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

Review and Approval Meeting Minutes

Robinson asked if there were any questions or comments for March 13th and 24th meeting minutes—there were none. Amanda Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Anne. Shawki Moore abstained, and all other members voted in favor of approving the minutes. Satish Sharma recommended showing the minutes from last week while they are being approved.

Proposals
a. None

Action Items
a. None

Informational Items
a. 2023/24 IRA Budget Proposal

Yesenia Acosta presented the Proposed 2023/24 IRA Budget to CFAC. Robinson explained the history and allowable uses of the Category II IRA fee. Acosta shared that revenues were expected to be higher than in the prior year. Most of the uses of the IRA budget are pre-determined and the only additional items included were allocations for the Daily Aztec and KCR Radio. Students from these organizations presented their proposed budgets.

Guest speaker Gabriel Schneider began his presentation for the Daily Aztec. He gave a program overview covering the scope of their work. He explained the increase in printing costs and how they’re shifting their vision is to focus on their digital content more than their print content. Schneider explained the proposed budget for their next fiscal year covering revenues, expenses, etc. They are expecting increases in student hours, printing paper costs, web hosting etc., and are hoping the IRA
budget will help them achieve this goal.

Guest speaker Danan Pacheco gave a program overview for the KCR College Radio, giving scope of their work and what their upcoming plans are. Their vision moving forward is to focus on community especially for events such as the Aztec basketball team, other big campus events, as well as other ancillary events in the community such as Comic-Con. He then explained the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. They are expecting a slight decrease in operating revenues regarding their underwriting. They are expecting a greater increase in operating expenses (+$10K). They are short $33K excluding the IRA Funding. They now have a way to manage their equipment and see exactly when something needs to be replaced and when that foreseeably will occur.

Schneider explained the cohesion between the two student medias relating their impact and significance to the overall development in professional skills in a practiced media environment outside of a classroom. He enlightened the group on the 300+ students involved and how the greater involvement they have in the program, the greater the impact on the student body as a whole.

Robinson asked if there were any questions regarding the presentations, none were asked. Carlos Careaga clarified that this request was for one year while they worked with a consultant to create a more cohesive plan moving forward. Sharma asked for additional explanation on the negative balance of the proposed budget. Robinson explained that the budget is balanced with the exception of the Daily Aztec and KCR requests, and those would essentially be funded from the reserve. She walked the committee through the reserve balance which had started the 22/23 year with a balance over $1m. The final four support request had also been funded with this reserve balance.

Requests
a. None

New Business
a. Discussion- Review Category IV Fees

The members interested in discussing Category IV fees were not present, so the agenda item was tabled until the next meeting.

Public Comment
a. None

Robinson adjourned the meeting at 11:43 P.M.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 21st 2023 at 11:00 am. via Zoom.