Student Fee Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes: April 29, 2015

Present: Erik Green, Noora Almajid, David Machuca, Carolyn Chuong, Jonica Buck, Grace Shefcik, Serene Jneid, Free Moini, Rachel Kirkwood, Alexandra Caspar, Faye Crosby

Announcements:
- Please put your office hours, location, and photo for the Facebook page
- External Committee:
  - Working on a brochure, and placing an insert about the referenda in them.
- Internal Committee:
  - Working on the brochure
  - Decided “no” on alternates, because it’s too complex because of logistics (experience, pay, timing, etc).
- Erik’s Report back:
  - Erik called into SCOC (Student Fee Advisory Committee) to speak about the Chair and Vice Chair consulting on SCOC
  - SCOC open to recommendation letters, but not for in person consultation
- Internal committee is requested by Erik, to draft a document outlining the relationship SCOC and SFAC
- Reminder: Take back to constituents about Silicon Valley Fess
- Hold May 31 as a weekend meeting

Resignation and Reappointment Policy:
- Motion to approve resignation policy
  - No objections
  - Motion Passes
- SCOC has no problems with the document

Funding Calls:

American Indian Resource Center:
- Erik: They have no laptops, asking for 2 Inspirion laptops, and 2 Mac Book Pros
- Alexandra: Need is really big for laptops, appreciated the detail of applying taxes
- Erik: Did not do two options, like they’re used to seeing, but at least for the Mac Book, they picked a lower level anyway
- John: Is okay with the AIRC request
- David: Motion to fund in full
  - 9, 0, 0 motion passes.

Anthro Society:
- They’d like to install an $11,000 projector in a room where most of their events and meetings are held.
Rachel: Should they be paying for a built-in projector. I believe a mobile one will be more sufficient.
-Serene agrees
Grace: If teachers are utilizing the projector for their teaching, that doesn’t seem like it’s under the purview of SFAC
-Erik: A wholly inappropriate use of funding
-Alexandra: Motion to not fund
  -Serene: Add a recommendation to work with SOAR to get mobile projectors
  -9, 0, 0. Motion passes, not funded.

Athletics:
-Asking for printer, video camera, software, iPads, Mac Books, printers, etc.
-David: They never made it clear what type of camera, printers, laptops, etc. Are we okay with coaches taking home laptops? They could get lost.
-Serene: See page 17-18, there’s a breakdown for items with a link.
-Carolyn: Also, it’s inside of the questions, for what they want instead
-John’s comments: I have a ton of issues with this proposal. They have not dedicated IT. They do not, nor do they have the talent to do this on their own. Student fees should not pay for laptops for coaches.
-Erik: I’m sort of politically, categorically concerned about funding athletics. But I’m also concerned that athletics may not exist next year. The whole future of the athletics program is sort of a question mark. How much is this directly affecting students? A lot of this seems to be more for the administrators of the department.
-Serene: Are they not allowed to share iPads and laptops?
-David: Can we sent them an email asking specifically asking what’ going on?
-Free: I think it’s safe to assume that they have computers
-Erik suggests we go through and fund/not fund specific items, and discuss those:
  -Synergy Sports Video: Motion to not fund
    -Faye: The whole college system is in support of academics, but it’s more “How do you live in the community, and support? And in that same vein, I think that sports are in support in the academic mission.
    -Serene: Even if it’s not a team thing, sports is support outlet just as art is support outlet. It makes you very well rounded.
    -Alexandra: The reason why I don’t like this synergy sports video is that it cuts to just cut certain plays, but we have that technology on campus.
    -Serene: But it’s not just cutting a video, more to it. Carolyn echos like ESPN plays.
  -Motion postponed to Saturday meeting
-$4500 Ice Compression Machine:
  -Motion to fund: 10, 0, 0 passes.
  -Motion to not fund the remainder of proposal (6, 4, 0) motion passes.
Oakes College:
- Asking for $17.5 thousand to refurbishing Oakes Learning Center
- David: Things seem fine, aside from the trash cans (has a question) Can they ask for them around campus?
- Serene: We should fund in full. If students are sitting in an environment not conducive to learning, can they learn to the best of their ability?
- Faye: When you’re in grimy places, you don’t feel respected. We need to send the message that students count, when it comes to their resources. This isn’t asking for admin use, this is solely for students.
- Jonica: I echo every sentiment that’s already been shared.
- Serene: Motion to fund in full 10, 0, 0. Motion Passes.