

## CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 9, 2022

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDEES

Members:	Meena Alexander	Norma Aguilar
	Brandon Bartosh	Mary Anne Kremicki
	Julieanna Gutierrez	Hala Madanet
	Jazmyn Horton-Alvarado	Rashmi Praba
	Sophia Koch	Katie Robinson
	Sandy Mekany	Savanna Schuermann
	Shawki Moore	Satish Sharma
	Mayah Taylor	
	Robson Winter	

Guests:	Crystal Little	Tracy Love
	Maribel Madero	Ana Molina-Rodriguez
	Mikhail Portnoy	Christy Samarkos
	Libby Skiles	Beth Warrem

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

#### **Review and Approval of August 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Robinson asked if there were any questions or comments for last meeting's minutes before the committee moved to approve. There were none. Shawki Moore motioned to approve. Rashmi Praba seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Proposals**

##### a. Imperial Valley Student Success Fee

Crystal Little shared the background of the Student Success Fee and how it had been implemented for students attending the San Diego campus, but not those exclusively enrolled at the Imperial Valley campus. In Spring of 2021 the president initiated a conversation around the strategic plan and fostering an interconnected and equitable experience for all students, which resulted in a fee realignment plan to create a similar experience for students at both campuses. Based on guidance from the Chancellor's Office at the time, several fees were realigned through a phased-in approach via the alternative consultation process. The audit team at the Chancellor's Office then determined the appropriate protocol for increasing the Student Success Fee specifically required a student referendum. The current guidance also requires all students to vote, not just those on the Imperial Valley campus. The referendum would not change the fee amount or intended use, but would expand it to the students enrolled at the Imperial Valley campus. It would be phased in over five years, consistent with the original fee realignment plan.

Mary Anne Kremicki and Rashmi Praba spoke to how the fee would be used. 90% of the Student Success Fee is used to hire tenure track faculty, which ultimately increases the courses available to students. Typically, faculty are hired to replace those who leave, but the additional resource of the Student Success Fee allowed for an expansion of access to faculty for our students. Praba spoke to the other 10% of the fee which is designated for Academic Related Programs (ARP). This program allows students to become more engaged in programming outside of their courses. Some examples are workshops, conference participation, student research, and guest lecturers. If Imperial Valley students begin paying the Student Success Fee, they would have the same access to this program.

Little clarified that the role of CFAC in the referendum is to facilitate the process, and ensure clear communication, objectivity, and transparency.

Robinson walked the committee through the referendum timeline, which is largely driven by Student Fee Policy and AS Elections Code requirements. The timeline outlines the duties of the full committee, as well as the sub-committee which will be responsible for drafting election materials, and proposing a communications plan.

### **Action Items**

- a. Appoint CFAC subcommittee for IV SSF Referendum

Robinson asked who would be interested in joining the subcommittee. Horton-Alvarado, Schuermann, Koch, Aguilar, Winter, Kremicki, and Praba volunteered to join the committee. Aguilar moved to approve the members listed. Schuermann seconded the motion. The appointment of the subcommittee members was approved unanimously. Maribel Madero will also be supporting the subcommittee.

### **Informational Items**

- a. GSHIP Update

Little provided an update on the Graduate Student Health Insurance Program (GSHIP). The requirement for domestic Graduate Students to show proof of health insurance was implemented in Fall 2021. For students who did not have health coverage, the university provided the option to purchase coverage from a university negotiated third party provider. The students who opted-in for the university negotiated provider were required to pay for the full semester upfront directly to the provider for Fall 2021 and Spring/Summer 2022.

Negotiations with the third party provider for Fall 2022 required that the campus institute an opt-out student fee model so in Spring 2022 an opt-out GSHIP fee was approved. The opt-out fee model requires that student who have other coverage opt-out, and those who do not opt-out will be enrolled in the third party plan and the GSHIP fee will be posted to their student account. Additionally, by offering the insurance program through a fee mechanism, it allowed the university to subsidize the cost to students.

The mandatory insurance requirement and the fee was paused for Fall 2022 to allow more time to engage with students and answer any questions. The plan for spring is to resume the mandatory coverage requirement and the opt-out student fee. Libby Skiles explained why the insurance provider requires an opt-out model in order to provide an affordable option for our students. Skiles also explained how the Student Affairs team will be available to assist students with the options available to them to meet the insurance requirement as GSHIP is one of many options.

Moore expressed concerns that if the health insurance requirement were extended to undergraduate students, it would be a considerable burden. Meena Alexander underscored the importance of reaching out to students and sharing the Covered California option.

### **Requests**

- a. None

### **New Business**

- a. None

### **Public Comment**

- a. None

Robinson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 P.M.

**Reminder:** Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 A.M. via Zoom.