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. Shawki Moore said he felt the minutes did not reflect the entirety of the meeting, but had not prepared specific amendments. Robinson suggested they table the item and she could resend the minutes. Moore made a motion to table the minutes until the next meeting, which was seconded by Sandy Mekany. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

a. The following staff and faculty spoke in response to the Out of State and International Student Fee: David Kamper, Jacob Alvarado Waipuk, Chris Medellin, Cynthia Torres, Shenelle Mason, Rachael Stewart.

Informational Items

a. Out of State and International Student Fee Update

Robinson shared the memo she sent to the President that documented the committee’s vote on the Out of State and International Student Fee. She had not received any official communication back but was told the Chancellor approved the fee, effective Fall 2023. The President considered CFAC’s recommendation along with other feedback she had received throughout the process. Some of the largest concerns related to the fee were that non-resident students would be charged the fee but wouldn’t receive the financial aid benefits; other underserved communities were not supported with the fee; and concern with the alternative consultation process. The recommendation the President forwarded to the Chancellor expanded the financial aid to out of state and international students as well as students in the Henrietta Goodwin Scholars and Dreamers programs. Additionally, she
acknowledged the fee process needs to be re-evaluated and committed to no new Category II fee proposals in the following year as she works to develop strategies to increase student engagement. Savanna Shuermann asked if the amount of financial aid had increased and Robinson shared she did not know what the final determination was. Agnes Wong Nickerson added that the fee percentage was unchanged. Moore shared that he felt the committee was not considered in the alternative consultation process since the students did not express favor for the fee. He also noted that additional feedback such as letters and petitions were sent to the President outside of the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, and he would like to see the process changed in the future. Mekany echoed Moore’s concern with the fee being approved despite the public comment that opposed the fee in the previous. Mekany mentioned that there are also other minority groups that don’t receive support and would benefit from additional investment. While she supported the specific outcomes of the fee she did not think they should be funded by an additional burden on students. Robson Winter added that he doesn’t support the process and doesn’t feel appropriate consultation happened within the committee. Meena Alexander expressed her displeasure with the shared governance process and the fact that the purpose of the fee that was approved changed from what was initially shared. She recommended additional oversight to ensure that allocation did not continue to change. Mekany underscored that as student leaders it is their job to advocate for students who will ultimately have to pay the fee.

Requests
a. None

New Business
a. Discussion- Reviewing Category IV Fees

The item was tabled until the next meeting.

Robinson adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 7th 2023 at 11:00 am. via Zoom.