# February 25, 2005 MINUTES

**ATTENDEES** 

Members: Brian Ascencio Bill Boyd

Kelli Kedis David Ely (Chair)
Anthony Leadbetter Glen McClish
Chris Manigault Kim Reilly

Raymond Pita Jarad Sanchez

Alternates: Dennis Kramer Sydney Covey

Natasha Manus

Guests: Dan Cornthwaite

Patricia Francisco Frank Neuber

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chair, David Ely.

The agenda was approved with no additions or corrections. Minutes from the February 10, 2005 meeting were approved as posted and can be found on the CFAC web site.

#### **ACTION ITEM**

Patricia Francisco from Housing reviewed the Housing proposed fee changes since many of the attendees were absent at the last meeting.

A **MOTION** was made by Kedis and seconded by McClish to approve the 2005/06 Housing fee changes.

Francisco reviewed the rate increases that range between 4 and 6% and Housing's goal of trying to keep the traditional double room as affordable as possible. She explained the differences between the rooms and the reasoning behind the increases. Some of the reasons include: proposal for 3.5% general salary increase, a general operating increase of 3%, student assistant salary increase, and TNS increase which relates to security. Based upon a hall-by-hall study that was done about 3 years ago current deferred maintenance is estimated at \$11.5 Million. Francisco reviewed the meal plan and room rates included in the packet. Kedis asked about how our room rates compare with other CSU campuses. Francisco said that we generally fall in the middle but with our suites we're on the high end. The newest buildings are usually the most expensive. Manigault asked if Financial Aid would match the increased rates. Francisco said that she is working with Chrys Dutton, Director of Financial Aid, identifying students with the most need and assisting them by deferring their \$800 initial payment.

The **MOTION** to approve the 2005/06 Housing fee changes was **PASSED** with one abstention.

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

Frank Neuber from Career Services outlined the proposed Alumni Counseling Fee. He said a 3-month grace period is offered to graduating students. After that time all CSU alumni are charged for career and counseling services that include:

- 1. Placement Package \$50 (provides placement assistance).
- Career Counseling \$50 (provides an appointment with a career counselor).

The proposal is to offer a \$25 discount if both services are purchased together. By reducing the Career Counseling fee, it is hoped that more alumni will request both services. At this point many more placement packages are purchased than counseling appointments.

It was **MOVED** by Boyd and seconded by Sanchez to move this to an action item. **MOTION** passed unanimously

### **ACTION ITEM**

It was asked what impact there would be on revenue. Neuber said that the impact would be minimal. It's more about equity and being able to provide this service.

It was **MOVED** by Kedis and seconded by Sanchez to approve the Alumni Counseling Fee reduction by \$25 if both services were purchased. **MOTION** passed unanimously.

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

Bulinski gave an update to the IRA budget. Our enrollment is up, but we've experienced some increases in our fixed commitments, which leaves us in a similar situation to what we had last year at this time. Many accounts receivables are still pending that could cause the revenue to increase. Interest income is up which is good. The athletic insurances have increased significantly. This year, a one-time \$63,000 insurance adjustment was charged since more claims were filed by SDSU than peers. Music- Licensing fees are up as well as student travel insurance. In order to balance the budget at this point in time we will need \$53,685 from the reserve. A portion of this amount will be borrowed from IVC reserves. At year-end we may make up some of the -\$18,364 difference. The overall fund balance is still positive. The 2005/06 IRA budget will be presented in the near future as it's this committee's responsibility to review the budget and make a recommendation to the president. Ely asked about insurance increases. Bulinski said that two components caused insurance increases for 2004-05: the one-time adjustment and regular premium increases which are to be expected. In a recent conversation with our insurance carrier, however, he was told that the rates should remain about the same for 2005-06.

It was **MOVED** by Manigault and seconded by Sanchez to adjourn. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

Rosemary Patrick Business & Financial Affairs