COSAF Meeting, February 24, 2017

SSF Summary of Comments

SSF - Undergraduate Research Conference

- The amount of funds the URC is requesting is not appropriate. The percentage of the SSF for URC is not mirrored by an appropriate percentage going to the Graduate student research conference (IGPS). In fact there has been a refusal of administration to assist in conference development for graduates. It therefore does not seem right for SSF, which is paid by both grads and undergrads to have a significant allocation to URS. Secondly the event is not appropriately run to be rigorous enough to prepare undergrads for graduate conferences. Without appropriate feedback at the conference on abstract and poster submissions, the URC is just for show, not for academics.
- I still not do feel comfortable committing Student Services Fees towards the URC without full knowledge of the SSF (how much we have to allocate, who specifically governs the fee, etc). I feel COSAF was not equipped with appropriate knowledge to make any allocation decision. I do not question the merit of URC but I seriously question why this cause or any other can access SSF and how COSAF can arrive at an informed, budget allocation decision without tools and training to do budget allocation. Furthermore, URC had presented us a plan that already incorporated SSF funding showing the semblance that having SSF funding was a foregone conclusion. For these reasons that seriously undermine my faith in this process, I would vote NO. I would not deem URC to be an appropriate recipient of SSF till more information is given.
- Good, if changes are made.
- I don't feel comfortable having SSF pay for half of the research conference because the fee is not fixed and I feel like eventually more money will be needed. This in turn will potentially increase SSF which means students will be paying for this conference.
- I support the use of student services fees for Undergraduate Research Conference.
- Yes. Valuable to a lot of students and academic rigor.
- I think this is appropriate, but that it is possible for URC to seek funding elsewhere and student service fees may be better allocated to other projects.
- SSF should be used so that the program cam focus on providing its resources to students and not spending time gaining funding.

SSF - Student Fire Fighters Program

- The work that they do on campus would not occur if this organization wasn't operating. Very important that they receive funding.
- The Student Fire Fighter Program is an asset to the UC Davis prestige. Multiple students come to Davis for the program, and all are overly qualified in the entry level firefighter job market.
- We as a campus are indebted to this organization. This increase in base funding is the least we can do.
- Contingent on their promise to increase their staff diversity and work harder to reach out to minority groups on campus. Your fire fighters are heavily male and white.
- The SFFP should not receive an increase in funding on a permanent basis. If it was a one increase for specific reason that is understandable.

- I believe permanent funding should be contingent on efforts to diversify the department and increase cultural competence. As of now I don't support their diversity efforts because the majority of student fire-fighters share a similar identity.
- I would like to ABSTAIN in voting to give the SFFP an increase in SSF funding. I was not present for their presentation nor was do I feel appropriately informed about the depth of SSF (i.e. how will this impact our SSF in general?). However, if they are receiving money from non-student fee based funds from Student Affairs (as the question is worded) then I vote yes.
- We would like the program to make greater strides in recruiting underrepresented groups in the program. And, the current curriculum needs to have greater attention to the value of understanding the various communities that they serve. The community of Davis is not just injured bodies, they are cultures, and individuals that need understanding.
- Valuable- Affects student firefighters, yes, but also impact of this program reverberates throughout the campus. I really want to second a mandatory cultural training and repeated updates and refreshers of the course. Our campus needs this especially in the political climate.
- It makes them less answerable to students' feedback if they don't have to ask for funding each year. \$30,000 increase is justified, but not on a permanent basis.
- Improve staff diversity. Get cultural competency trained.
- This program is exceptional in scope and impact. If would be wonderful if they didn't have to request funding every year.