March 25, 2015

RICHARD HUGHEY
Vice Provost & Dean of Undergraduate Education

SARAH LATHAM
Vice Chancellor, Business & Administrative Services

Dear Richard and Sarah:

Re: 2014-15 SFAC Funding Recommendations

The Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) was charged with reviewing funding proposals for the allocation of Student Services Fees and Measure 7 Student Programs Fees. The committee employed a data-driven approach using established criteria and metrics. I am pleased to approve the following one-time allocations to the Colleges, consistent with the recommendations submitted by the SFAC.

Colleges – Mental Health First Aid Training: $8,500 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided in 2015-16 in continued support of the Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) certification class. The funding will be used to purchase training manuals and teaching supplies so that additional students, staff, and faculty can be trained to recognize students in emotional or mental distress and learn about the resources available to help them.

College 8/Oakes/Porter – Westside Writing Center: $15,000 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided in 2015-16 and 2016-17 to support a staff coordinator position and tutor salaries and benefits. The Westside Writing Center provides one-on-one extracurricular writing tutoring to undergraduate students provided by graduate students trained in teaching composition skills.

Cowell College – Listening Ears Program: $3,000 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided in 2015-16 to support student coordinator salaries. The Listening Ears Program aims to improve student composition work by pairing students with elder members of the community. Students share their written work and then receive feedback from the volunteer community members about what was comprehensible and what was difficult to follow.

Crown College – Social Fiction Conference: $5,000 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided to support the two-day conference, including advertisement, documentation of presentations for use in core classes, student preparation for the conference, and organizing a follow-up alumni panel as part of UCSC’s 50-year celebration.

Porter College – MakerSpace: $3,000 in one-time Measure 7 funds will be provided in 2015-16 to support the student-run MakerSpace Co-op, which provides a workspace and tools for students to pursue independently driven art and projects. The funds will be used for materials to put on a Master Class Series as part of a student outreach effort for the co-op.
Stevenson College – Ethics Bowl: Up to $4,000 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided in 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 to support UCSC Ethics Bowl Team travel to regional and national debate competitions. The amount provided will depend on whether UCSC’s team makes it to the national competition.

Separately, your unit managers will receive additional information from the SFAC regarding each proposal, the basis behind their recommendations, specific feedback, and any requests for reporting or data gathering. This information will be crucial if funds are available in the future and your units choose to request renewed funding for these programs or allocations for new activities.

If you or your staff has questions about your allocation, please get in touch with Jackie Lemus in the Planning and Budget Office at extension 9-4316 or e-mail jackie@ucsc.edu.

Sincerely,

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