

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 19, 2024

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Chair: Katie Olivo

Members: Palni Bhatt Alana Ritchison
Ally Gallant (late) Derrick Herrera
Mary Anne Kremicki Victoria Lara
~~Zachary Almaraz~~ Crystal Little
Karen Macauley Tarek Morsy (late)
~~Kenia Noblina~~ Rashmi Praba
Leo Reyes Pena (late) Melvin Ridley III (late)
~~Savanna Schuermann~~ Satish Sharma
Amanda Wilson

Guests: Craig Winton Kathy Brown
Mikhail Portnoy Sophia Koch
Ambre Noble Ben Compton
Carlos Careaga Rose Pasenelli
Temple Northup Noel Bezette-Flores

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 A.M. by Katie Olivo, CFAC Chair.

Review and Approval of March 8th, 2024 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. Alana Ritchison moved to approve. Palni Bhatt seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Proposals

- a. Student Success Fee Academic Related Programs –
 - i. Olivo discussed the purpose of Student Success Fee Programs which will be used next fiscal year, starting July 1st.
 1. The total amount of allocated funds is \$1.9m
 2. Craig Winton elaborated on the Student Success Fee about how there will only be one application in Spring for the SSF. There was an increase in applications due to this switch with over 100 applications to utilize the resources. All proposals for SSF must be academic related. 89 applications were recommended for approval and those students will be going through a budget workshop, so they are aware of how to properly use funds.
- b. Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Budget
 - i. Olivo discussed IRA fees which are reviewed annually. The IRA fees are limited to instructionally related activities that support the academic mission of SDSU. The majority of the fee is designated for specific purposes based on previous referendums. The item up for discussion in relation to IRA is for the Daily Aztec and KCR Radio for a long-term fundplan.

- ii. Temple Northup discussed moving the Daily Aztec and KCR to a single entity (Aztec Student Media Group) under the school of Journalism & Media Studies to give them a more permanent location. Carlos Careaga mentioned that AS will continue to financially support the business manager position of the Daily Aztec.
- iii. Palni Bhatt asked about the potential increase in materials such as music licensing fees in the future and how it would be managed. Olivo responded – the annual budget would increase gradually each year based off the actuals from the previous year.

Action Items

None.

Informational Items

- a. Equitable Access Fee (Cat IV)
 - i. Category IV fees are a fee for service, these are not approved through CFAC, but CFAC is able to provide feedback for the President before it is passed along.
 - ii. Kathy Brown gave an overview on Equitable Access, rebranding will be occurring to have Equitable Access be promoted as 'Day One Ready', the new proposed fee is \$21.50 per credit unit. This fee is updated from last years' rate of \$19.75 per credit unit, but is consistent with the original fee of \$22.00 per credit unit.
- b. Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan Fee (Cat IV)
 - i. This opt-out fee is set to increase to stay consistent with market rates of health insurance. The cost is set to increase from \$3,190.00 last year to \$3,447.00 per year which is an increase of 10%. This healthcare program is lower than the national average rate for similar programs.
 - ii. Tarek Morsy asked if there is a profit being made for the campus with this policy, Olivo was able to answer that there is no profit to the campus through this fee. Opt-out policies are standard for graduate student insurance policies across the nation.
 - iii. Bhatt asked what the current percent of graduate students that use the fee. Noel Bezette-Flores was able to answer that 10-15% of students use the insurance. Follow up question from Bhatt about how much the subsidy would increase based on usage amount, was answered with no concerns about the usage or a subsidy.
 - iv. Satish Sharma reemphasized the idea of an opt-in fee option for students.

New Business

- a. Alternative Consultation Process
 - i. The committee discussed alternative consultation in detail about attempts at reaching students in the past, and seeking guidance on how best to encapsulate the student voice in the future.
 - ii. Last year there were were 22 open forums which were put on, 6 were unattended, four of the meetings had 1 student, and others were poorly attended. Each of these meetings shared the same information, in attempts to get the proper information to all students that attended. Based on this information; what are some areas in which CFAC should interact with students to have a good outreach program?
 - iii. Student feedback provided: Comes down to educating students and reaching out, Associated Students should help to reach out with their network. It will be most beneficial to focus on impacted communities, and work with them directly versus a broad reach to all students. It is important to note that most students struggle to read all their emails – so emails being sent need to catch the attention of individuals. Student feedback in CFAC should be solicited before marketing to target the proper communities.

Public Comment
None.

Olivo adjourned the meeting at 11:59 A.M.

Reminder: Next Meeting Date – Friday, May 3, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. on Zoom