ALMA SIFUENTES  
Associate Vice Chancellor, Campus Life

Dear Alma:

Re: 2012-13 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 criteria and metrics developed last year. I am pleased to approve the following allocations to your units, consistent with the recommendations submitted by the SFAC.

Career Center: Funding is provided to stabilize and expand the Peer Advising program, which provides students with career development support. $28,500 in permanent Student Services Fees will be allocated for five new divisional and three new general peer advisers, effective 2013-14. In addition, $9,000 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided in 2013-14 and 2014-15 for two additional advisers (one in pre-health and one in pre-law).

Dean of Students: $34,000 in permanent Measure 7 funds is approved, effective 2012-13, to establish an ongoing Student Emergency Fund, which is administered through your office. This fund is used to provide assistance to students facing extreme hardship that could threaten their continued enrollment at UCSC. Assistance generally is in the form of a one-time emergency award (coordinated through Financial Aid), funding a temporary internship or research position, and/or providing emergency food or housing aid. Previously available gift funds will soon be exhausted.

Resource Centers: To support the revised staffing structure of the Resource Centers that was discussed last year, $20,000 in permanent Measure 7 funding is approved for 10 student positions, effective 2012-13. An additional $40,000 in one-time Student Services Fees is also provided for three years (2012-13 through 2014-15) to fund another 20 student positions.

Retention Services – Student Services Apprenticeship Program: A two-year pilot program is approved to create six paid student internships in various student services units. Each apprentice participates in a career development series designed to increase their competitiveness for career success, while career shadowing a student services professional. $59,406 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided in 2013-14 and 2014-15 to fund the students’ salaries, a student evaluator and related program costs.

Retention Services – Crossing the Finish Line: This program is designed to improve retention and graduation rates of first-generation, low income, and educationally-disadvantaged college students by reaching out to students who have put their education on hold or nearly completed their degrees but were denied graduation due to lack of meeting certain requirements. This program will actively connect with at risk students to assist them in developing a plan to continue and finish their education. $85,184 in one-time funds will be provided in 2013-14 and 2014-15 through a combination of Student Services Fees ($46,934) and Measure 7 funds.
($38,250). The majority of funds will support 5 student interns, a graduate student evaluator and a project leader, along with a modest amount of program support.

Services for Transfer and Re-entry Students (STARS): The Smith Renaissance Scholars program helps foster and former foster youth achieve their dream of obtaining a college education. Currently, a 60 percent time adviser works directly with this population of high-need, at-risk students to provide wide-ranging academic and personal support so that the students can be successful at UCSC. In 2004 the campus received a two-year grant to fund this program. Since that time, funding has been provided through a mix of grant and gift funds which are set to expire in June 2013. In order to fund the program on an ongoing basis, $28,664 in permanent Student Services Fees will be allocated to support the salary of the current 0.6 FTE advising position, effective July 1, 2013. An additional $20,143 will be allocated permanently for the related benefits costs. The STARS proposal requested funding for a full 1.0 FTE to better serve the foster youth population as well as increase capacity within STARS to improve services to all transfer and re-entry students. Due to limited funds available, the SFAC asks that you reallocate existing resources to match the funding provided here so the position can be full-time.

STARS also operates the Veterans Education Team Support (VETS) program, which is designed to serve the increasing numbers of military veterans returning to school on the G.I. Bill. The VETS Program employs peer mentors to help veterans transition to higher education at UCSC and plan programs for current and prospective student veterans. Originally formed in 2007, the VETS Program was funded by a prestigious three-year grant from the American Council on Education/Walmart Foundation. For the past two years, funding has come from donations, the Dean of Students Office, and Retention Services. To continue the program for another two years, $21,351 in one-time Student Services Fees will be provided in 2013-14 and 2014-15. Four student peer mentors and a CUIP intern will be supported on these funds, as well as a small amount for programming and operations.

Separately, your unit managers will receive additional information from the SFAC regarding each proposal, the basis behind their recommendation, 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 contact Free Moini in the Planning and Budget Office at extension 9-4304 or e-mail fbmoini@ucsc.edu.

Sincerely,

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