CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 21, 2008

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members: Jeremy Ehrlich, Jameson DeSantis
Lisa Doan, Julie Messer
Ethan Singer, Linda Stewart
Cezar Ornatowski, David Ely

Non-Voting Member: Ray Rainer

Guests: Dan Cornthwaite, Ignacio Prado

The meeting was called to order by Jeremy Ehrlich at 2:04 p.m.

Dr. Ornatowski made a motion to approve the previous minutes, which was seconded by Mr. DeSantis. The minutes were reviewed. Dr. Ely suggested including the fiscal year (2006/2007) when referring to Sports Clubs’ initial allocation, in the second sentence. With this correction, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Informational Items:

a) Statement of Student Body Association Fee Referendum Expenditures (Attachment 2)
b) Statement of Student Library Use Fee Referendum Expenditures (Attachment 3)

The committee reviewed these documents, which were received within the three-day time limit. There were no questions regarding these items.

Action Item:

a) Spring Student Referendum Election Results
i) Increase in the Student Body Association Fee
ii) Increase in the Student Library Use Fee

Ms. Doan made a motion to recommend approval of the Student Body Association Fee and the Student Library Use Fee; this motion was seconded by Mr. DeSantis.

Mr. Cornthwaite presented a template for the response prepared by Max Hewitt, Elections Coordinator; it goes through each applicable subsection of section 7 of the elections code, which affirms that the results and the conduct of the referendum were in line with each of these subsection requirements. The AS Council met on Wednesday, March 19th and approved the results on the advice of the Elections Committee. Dr. Singer asked about the role of CFAC in this case, which is to issue a recommendation to the President. Mr. Cornthwaite went over some of the code requirements, which include advertising through the Daily Aztec in case there are any appeals or complaints; there were no appeals or complaints filed against these referenda. Associated Students conducts these referenda on behalf of the campus via the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, so this is to report back that all rules were followed. Ms. Stewart added that based on these results, CFAC is to recommend one way or the other. Mr. Ehrlich clarified the motion on the table, which is to recommend the approval of the two referenda to the President.

The committee unanimously voted in favor of recommending the two referenda; there were no abstentions and no objections.

Ms. Stewart asked if there was any feedback from students regarding the election process (electronic versus traditional). Mr. Cornthwaite responded that the feedback in favor of electronic voting is good. When the system was first implemented there was extensive testing to make sure each step in the process worked properly. The only recent problem was when E-vote was closed for over an hour, but AS was able to identify and contact each of these students to inform them that the system was back; the system can also identify who went back to vote. Mr. Ehrlich added that it only takes two seconds for students to learn the process and that it’s more convenient than traditional voting.

Ms. Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. DeSantis. The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 PM. Next meeting will be on Friday, April 11th at 2:00 pm in SS-1608.