

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 29, 2010

MINUTES**ATTENDEES**

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| Members: | Kimberlee Reilly Laura Schofield Isaac Castro Valerie Renegar | Natalie Colli Alyssa Bruni David Ely Tyler Boden |
| Non-Voting Member: | Ray Rainer | |
| Student Alternates: | Grant Mack | |
| Faculty/Staff Alternates: | Andrea Bauer Jose Preciado | Linda Lewiston |
| Guests: | Dan Cornthwaite | |

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M. by Ms. Kimberlee Reilly, CFAC Committee Chair.

Information Item**a. Minutes from January 14, 2010 CFAC Meeting (Attachment 1)**

Dr. Ely made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Castro; the minutes were reviewed; there was one correction to the title for item b, which should read: Review Daily Aztec Advertisement. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Action Item**a. Spring 2010 Voter Pamphlet**

Ms. Reilly reported that the subcommittee met prior to this meeting to review the voter pamphlet and the only pro statement received.

Ms Reilly introduced Mr. Jose Preciado, who is filling in for Joan Rettinger.

Mr. Preciado asked how much time was given to the student body in terms of advertising because of the fact that there was no letter responding to the benefits of the proposal. Mr. Rainer responded that it was advertised according to the elections code; the way it's always done. The advertisements were published the first week of classes (Dr. Renegar). Mr. Cornthwaite explained that the policy requires that the referendum be advertised thirty days in advance. The solicitation of pro/con statements was advertised in accordance with the CSU policy and the process was the same as past practices. There is no policy regarding the length of time to advertise for pro/con statements. The ad was placed on the Daily Aztec for two days the first week of classes and the pro/con statements were due on January 26th at noon.

Mr. Preciado asked about the CSU requirement for an impartial financial analysis. The financial analysis was prepared by an AS staff, reviewed by the sub-committee and is here for action (Mr. Cornthwaite). Mr. Preciado expressed concern because there is no mention of the current sustainability upgrades made to the Aztec Center; it's being treated as an obsolete facility without sharing with student constituents that upgrades have been made. He asked about the life span of the current Aztec Center facility and if it could continue in its current situation for five more years, or ten more years. Not without significant capital investment to improve and replace it (Mr. Cornthwaite).

Mr. Preciado raised one more concern stemming from speculation from Physical Plant staff that there is a relationship between this construction project and the now idle Storm/Nasatir Hall renovation and that it's very important to move this facility forward so that costs can be attributed related to planning. The rumor is not true at all (Mr. Rainer). Ms. Bruni explained that the Chancellor's Office had told university construction that university funded facility construction has to be postponed due to budgetary constraints, but the AS modern space does not fall under this category and is not related to the Storm/Nasatir project. Mr. Cornthwaite speculated on the origin of this untrue rumor, which is probably because these two projects at one point were on a similar construction schedule; at this point it was made clear that temporary campus facilities may not be available because of the need to relocate the Storm/Nasatir functions.

Mr. Rainer noted some formatting restrictions such as bullets on pro/con statements, per the AS election code. In the case of Jeremy Katz's statement numbers can be construed as bullets, so the committee needs to decide if this is

acceptable based on pro/con statement guidelines. Dr. Renegar agreed. The committee considered eliminating the numbers and asking Mr. Katz if his statement could be turned into narrative form. Mr. Cornthwaite added that the election guidelines may not be as definitive, since they also state that the formatting of the text is at the discretion of the campus via the advisory committee. Dr. Ely believes the committee doesn't need Mr. Katz's permission for format changes. Mr. Preciado noted that the guidelines serve to provide an impartial voter pamphlet; the numbering on the pro statement doesn't help or negate and can be presented the way it is. Extensive discussion regarding statement format guidelines ensued.

Mr. Preciado stated the staff interest in this matter, which is none. They are very concerned with the continuing problems with the state budget and the ability of students to continue to absorb campus space fees. Most people in the state legislature and the CSU do not plan for campus space fees. One of the plans for next year is to resolve some of the budgetary issues with an excellence fee, which would be part of the solution to keep university operations going. In this regard, the staff is very concerned about any fee increases, so the staff will abstain from voting. It might be more prudent to focus on an excellence fee related to university operations.

Mr. Boden made a motion to approve the voter pamphlet with the pro statement as is, given the discussion regarding Mr. Katz's pro statement format, which conforms with AS election guidelines. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mack. The voter pamphlet was approved with no objections and one abstention.

Mr. Cornthwaite presented the voter pamphlet locations for the spring 2010 referendum. The voter pamphlet will be available online as well as 2500 hard copies for students to pick up at the various voter pamphlet locations. There will be an information campaign supporting the referendum in mid-February. The voter pamphlets will be in place beginning February 4th, which fulfills the 30-day notice requirement for the March referendum.

Dr. Ely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Schofield. The meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6 at 2:00 PM in SS-1608.