

Council on Student Affairs and Fees (COSAF)

April 1, 2022
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
MU Mee Room

Meeting Notes

1. **Welcome/Lunch**
2. **[Graduate Student Association \(GSA\) Fee – Vote Results](#)**

Co-Chairs

3. **[Student Programming Fund Presentation: Professional Development Resource Fair](#)**
David Blancha, Assistant Director, Graduate Studies

Q & A

Q. Do you have any other funding sources for this program?

A. The only other funding source we have is from the GPI base budget, that's just our standard operating budget each year.

Q. Did your base budget cover the cost for this year's event?

A. This year's event was covered by our base budget and some funding from the initiative opening the new Grad Center.

Q. What is the likely hood you are going to need those additional tables?

A. Medium to low. With round tables, we need to have our set-up approved by the Fire Marshall, so they require a lot more clearance than rectangle tables.

Q. Rank from 1 to 5 the most important expenses.

A. 1-photographer, 2-refreshments, 3-publicity and marketing, 4-prizes, 5-additional table rental

Q. How many are you expecting to feed with a budget of \$3,200 for food?

A. This replicates our budget from this year, where we fed 142 students. We are expecting a similar number next year.

Q. Why is the event held in April instead of the beginning of the year?

A. There is a Graduate Student Orientation in the fall, and this event is a follow-up to that, kind of a re-orientation later in the year.

4. **[Student Programming Fund Presentation: Women's Esports Boot Camp](#)**

Samuel Petruescu, Esports at UC Davis

Q & A

Q. What is that total amount you are asking for?

A. \$10,000

Q. Could you rank your expenses in order of most important?

A. Venue is most important (MUGA & conference room)

Q. Would you change the date so that timing is better for students?

A. Yes, during the week and not near break.

Q. What is inside the goodie bag?

A. Food, skin care and hair care products, clothing from sponsor.

Q. If there is one thing you could without and still be able to put on the event, what would that be?

A. Goodie bags

Q. Did you reach out to any corporate sponsors?

A. Yes, a few gaming organizations and received a few sponsorships: Mateo, Main Line. But bigger companies did not respond back.

Q. Who is putting on the event? You and Vice Chancellor, are female-identifying student having input? How are you making sure this event is really geared to what female-identifying students really need?

A. Most of board is female identifying. They are helping to put this on.

Comment. I would like to see a little more female involvement but I think it's great what you're doing. It would be great for females to have leadership opportunities.

Q. What exactly is esports? What do you do?

A. A few hours in the morning we had speakers talking about career development in esports, and how to work through it being mostly male dominated. From there we would have lunch break. Then we would have team sessions teaching strategy and ways to improve their esports skills.

Q. What is your outreach to get people to attend this event?

A. Post it to Read-it, sports club mailing lists.

Q. When would the event take place?

A. Closer to the summer.

Q. What games do you play?

A. Each day was a different type of game. League, Rocket League, Valorant. Valorant was the most popular.

5. [Student Programming Fund Presentation:](#)

[Aggie House](#)

Baoviet Nguyen, Treasurer, Aggie House

Q & A

Q. What would happen if you only received partial funding?

A. If we don't get the full funding for groceries, we should be able to get that from TGIF. Also work with other food pantries in the area. If we are able to get full funding from COSAF, we could use TGIF funds to go toward resident move out. And we would be able to house more students.

Q. Have you worked with Housing and Dining?

A. Yes, we work closely with M Doolittle, who is the basic needs person for Housing and Dining, and they are one of our favorite people. We are super grateful for their support as well.

Q. Are you going to mimic Section 8 vouchers.

A. It would be situational and we are still working out the logistics. Part of the funding would come from CA House, their own funding and then funding from us. The general idea is to have a contract with them to pay a portion of the rent.

Q. Long term, are their plans in place if you can't get COSAF funding?

A. Because we were able to partner with Students for Students we now have non-profit status so that allows us to qualify for Federal and State grants. So, in future years, we should be getting significantly larger amount of funding from Students for Students. (beginning next year) We have gathered much experience recently on applying for grants and presenting on grants, so that we can pass that skill on to future leadership. Our goal is to be as independent as possible.

Q. If we could only fund one thing, what would it be?

A. Groceries/food

Q. Is TGIF funding food too?

A. Yes, essentially we would be able to divert TGIF funds to transition funds. For example, grocery supplements once they have moved out.

Q. Is this housing a safe place for people suffering from domestic violence?

A. We do house people in those situations. We try not to give out the address directly unless people need it. We do have really strict security measures and one of the benefits we constantly have staff that are on site, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Whenever a resident is in the house, a volunteer must be in the house too.

Comment. I would like to commend all of you for being so intentional with your project, even the naming for Aggie House instead of Aggie Shelter.

Q. What are the requirements for the application process to be accepted?

A. Being a student and having a high need. Case by case basis. We prioritize undergraduates.

6. **Student Programming Fund Presentation:**

Aggie Donate

Michael Logoteta, Deputy Chief of Staff, ASUCD

Q & A

Q. How will you adjust if you don't receive funding at all or only partial funding?

A. We have definitely accounted for not getting all our funding from COSAF. We do have ways of making this happen.

Q. I work with Housing & Dining so I'm happy you are partnering with us. Our sustainability team gets tons of material from move out every year, so I would be happy to connect you with our facilities team.

Q. For long-term, what would be a metrics for success?

A. Right now, this is a pilot for the program. For years after that, we want to increase our visibility on campus, and have Aggie Donate be name students can turn to. To get items they need for free and also very accessible, here on campus. Success would be the number of donations increase each year and will get more funding when we have more of a reputation.

Q. How would you determine which students can participate in this?

A. We want to have filter system in place. Just to be sure we are distributing our items as equitable as possible. Our current plan is to offer 3 smaller items and 1 larger item to students. We are getting advice from Aggie Compass for ideas on how to handle this.

Q. Which students are you serving?

A. Undergraduate continuing students. We can explore outreach toward transfer focused students.

Q. What are your storage plans?

A. We have not been able to lock down a storage unit yet. Hoping for 1-2 units here in Davis. Enough for 4, two bedroom apartments. In theory, we should have that figured out within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

7. **Student Programming Fund Survey**

Co-Chairs

- Please check your email to confirm you received the survey link.
- Survey due Sunday, 11:59 pm
- Next regular meeting: **April 15**
 - *Student Services Fee department presentations*

Meeting adjourned