expenses to scale to the same rate of the projects. Goal is to expand the program.*

5. 12:20 – 12:35

[New Referendum Presentation:](#)

[Free HIV/STI Fee](#)

*Sergio Bocardo-Aguilar*

12:35 – 12:50

Q & A

*Q. Why do you believe the fee should have CPI adjustments along with no sunset date?*

*A. If it was temporary, it would not be ideal to accomplish to goal of having free testing for everyone.*

*A. Also, test costs will go up over time so a CPI adjustment is necessary to make it a continual service.*

*Q. Have you advertised this to students?*

*A. Not yet as this is the first part of the process. But if everything goes well, we will be reaching out to the student body. The LGBTQIA+ center and other stakeholders in this conversation are aware of this proposed referendum.*

*Q. Why are privacy concerns a barrier?*

*A. For student on their parent's insurance, and they can see the type of test they are getting.*

## Q & A continued:

*Q. I don't see any language about the maximum number of testing. Is there any provision that things can be adjusted based on realities, such as medical breakthroughs, new technology, etc.?*

*A. The recommendation is testing at 3-6 months. Medical providers will provide that information to students when they come in for testing.*

*A. Unused money goes back to Financial Aid.*

*Q. Would the fee only apply to undergraduate students?*

*A. Yes*

*Q. Will graduate students have access to the free testing, though undergraduates are paying the fee?*

*A. Yes. We don't have a way to impose the fee to graduates, but we don't want to turn them away from testing.*

*Comment: The ballot language suggests that if you vote No, students without SHIP will not have access to free testing, when there are other ways for students to get free or low cost testing, such as clinics or other insurance. This is not using unbiased language in the ballot.*

*A. This assumes testing at SHCS. And a lot of students do not know how to access 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance.*

*Comment: We are pointing out a need for clarification around this language.*

*Comment: The language does not speak about students that have SHIP would be paying twice for testing.*

*Comment: It shows that students that don't have SHIP would pay \$300 for testing, but for students that have other insurance, they may just pay a \$20 co-pay. So that should be more clear.*

*Response: Many clinics do not accept people with Medicare.*

*Comment: The language suggests that the testing is free, but it is actually not free as we are paying the fee. Should be worded more as a reduction in cost, or subsidized.*

*Comment. In the ballot language, add the CPI increases to the total cost shown for each year.*

*Q. Why not have a sunset date in 10 years, to re-evaluate the program, costs, technology advances, etc.*

*A. Due to the difficulty in having a 20% voter turnout for a new/extended referendum.*

*Comment. Need more justification of the cost for the entire student body.*

*Comment. You should clarify where the \$305 cost came from and state that the data is only from the Student Health and Wellness Center.*

*Q. Do you know if the WRRC or LGBTQIA center help students get testing as of now or is there any other resource for students?*

*A. No.*

*Comment: I would suggest adding language that an oversight body (COSAF) would evaluate the need for a CPI adjustment each year, so that we are not increasing the fee if it is not needed.*

*Response: It is necessary to keep the CPI adjustment because of the increasing cost of health care.*

*Comment. It looks as though stating 1 in 2 students have SHIP may not be accurate, so that should be looked at closer.*

*Response. It is 1 in 2 when looking at undergraduates & graduates.*

*Q. But this is fee is only for undergraduates, correct.*

*A. Yes.*

6. 12:50

### Qualtrics Survey

Action Item No's: 2024-027 & 2024-028

#### Co-Chairs

Members Check E-Mail for Qualtrics Survey, 12:00 pm, Aaron Gomez

7. 12:50

### Announcements

#### Co-Chairs

- Last **COSAF meeting** for Fall quarter: **Friday, 12/1**
  - SASI Presentation: Cross Cultural Center
  - SASI Presentation: Women's Resources & Research Ctr.
  - SASI Council Discussion & Survey

Meeting adjourned