Student Fee Advisory Committee  
October 11, 2011  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Callin Curry, Michael Bacon, Kathy Foley, Philip Baker, Joey Judson, Denise Onitsuka, Clara Skaug, Forest Hibbard, Edward Garcia, Chelsea Manlapig, Alma Sifuentes, Lucy Carrillo, Nicholas Cheatham, Lucy Rojas

Absent: Warren Fung, Free Moini, Eric Peterson

Guests: Alison Galloway

1) Approval of Agenda and Minutes
   a) Callin asks if there are any additions to the agenda. There are no additions so the agenda is approved for the meeting.
   b) Michael asks about the possibility of receiving the agenda electronically prior to the meeting. Lucy explains that she will send out the meeting agenda on Mondays with a meeting reminder.
   c) Callin asks for approval for the minutes for the last meeting. There are no corrections to the minutes. Minutes approved.

2) Announcements/Updates
   a) Tabling at Carnaval: Callin explains that there is an opportunity for SFAC to table at the upcoming Carnaval event, sponsored by El Centro. The event is Friday, October 14th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Callin asks for volunteers to help table and share information about Student Fee Advisory Committee. Volunteers: Callin Curry, Alma Sifuentes, Edward Garcia, Clara Skaug
   b) Practical Activism: Callin explains that there is an opportunity for SFAC to table at the upcoming Practical Activism Conference on Saturday, October 22nd, 3:15 – 5:15 pm. Volunteers: Nick Cheatham, Lucy Carrillo, Alma Sifuentes, Callin Curry
   c) Website Updates: Lucy explains that the SFAC website has been updated with member office hours, contact information, etc. Please let Lucy know if you have other updates for the website.
   d) College Government Announcements
      i) Cowell is hearing funding requests and having a meeting with their Provost this week to look into the possibility of establishing an endowment. Cowell just had elections and appointed a number of students to committees.
      ii) Forest reports that the Crown college government is working on getting things together. The senate had the largest election in about five years, with 8 candidates. The senate is beginning to hear funding requests.
      iii) Clara reports that College 9 also had a large turnout for senators, and the elections are being held next week.
      iv) Joey reports that Oakes is hearing funding requests, and they appointed reps last week. Oakes is hosting tonight’s SUA meeting at the Oakes Learning Center.
      v) Philip reports that Porter is hearing funding requests. There has been a high turnout at meetings
vi) Michael reports that the GSA is working on council appointments, as well as the appointment of the external vice chair.

vii) Callin reports that Stevenson is planning for an upcoming Halloween dance. He spoke to his senate about Measure 7 and students are somewhat confused.

e) Preparing for visit from EVC Galloway

i) Lucy directs the group to the charge letter for 10-11, which is enclosed in the agenda packet. The charge letter was also sent out electronically to SFAC a few days ago from the EVC’s assistant.

ii) Alma provides an overview of the recent organizational changes to student services, and explains how the former Student Affairs division has been reorganized.

iii) Callin asks if there are particular questions for EVC Galloway

(1) Chelsea suggests that we ask EVC about the strengths of the student services reorganization, and what challenges have emerged.

(2) Alma reminds the group that SUA is a partner organization to SFAC. SUA is sponsoring a town hall this Thursday, with EVC Galloway. The event will be on Thursday, October 13th from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the University Center Alumni Room. Topics include: how is the 8% fee increase being spent; how the 9.4% fee increase will be sent. Alma encourages everyone to attend.

3) Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Galloway

a) The group begins with introductions

b) Alison explains that over the summer, her team was looking at the budget. Also, she was concerned about student voice separation from her office. Also, the campus was coming in on the heels of the academic senate proposal, that the enrollment management functions be reorganized into the Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education division. It was time to bring these functions into the academic mission of the university. First, enrollment management was moved on August 1st. Then there were two clusters left – Campus Life and Auxiliary Services. It made sense to move Auxiliary Services to Business and Administrative Services.

c) Office of VC was eliminated. Campus Life directly reports to CP/EVC

d) Student Services are now in three organization clusters. Alison explains that she is seeing many lateral connections being formed. Alison expresses concern that what she sees as working from an administrative perspective, may not be working from a student perspective.

e) Alison explains that she is now meeting regularly with SUA and GSA, conducting open office hours for students. She has invited SUA to hold events on Kerr Patio.

f) There are two groups that she will reactivate: an advisory group of 25 student members to meet quarterly; and a Student Services advisory committee made up of SUA, GSA, SFAC, alternative housing.

g) In terms of the 8% fee increase: The university is facing another 100 million cut if state economy does not pick up. There is some one time money that will hold us over, however, we can anticipate another round of fee increases if the state does not improve. Mandatory costs continue to challenge our budget, costs such as retirement contributions, mandatory salary increases (union negotiated), benefits. Office of the President is asking the state legislature to pick up the retirement contribution, as is the case with CSU and Community College system. We are faced with fee increases and/or budget cuts.

h) In the long term, Alison is concerned that students cannot sustain additional fee increases. The good news is that because we made permanent cuts in the last few years, we are steady and can move forward with some certainty.
i) Charge for SFAC: attached to the agenda. With the reorganization of student services, there are some permanent and one time funds available for SFAC to allocate this year. Alison is looking to SFAC for advice, regarding how the campus can use the student services fee to improve the lives of students, and to positively impact as many students as possible.

