CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 24, 2008

MINUTES
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ATTENDEES

Members: Kimberlee Reilly Ignacio Prado
Daniel Osztreicher Grant Garske
David Ely Joyce Byun
Ethan Singer Julie Messer
Valerie Renegar

Student Alternates: Daniel Brown

Faculty/Staff Alternates: Tim Quinnan

Non-Voting Member: Ray Rainer

Others/Guests: Dan Cornthwaite

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Ms. Kimberlee Reilly, CFAC Committee Chair

Informational Item

a. Minutes from October 10, 2008 CFAC Meeting (Attachment 1)
Mr. Osztreicher made a motion to approve the CFAC minutes from October 10, which was seconded by Mr. Prado. The minutes were reviewed and approved with one abstention.

Informational Item

a. Proposed IRA Fee Increase Alternative Consultation
Regarding the alternative consultation presentations, Mr. Prado stated that people discussed the issue very seriously. Mr. Rainer added that the issue was well covered and that there has been a strong interaction among the different groups. Based on the eight polls following the presentations he estimated that 60% are in favor of the IRA fee increase, 17% are against it and 17% are abstaining from voting at this point.

Mr. Prado welcomed any feedback based on past presentations and in preparation for the open forums. Ms. Reilly’s positive comments included athletes talking about sports, other than football, and how well these are doing. Mr. Prado stated that PowerPoint will be used at the next presentations and that arrangements will be made to include a microphone in the bigger rooms.

Mr. Osztreicher asked why the question regarding an even higher fee, like an excellence fee is not even brought up, and added that the External Affairs Board supports a higher fee for excellence in the range of $100 to $200 to go to Undergraduate, Graduate and Athletics programs, but noticed that this is not even asked at the IRA presentations. This would serve for future reference and would increase the university’s options. The cost at San Diego State is still much lower than other institutions. Mr. Osztreicher believes that students should at least be asked. Mr. Prado explained that he is trying for people to stick to the issue; there is a process for this and a process has not been brought forth officially for another fee, so this will not be included in the IRA presentations. Dr. Ely commented that this issue needs to be treated separately, since it’s a second fee that has to be more specific. Mr. Osztreicher responded that this would be intended for more teachers and more sections, but agreed that this would be a separate issue and understood why it is not discussed at the IRA presentations.

Ms. Byun asked if there is a way to get more funding for other colleges, since this question came up at the Senate Executive presentation. Mr. Rainer explained that Academic Affairs is allocated $200,000 from the current IRA funds per academic year, but historically it has not all been spent. They have done better over the past couple of years, but there is still money left over that rolls into the reserve for the next year. Per Mr. Prado, there are usually one million dollars worth of proposals per year from the College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts and acknowledged that this college has different needs and maybe they need to get more funding. The college needs to submit a request for more funds to the Provost.
Ms. Renegar said that the Senate will ask someone from CFAC to be at their presentation on Tuesday, November 4th; the Senate has a lot of questions like, who proposed the fee initially?

There will be two additional open forum presentations on November 3rd and November 5th at Scripps Cottage; there will be a mass email notification to this effect; all presentations are advertised in the Daily Aztec.

Mr. Rainer mentioned that feedback forms were left with the different groups and organizations, but it would be a couple of weeks before these return to the committee. Ms. Reilly explained that the group leaders want to get back to their groups to get feedback. Mr. Prado added that these are delegates meetings; all others want to have private meetings to discuss this matter and vote on it.

Dr. Ely made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Prado. The meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 14th at 2:00 PM in AD-323.