CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2011

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members: David Ely Grant Mack

Amanda Pascoe Laura Schofield
Kimberlee Reilly Debra Bertram
Kevin Gruidl Ethan Singer
Eric Rivera Cathie Atkins

Student Alternates: Channelle McNutt Tom Rivera

Non voting member: Ray Rainer

Guests: Gail Naughton Liat Mageni
David Hayhurst James Tarbox

Stanley Maloy

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 P.M. by Dr. David Ely, CFAC Chair.

Approval of December 10, 2010 CFAC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)

The minutes were reviewed. Mr. Gruidl made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Tom Rivera. The minutes were approved with no objections and one abstention.

Dr. Ely commended the subcommittee for their hard work on the referendum materials.

Action Item

a. Review of draft ballot for proposed Student Success Fee (formally Excellence Fee) Spring 2011 Referendum

There was one change to the College of Sciences ballot under "yes vote referendum means:" On the first bullet point, "increasing excess courses" was replaced by "expanding course offerings". The distributed copy includes this correction (Mr. Rainer). Under "Proposed Student Success Fee" - first paragraph, Ms. Reilly suggested adding "This fee will not replace existing lab/course fees".

Regarding what a "no" vote means for the College of Business and the College of Engineering, Mr. Tom Rivera suggested making the language similar to that used by the College of Sciences, which sounds less biased. Dr. Singer suggested keeping these paragraphs and adding specifics to the College of Sciences. Business and Engineering may be more specific as to what a "no" vote means, while the College of Sciences is more neutral, but it can add more specifics to resemble the two other colleges (Dr. Maloy). Ms. Schofield commented that the paragraph for the College of Engineering was more factual, with statements like "will not have additional funding to support purchases or travel".

Mr. Gruidl noted that internships depend on the economic environment; the language needs to specify that the funding for additional support to secure internships will increase, not the number of internships. The statement regarding internships was revised to "Therefore students enrolled in the College of Business Administration will not see additional support to secure additional internships and hands-on training." The College of Sciences will implement this revision as well (Dr. Maloy). For consistency, the College of Engineering's "no" vote statement now includes "will not see an increase in hands-on student training" and "will not have additional support personnel dedicated to student projects". Regarding the argument for "no" vote for the College of Engineering it was suggested that "additional" be replaced by "supplemental" for travel (Ms. Schofield). The paragraph now reads: "The students enrolled in the College of Engineering would not see an increase in hands-on student training, will not have support personnel dedicated to student projects or design projects, will not have additional funding to support purchases or travel associated with student projects, will not have major-specific speaker series, will not be able to operate a virtual computer laboratory, and there will be no focal point for employers and students with respect to internships."

Mr. Grant asked about this fee and financial aid. Ms. Reilly explained that financial aid will not increase because of this fee increase. This fee will reduce the Pell Grant net amount disbursed to students.

Mr. Grant also asked about a marketing plan for the referendum. Dr. Naughton offered the marketing plan to be presented by January 21st.

Ms. McNutt asked about a follow up to assess the success of this fee. On an annual basis the student faculty committee will assess the effectiveness of how the money was spent and allocate future funding accordingly; there will be a report provided by the committee to all the students in the college (Dr. Naughton). The pamphlet describes the process of reporting out to the college councils and the AS Council (Dr. Ely).

Dr. Singer made a motion to approve the amended language in the ballot, which was seconded by Ms. Bertram. All committee members voted; there were no objections or abstentions. The amended ballot for the proposed Student Success Fee was approved unanimously.

b. Review of draft Student Success Fee Referendum Public Notice

The full name of the College of Business Administration will be used throughout this document. Mr. Gruidl suggested that colleges be listed in a consistent order. Dr. Naughton explained that this fee does not affect graduate students in the College of Business. The College of Business is to be listed last to match the pamphlet. College before Student Success Fee should be in lower-case.

The pro/con statement notice is intended for students with majors in the College of Business Administration, Engineering and Sciences. Students will be required to submit their Red ID and major with their pro/con statement; this will be specified in the public notice.

Mr. Gruidl made a motion to approve the language as amended on the Student Success Fee Referendum Public Notice, which was seconded by Mr. Tom Rivera. The committee voted to approve the public notice, with no objections or abstentions; the amended public notice was approved unanimously.

Informational Items:

a. Spring 2011 Student Fee Advisory Referendum Timetable (attachment 2)

Ms. Reilly commented that the last line on the timetable should read "With Presidential and Chancellor's Office approval, fee increase implemented.

The email to students will be sent on January 20th (Dr. Ely).

In case of a positive vote, the college specific budget group meeting is not listed anywhere, but the intention can be added to the fact sheet (Dr. Naughton).

Dr. Ely asked about the rebuttal deadline of January 30th, which is Sunday; it can be January 31st (Mr. Rainer).

Mr. Rainer addressed the financial statements with projections for each college, which were distributed. Regarding the College of Business financials under Special student services - International Travel Stipends, Ms. Reilly asked if these were scholarships. Yes, per Dr. Naughton.

Dr. Maloy commented about the formatting for the College of Sciences; subheadings need to stand out.

Mr. Mack made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Gruidl. The meeting adjourned at 2:44 PM.

Reminder: Next Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 21 at 2:00 PM in SSW-2640.