Student Fee Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2017

Present: Alice Malmberg, Aaron Manzano, John Steele, Suini Torres, Amanda Kazden, Gina Tu, Jessica Xu, Kiryl Karpiak, Sylvia Grape, Lucy Rojas, Cathy Thomas, Chandler Moeller, Lisa Bishop

Guests: Referendum Authors - Juan Ruiz, Tanya Magana, Tamra Owens

1. Announcements, Approval of Agenda  
   a. Alice asks to amend the agenda. She would like to discuss two proposals that were submitted late. There was overwhelming support to accept a late proposal. There has been a second late proposal. John suggests that we consider the late proposals after the others; provide consideration after all of the others and if there is funding left.  
      i. Sylvia motions that the late proposal be considered after all. Cathy seconds. There is no discussion. 9-Yes. 0-No. 1-Absention.  
   b. There is a second late proposal for consideration. Submitted by Provosts of Oakes and Stevenson. Suini motions to accept the proposal with the same stipulations as above. Aaron seconded the motion. Vote: Yes-9. No-0. Abstention -1.  
   c. Jessica motions to approve the agenda. Cathy seconds. Passes by consensus.  
   d. Sylvia announces that next week Kresge is having an event with four bands. Friday, January 27th in the Town Hall.  
   e. Suini – February 1st there will be a blood drive in the Stevenson Event Center between 8am – 4pm.  
   f. Cathy shares that Bettina Aptheker will be the speaker at tonight’s candle light ceremony at the Santa Cruz Courthouse.

2. Referendum Presentations  
   a. Undocumented Student Emergency Fund  
      i. Guests: Tanya Magana and Juan Ruiz with the Undocumented Alliance.  
      ii. Juan explains that he and Tanya are proposing a fee to assist undocumented students with emergency issues. There will be a governance body for the fee.  
      iii. Tanya explains that this referendum would replace an emergency fund that was previously funded by Office of the President. Some of the emergency costs that would be covered include family emergencies, medical emergencies, documentation fees, rent, etc.  
      iv. Survey – 700 participants. There was overwhelming support for fee. 90% of respondents said they would vote in favor of the fee.  
      v. Funds would also help with students who are not eligible for DACA and to backfill the Dream Loan.  
      vi. Tanya speaks about climate around immigration issues such as obtaining drivers license, and also the impacts if DACA is repealed.  
      vii. Question: how will funds be awarded? Tanya explains that funding is awarded on a case by case basis and the process is facilitated by the EOP coordinator.  
   b. Campus Student Government Fee Increase – Measure 8 Increase  
      i. Tamra explains that she is proposing that the current fee that funds SUA be increased from $7 to $20 per student per quarter. Tamra wants to factor in return to aid to the entire $20, as the current $7 does not include a return to aid component.
ii. Tamra explains that the biggest expense for SUA is the increasing costs for the SUA adviser, about 3% per year, every year. Also increasing costs last year required cuts in pay to student interns such as the elections commissioner.

iii. Funding will be used for a food pantry. Work is starting at OPERS where the food pantry will be located. The SUA has already invested $11,000 in the project. Part of the funds will be put into a reserve to establish a more permanent food pantry location in the future, as OPERS has committed the location at no cost for 3-5 years.

iv. Another issue is increasing minimum wage rates which will impact SUA expenses over time.

v. Question: clarification about the fact on the second page about UCSC having the lowest fee for student government. Add in “in the UCs” to help clarify the statement.

vi. Question about return-to-aid.

vii. Clarification on who the fee is addressed to – undergraduate students.

viii. Question about examples of concerts. Tamra states that there are opportunities to partners with the Dean of Students events person to put on a small concert and the Quarry Amphitheatre will provide opportunities for more campus wide programs.

ix. Question about UC calculations: what is the aggregate of all student government fees at other campuses. Highest is $6.7 million at Santa Barbara. If this fee passes, UCSC budget would be $600K. At Riverside for instance, there is a student government fee and a programming fee that is used by Student Government.

x. Question about the interns wages.

c. Discussion

i. Aaron has a positive response to both presentations.

ii. Sylvia says that both groups seem well informed and they provided a lot of good information.

iii. Alice says that these were models of very informed presenters. John agrees.

iv. Next steps: Alice mentions that we usually reach a consensus about an opinion. Alice suggests that everyone go back to their college and GSA spaces to get feedback and we will vote at our next meeting.

v. Discussion about next steps.

vi. Suggestion that we have a short meeting to discuss the referendum. Alice suggests on February 3rd to have discussion in person.

vii. Jessica motions that we meet on February 3rd and cancel January 27th. Gina seconds the motion. Yes-10. No-0. Abstentions-0. Please be ready to vote and discuss the two referendum that we discussed today on February 3rd.

viii. Lucy reads examples from past referendum so members may hear sample statements that were formed in the past.

3. Funding Proposal Review Process

   a. Review of the tool – there are suggestions

   b. Discussion about evaluation process

      i. Focus on services for underrepresented communities

      ii. Focus on what fund sources a unit has

   c. Lucy confirms that Mario will make the updates that have been requested on the tool, and Mario will email everyone when the files and tool are ready for use.

4. Summer Campus Based Fees

   a. Lisa presents the summer campus based fee methodology.
b. If we maintain the same methodology as last year, the fee level stays the same at $287. Lisa suggests that we move forward with the same level as last year.
c. Discussion about what fees are appropriate to charge in the summer.
d. Lisa asks if everyone can consider this and we can vote at the next meeting.

5. Future Meetings
   a. January 27th meeting canceled
   b. February 3rd – meeting for abbreviated meeting
   c. February 10th – next meeting. Proposals due on 8th.
   d. Jessica motions to meet on February 10th. Proposals reviewed by 8th.
      i. Vote: Motion carries.

6. Adjournment
   a. Gina motions to adjourn the meeting; Jessica seconds. Motion carries.