

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 4, 2022

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members:	Norma Aguilar	Brandon Bartosh
	Julieanna Gutierrez	Mary Anne Kremicki
	Sophia Koch	Sandy Mekany
	Shawki Moore	Rashmi Praba
	Savanna Schuermann	Katie Robinson
	Mayah Taylor	Robson Winter
	Amanda Wilson	

Guests:	CoCo Bazemore	Crystal Little
	Griselda Paredes	

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 A.M. by Katie Robinson, CFAC Chair.

Review and Approval Meeting Minutes

Robinson asked if there were any questions or comments for last meeting's minutes before the committee moved to approve. There were none. Mary Anne Kremicki motioned to approve. Sophia Koch seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Proposals

- a. None

Action Items

- a. IRA/SSF Policy

The committee revisited the proposed changes to the IRA and SSF Reimbursement Policy. The changes were increasing the lodging reimbursement from \$80 to \$100/day, the meal reimbursement from \$30 to \$45/day, and the team identifier from \$30 to \$40/person. These increased reimbursement rates are intended to reflect the increasing cost of goods and services. There were no additional questions or commentary. Amanda Wilson moved to approve the policy changes, and Savanna Schuermann seconded. The fees were approved unanimously.

- b. IV SSF Voter Pamphlet- Proposed Amendment

Robinson shared that since SDSU approved its Student Success Fee, Ed Code language has been updated to require campuses to inform students that a student success fee may be rescinded by a majority vote of the students except with two exceptions: 1) the student success fee shall not be rescinded earlier than six years following the vote to implement the fee; and 2) if any portion of the student success fee is committed to support a long-term obligation, that portion of the fee shall not be rescinded until the obligation has been satisfied. In the case of the Student Success Fee at SDSU, the 90% designated for faculty is considered a long-term obligation, since tenured faculty are permanent. It was recommended the language be added to the fee website. Schuerman moved to approve addition of the language to the website, and Shawki Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Informational Items

a. Campus Budget and Potential Fee

Robinson and Crystal Little presented an update on the campus budget, which had also been shared at the Budget Town Hall several weeks prior. The update outlined how the campus is funded with about half the funding coming from state appropriation, and a quarter coming from tuition- neither of which are set at the campus level. This funding model presents issues not only in achieving aspirational goals, but also funding growing mandatory costs. Areas such as compensation, benefits, risk pool, and inflation in non-personnel expenses are continuing to increase, without funding from the state. This means SDSU must use any discretionary funding to fill these gaps. The one area where the university can control revenue streams is fees. In order to advance its goals and aspiration, the campus is exploring a potential new fee, to be applied to incoming non-resident students. "Non-residents" are students enrolling from outside the state of California, including international students. The proposed fee would be phased in as a cohort model with incoming students in year 1 paying \$1,000/year, year 2 is \$2,000/year, and year 3 is \$3,000/year. The fee would stay at that rate (with a HEPI adjustment) after year 3. The fee would be designated to support Financial Aid, Research and Infrastructure, and Academic Support. The proposed use for the financial aid portion would be supporting Native American students and middle class students.

Moore shared concern from the students that the additional revenue from non-resident students might incentivize additional non-resident enrollment which would displace resident students. Little clarified that resident enrollment levels are determined by a target provided to the campus by the Chancellor's Office, and it is always the priority of SDSU to fulfil that resident target. Moore shared that he was in favor of the fee supporting the groups included in the financial aid portion, and would like to maximize the aid available and suggested the aid component be increased to 30% of the revenue. He also mentioned that he hoped the fee would allow for increased diversity in hiring academic support positions. Schuermann asked for clarification on what operational efficiency meant, and what students were considered "middle class". She also shared that she feels regular operations of the university should not need to be funded by fees. Little responded that "operational efficiencies" means developing ways to work smarter to alleviate burdensome workloads. One example is processing travel which is currently a very labor-intensive process, but could be minimized with implementation of a software, and those efforts could be redirected elsewhere. The classification of middle class is built around the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which determines how much a family can contribute to a student's cost of education. The Financial Aid Office is working to identify the EFC that is greater than what is covered through Pell and federal financial aid, but is still reliant on loans to fund their degree. Norma Aguilar expressed concern that increased fees may impact demand. Robson Winter noted a concern that an increase in non-resident students may not impact resident enrollment, but could create capacity issues for support services or housing. Little also noted that there is an elasticity study being done to better understand how the fee increase may impact demand.

Requests

a. None

New Business

a. None

Public Comment

a. None

Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:57 A.M.

Reminder: Next meeting was originally scheduled for Friday, November 18th, but has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 15th at 12:30 pm. via Zoom.