Student Fee Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2015

Present: Erik Green, Carolyn Chuong, Noora Almajid, John Steele, Kurtis Fullerton, Lucy Rojas, Grace Shefcik, Rachel Kirkwood, Aykezar Adil, Jonica Buck, Faye Crosby, Serene Jneid, David Machuca, Alexandra Kasper, Seamus Howard

1. Approval of Agenda
   a. Aykezar motions to approve agenda. Carolyn motions to approve minutes. Motion passes by consensus.
   b. Rachel motions to approve minutes. Jonica seconds the motion. Motion passes by consensus.

2. Announcements
   a. Rachel announces that for a class project she is interviewing students about the university’s slogan on “ultimate authority on questioning authority” for a class project.
   b. John shares that tomorrow is the staff appreciation picnic on the East Field.
   c. Erik reports that on Monday the lecturer union is having a picnic and picket. There will be a picket at the base of campus on June 1st from 12-2pm.
   d. Sub-committee reports – committees are winding down
   e. Erik reminds the group that we will meet on Sunday for a final focused meeting on technical proposals. Meeting is confirmed for Sunday, May 31st from 12-4pm at the Cowell Provost House
      i. Food: include vegan and vegetarian options
      ii. Sabieng Thai is the final vote.
   f. Erik reminds the group that we have outstanding business related to the “Appointment Consultation Process” – this was developed by the internal sub-committee, consultation occurred with SCOC and there were no objections. This item will be added to by-laws as an addendum.
      i. Aykezar motions to adopt the appointment consultation process. Rachel seconds the motion. Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0
   g. Erik explains that we have kicked around the idea of having a permanent meeting time. He has proposed times that work with class schedule. He sent a doodle poll for consultation. Please respond so we can discuss and vote at next week’s meeting.

3. Women’s Center Presentation
   a. Sonia Montoya, Women’s Center Director is here to present on the Women’s Center MINT program.
   b. The focus of the program is to connect undergraduate and graduate students around professional and academic development.
   c. Timeline for project: the program was to begin July 2014. The former director left around this time, followed by transition and interim director. Sonia started in her position a few months ago. Revised program timeline has implementation scheduled for late summer/fall 2015; therefore program is shifted by approximately one year.
   d. Sonia explains that she is focused on graduate student outreach and bring more graduate students into the center, this includes outreach for the graduate student coordinator for the MINT program.
   e. John asks if there has been engaged with STEM programs? Sonia responds yes.

4. Retention Services
   a. Pablo Reguerin of Retention Services thanks the SFAC for the investment of SFAC in Retention Services programs. Today, Pablo and his team will present on Pathways to Research Program and on the AB540 extended orientation.
   b. Programs are about connecting students to research opportunities, and connecting undocumented students to orientation programs to the university.
c. Liz shares information about the Pathways to Research Program. This program is a two-quarter commitment, apply in fall and get paired up with a graduate student in winter and spring quarter. Application process is similar to a graduate student application. Many projects are socially and environmentally justice focused.
   i. Events include orientation, spring update, workshops on preparing for graduate school, how to create a research proposal.
   ii. This program creates a sense of community around an academic community.
   iii. Liz shares three student stories that highlight how a student can develop a scholarly identity – these are in the power point presentation provided by Pablo.

d. AB540 Extended Orientation
   i. Ana explains that the intention and goal of this program is to help students understand what it means to be a UC student, this includes orientation to the university, research, career opportunities for undocumented students, understanding how to study aboard if you are eligible, opportunities after college. Orientation helps to remove barriers around fears of being an undocumented student. Program also builds community. Program helps students build confidence. Focus is on creating a safe space so undocumented students know that feel that UCSC is a welcoming environment. Pablo adds that the program creates a space for students to identify with others who are going through the same experience, regardless of where they are on the spectrum of identity development around being undocumented.

e. Questions
   i. David asks about how many students participate in Pathways to Research and whether any one is turned away? Liz explains that there are 50 students currently participated. No one has been turned away. Pablo adds that EOP has been doing a lot of analysis around what is the right size for the program. Program has provided 7 graduate students with employment.
   ii. Erik mentions that SFAC was able to provide one-time funding; what is plan for permanently funding these programs. For AB540 extended orientation, SFAC funds paid for pilot in 2014 and UCOP funds are paying for 2015; Pablo explains that it’s unclear whether UCOP funds will be permanent. If there is no funding from OP for 2016, Pablo will look at carry forward and may come back to SFAC. For Pathways to Research, SFAC funds were used in 2014-2015 as year one of three years.

5. Nomination & Voting for Chair and Vice Chair for 2015-2016
   a. Erik explains that we will take nominations from the floor, then have presentations and then vote. Given time, we will try to finish elections for Vice Chair.
      i. Alexander nominates Aykezar for Chair. David seconds the motion. Aykezar accepts the nomination.
      ii. Faye nominates Rachel for Chair. David seconds the motion. Rachel declines the nomination.
      iii. Noora nominates Alexandra, David seconds the motion. Alexandra declines the nomination.
      iv. Questions:
         1. Rachel asks Aykezar to share one of her ideas. She suggests that appointments could be staggered by college to create a smoother transition year to year.
         2. Faye asks about Aykezar’s position on having a set meeting time. She is supportive and believes it will help
         3. Erik asks how Aykezar will build positive relationship with other organizations such as SUA, while maintaining SFAC as its own entity.
      v. Result of Vote: 13-Yes. 0-No confidence votes.
      vi. Aykezar Adil is elected as Chair of SFAC for the 2015-2016 academic year.
vii. Vice Chair nominations and voting tabled to June 3rd meeting.

6. Meeting Adjourned.