j) Questions:
   i. Forests asks for clarification on the connection between the retirement fund and fee increases. Alison explains that both employees and employers pay into a pot of money for retirement costs. In the 1990’s the retirement fund was very large, and UC froze contributions to the fund. Then, there was a wave of retirements and the pot of funding began to reduce because retirees began drawing from the pot. It was determined that employees would have to begin contributing to the retirement fund. Also, as the employer, the University would have to begin contributing toward the retirement system. These contributions will stay in place for about 12 years in order to replenish the retirement fund. This is an area where students could push the legislature.
   ii. Callin asks for more information regarding the Resource Centers. Alison explains that she would like clarification from students regarding what is working and what is not working. She is aware of some of the needs, such as space for events and space for storage. There has been some discussion regarding the centers having different levels of staffing, etc. Alison does not have any biases in this area. She is looking to hear from students regarding what’s working and what’s not working.
   iii. Callin asks about the funding that is being made available for allocation this year. Alison confirms that the AIS swap has been approved and the allocation targets are those in the charge letter.
   iv. Callin asks for clarification regarding the CPEVC’s Principles and Guidelines for Allocation. Are these guidelines a directive, or meant to share with the committee how EVC approaches funding decision making.
   v. Callin explains that SFAC is still in the process of finalizing last year’s Measure 7 recommendations. The group will continue to look at Measure 7.
   vi. Alma asks Alison if she can review her 5 for 50 goals, goals for 2015 when UCSC turns 50. One of the goals that Alison is focused on is improving retention. Currently, UCSC does not have a gender, ethnicity or income gap regarding retention, but overall we are second to last in the system related to retention rates. We lose many students after the second year. We are seeing a rise in students who leave due to financial reasons. We are approaching reaching the thresholds to be a Hispanic Serving Institution. Alison would like to see UCSC as a first choice for Latino students, and to push Latino students through to graduate school. We need financial stability. We also need to increase non-resident tuition. In state students will not be turned away, however, there is capacity to increase the number of non-resident students, who bring in a higher tuition rate. This is about a difference of 400 students, in addition to our normal student body, which equates to approximately $2.5 million of new income.
   vii. Chelsea ask her question about what’s working or not working regarding the student services reorganization. Alison responds that things are moving smoothly; there is strong leadership in this area. The weaknesses include: coordination among the groups, including issues such as retention. She is also concerned about college life being integrated into the business division of the campus. Another concern: ensuring that student voice comes through, which is a by-product of any bureaucratic system.

k) EVC is conducting open office hours this Friday, 10 – 11:30 am at Quarry Plaza

l) CPEVC has a Facebook page. Please connect with her via Facebook.
4) Measure 7 Report
   a) Callin explains that he made updates to the recommendations, incorporating much of the feedback that was provided at the last meeting. Specific updates:
      i. Page 2, addition of what happened in 2003
      ii. The fee was passed at $44 then moved to $51 within one year.
      iii. Page 3 – expansion of what happened, showing that this is a university issue
      iv. Page 9 – incorporated some feedback from Philip. Removed some of the language that the group discussed was questionable. Expanded section on assessment to page 10
      v. Clarified that Measure 7 increase should only be pursued following consultation with students, etc.
      vi. Page 12 – added final goal
   b) Forest shares that the updates look fine. He is concerned to learn that Measure 7 was not meant as a permanent solution.
   c) Edward explains that he spoke with his college government last week regarding Measure 7 being used for salary. Feedback was: as long as units are following Measure 7 language. If we were to hire more students, it may inhibit the fees ability to benefit students.
   d) Forest explains that at Crown, the students want to see a decision made between funding programming and FTE. Programming would be cheaper.
   e) Philip spoke to students at Porter and asked them general questions about. When he mentioned the possibility of more student jobs, students became excited.
   f) Callin explains that he was disappointed to see how hasty Measure 7 came about, about 2 months of consultation took place. Callin shares some of the negative student opinion in 2003 (CHP, Fishrap)
   g) Callin would like to do a town hall addressing Measure 7, to incorporate feedback, as much external student consultation as possible. Callin would also like to send out a mass email. Forest explains that we need to have a clear description of what Measure 7 is, to better inform and educate constituents.
   h) Callin asks is there is a motion to approve the Measure 7 report and recommendations. Philip makes a motion, and Edward seconds. Lucy confirms there is quorum. Callin calls for a role call vote: The following College Representatives voted yes: Cowell, Stevenson, Merrill, Crown, College 9, College 10, Kresge, Porter, Oakes. The following Graduate student representative voted yes: Michael Bacon. The faculty representative abstained. The motion passes and the report is adopted. The following members were not present and did not vote: Eric Peterson, Warren Fung, Megan Eppel. Callin confirms that he will make the final updates and the report will be issued to EVC Galloway, and shared with SUA, GSA, College Governments, Council of Provosts and Directors who were present.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next Meeting: October 18th, 8:00 – 9:30 am at Bay Tree Cervantes & Velasquez.