ATTENDEES

Members: Kimberlee Reilly  Ignacio Prado 
Daniel Osztreicher  Grant Garske 
Ethan Singer  Eric Rivera 
Julie Messer  Bill Eadie for Valerie Renegar 

Student Alternates: Sean Delizo for Joyce Byun 

Non-Voting Member: Ray Rainer 

Others/Guests: Scott Burns  Dan Cornthwaite 
Chuck Lang  Daniel Brown for James Poet 

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Ms. Kimberlee Reilly, CFAC Committee Chair 

Informational Items 

a. Minutes from September 26, 2008 CFAC Meeting (Attachment 1) 

Mr. Delizo made a motion to approve the CFAC minutes from September 26, which was seconded by Ms. Messer. The minutes were reviewed and approved. 

Fee Requests 

a. Proposed IRA Fee Increase 

Scott Burns presented a packet, which includes the 2009/10 Proposed IRA Increase with revenue and expense projections for academic years 2007/2008 through 2014/2015. Mr. Burns explained that as expenses increase the net available balance declines over the years as the IRA fee remains flat, so by year 2013/2014 the budget is projected to be in a negative position and at that point there will be a need to start utilizing the reserve to meet estimated expenses. In 2014/2015 the fee is projected to adjust by $4, which is a 3.75% projected Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) adjustment, to bring the budget back in balance. The escalation of revenue and expense in these projections is relatively modest - in the 2 to 3 percent range. The allocation to Athletics goes up as a function of enrollment in years one through five. 

Mr. Burns directed the committee’s attention to the document regarding the proposed alternative consultation process, where he gives an overview of the process and a timeline with activity to date. The activities to date include an informative presentation and feedback from CFAC meeting on September 26, an informative presentation to the AS Executive Committee on September 29 and a presentation to the Daily Aztec Editorial Board on October 1. The proposed alternative consultation process includes presentations to student clubs and organizations which will provide opportunity for questions and pro-con feedback. Attendance and meetings will be documented. The AS Council will monitor and document each of these meetings. There will be a call for a straw poll (for/against/undecided) limited to students. There will also be a position statement from each club or organization. 

Mr. Burns presented a meeting schedule of College Councils and Student Organizations, which will be revised to include Sports Clubs Presidents meetings. He also presented a draft announcement inviting all SDSU students to attend and participate in the advisory open forums. 

Mr. Eadie asked about the source for projected enrollments and what happens to these numbers if the university goes to a sustained downturn and ends up cutting back on enrollment. Mr. Burns responded that the 34,035 enrollment headcount was taken from the approved 08/09 budget. Academic year 09/10 will be a very difficult year so the projected enrollment is held steady; the rest of the enrollments are projected to escalate by 2%, to be consistent with the master plan. The numbers would change without the anticipated enrollment growth, but there would be some cushion built in the Athletics budget. The worst case scenario would be to look at the reserve to meet expenses, or the ability to generate additional revenues. Mr. Eadie commented that the Athletics budget could not be reduced even if the university budget goes down, since Athletics still has to be staffed at the same level to maintain division 1-A status. 

Mr. Osztreicher suggested changing the current URL to a more accessible one. A new URL will be requested for this proposal. Mr. Osztreicher noted that the number of people at each student organization is different and asked if these
would be weighed differently or if it would be just one endorsement per organization. Mr. Burns suggested weighing student endorsement letters based on the size of the organization, especially if the organization leaders feel confident representing the majority opinion of their groups. The committee can always implement improvements to the alternative consultation process, since nothing in the executive order precludes the committee from fine tuning the process as it progresses. The notion is to communicate with students and obtain their feedback.

Mr. Prado asked about including actual athletes on the list of student organizations. Mr. Burns agreed that they should be included; there is a student athletes group with 2 athletes per sport, a presentation will be made to this group, like the other student clubs and organizations.

Mr. Delizo asked about the negative budget balance in year 2013/2014; this is due to expenses escalating faster than revenues (frozen IRA revenue), per Mr. Burns.

Mr. Eadie thanked the committee for including the senate in this important forum, which is mainly a student matter. The members of the senate have been concerned about the Athletics budget and the toll it’s taken on the university.

**Action Item**

- **Proposed IRA Fee Increase – Approval of Alternative Consultation Plan**
  
  Mr. Osztreicher made a motion to endorse the alternative consultation plan for the proposed IRA fee increase; the motion was seconded by Mr. Prado. All members voted unanimously in favor of endorsing the alternative consultation plan; there were no abstentions or objections.

  Mr. Garske made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Osztreicher. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 24th at 2:00 PM in SS-1608.