

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 1, 2017

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members:	David Ely Tony Chung Lisa Thurn Chimezie Ebiriekwe D. Hayden Willis Anya Shutovska	Radmila Prislín T'Ante Sims Cezar Ornatowski Vanessa Girard Chris Thomas Victor Uwakwe
Non-voting Members:	Crystal Little	
Guests:	Mark Zakrzewski Dorian Diaz	Christina Brown Agnes Wong-Nickerson

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 P.M. by David Ely, CFAC Chair.

Review and Approval of November 17th Meeting Minutes

Dr. Ely introduced the November 17th Meeting Minutes and asked for any corrections or additions – none were suggested. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Ebiriekwe. The motion was approved unanimously.

Informational Items

- a. Proposed Spring 2018 Student Fee Referendum: Aztec Recreation Center and Field Expansion

Dr. Ely introduced the proposed fee referendum and asked Mr. Thomas and Mr. Zakrzewski to present the proposal. Mr. Thomas introduced himself as the Associated Students Vice President of University Affairs and Mr. Zakrzewski introduced himself as the Recreation Director for Associated Students. Mr. Thomas began the presentation by explaining that the A.S. Recreation and Wellness Commission has seen an increase in demand for programs and facilities over the past several years. He further noted that facilities are crowded during peak hours and students are regularly inconvenienced with long wait times. Mr. Thomas stated that the Recreation and Wellness Commission passed a proposal for a Spring [2018] Referendum for a proposed fee increase of \$195 to expand the Aztec Recreation Center (ARC) and create additional field space. Mr. Zakrzewski reinforced the point that over the past couple of years that participation numbers are at or near record highs in numerous areas including membership, club and intramural sports, and activity classes. He also noted that due to high participation levels that facilities are often crowded, wait times have gotten longer, and student clubs and organizations are often turned away or requests denied due to lack of space. Mr. Zakrzewski explained that trends have changed since the ARC was constructed in 1997 and, based on current industry guidelines, the facilities are undersized for the size of the student body. He further noted that Associated Students had commissioned a feasibility study for potential expansion. Mr. Thomas emphasized that the architect, Gensler, utilized feedback from students and Recreation and Wellness for conceptual design and programming needs. A short video showing the proposed design and layout of the expanded facility was played and Mr. Zakrzewski gave a brief virtual tour of the expanded facility.

Mr. Thomas explained that now is the time to expand as the number of total on-campus residents is expected to increase to over 7,300 and the cost of construction will only continue to rise. Ms. Brown gave a brief overview of the referendum timeline necessary to start the project on time. Dr. Ely stated that the referendum rules are detailed and must be strictly adhered to for compliance purposes. He also noted that the most frequent complaint from students is that they did not have enough time to submit pro/con statements, so it would be ideal to inform students of the pending referendum well in advance.

Mr. Sims asked if voter turnout is expected to increase for this particular referendum versus normal elections; Ms. Brown responded that elections have seen about 20 percent turnout over the past few years which is about normal for referendums.

Dr. Ely asked if the existing ARC will be completely shut down for construction; Mr. Zakrzewski responded that construction would take place in phases to avoid closing the ARC completely and minimize service disruption for customers. Ms. Brown also noted that, if passed, the fee would not be imposed until the expansion is completed in Fall 2021 (current estimate). Mr. Thomas also noted that the Student Union would be used to accommodate some classes and the ARC Express hours would be expanded.

Mr. Sims asked what the current feedback has been; Mr. Thomas responded that he has received positive feedback from delivering presentations and that student survey results are forthcoming. Ms. Brown noted that there will be "No" votes from students who do not feel that they will use the facilities as well as students who are tired of seeing constantly increasing fees.

Dr. Ornatowski stated that the timing of the referendum may be an issue as it will coincide with a proposed tuition increase; Mr. Thomas responded that the way to address that issue would be to remind students that the proposed fee results in something material that they can use.

Dr. Ely asked if there were further questions; there were none.

Requests

- a. None

Action Items

- a. None

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Dr. Ely adjourned the meeting at 2:48.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 15th, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the Lipinsky Hospitality Center – Room SSW 1608