The meeting was called to order at 11:05 A.M. by Katie Olivo, CFAC Chair.

Review and Approval of November 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Olivo asked if there were any questions or comments for last meeting’s minutes before the committee moved to approve. There were none. Satish Sharma moved to approve. Mary Anne Kremicki seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Proposals

a. Course Fees- School of Art & Design

Chair Olivo gave an overview on the purpose of Miscellaneous Course Fees (Category III). They are intended to purchase consumable supplies specific to the classroom usage. These fees cannot be charged to fund the basic cost of instruction. Tina Yapelli shared the background for this fee, including the fact that enrollment growth of the undergraduate art majors has increased 29.7% in 2 years. Previously the school managed a shop where students could purchase their supplies and benefit from bulk cost savings. This shop closed during Covid, requiring students to search for their supplies from outside vendors. Currently students do not benefit from discounted pricing and may struggle to find their needed supplies. The requested fee would be able to address both these issues. Requesting $60 per student per course for consumable fees. There were questions about if supplies are provided to students who cannot find their own. Yapelli responded that it is likely happening but is not sustainable with general fund allocation alone, especially with growing enrollment.

Will be brought back for a vote in two weeks at the meeting. In the meantime, Olivo will share the slides and information with the group.

Action Items

None.
Informational Items
None.

New Business
None.

Public Comment
None.

Olivo adjourned the meeting at 11:37 A.M.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 23rd, at 11:00 A.M. via Zoom.