

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 30, 2004

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members: Truong Diep David Ely
 Kristina Jacobs Glen McClish
 Jeff Obayashi Jose Preciado
 Juanita Salas (Chair) Ethan Singer
 Scott Simpson

Voting Alternates: Tasha Manus
 Lori White

Non-Voting Member: Ed Bulinski

Guests: Mike Bohn
 Dan Cornthwaite
 Melissa Johnson

Introductions were made around the table since guests were present.

AGENDA

Agenda items reviewed. It was noted that the December 5th meeting minutes were mailed. Reference was made to the referendum planning schedule as well as the revised meeting schedule. Extra meetings were scheduled for Feb. 6, Feb. 20, and March 5. Please mark your calendars. The 2003/04 IRA budget update was included in the package. Preciado asked for a copy of the IRA allocations. Ed said a copy would be distributed at the next meeting.

INFORMATION ITEM

Cornthwaite referred to the draft voter pamphlet and reviewed the proposed \$16 per semester (\$1 per unit not to exceed \$12 per summer term) Student Body Center fee for the purpose of constructing and operating a campus swimming pool facility. The total fee would rise to \$87 per semester beginning in the fall **2006** and \$4.58 per unit up to a maximum of \$65.38 for the summer term. The increase would be used to provide for the construction and operation of a 50-meter competition pool with diving boards for athletic team practices, competitions and general student use. A 7,200 sq. ft. recreation pool, Jacuzzi/spa, locker rooms/changing rooms, showers and rest rooms would also be provided. These facilities will replace the Terry Pool facility taken out of service in June 2000 and enable the university's competitive swimming programs to move back to campus as well as provide swimming facilities for student recreation and fitness activities. Ely asked about financials and was assured that with the increased fee revenue along with anticipated operation revenues would adequately provide for the construction and operation of the new swimming pool complex. Preciado noted that staff would not pay this fee. Miller stated that a student survey was conducted and 80% said they would favor a \$16 fee increase for a pool. There are some majors that require swimming classes and would be an advantage to those students to stay on campus versus having to find other accommodations. It was noted that the survey was done before the budget crisis and other fee increases.

INFORMATION ITEM

Mike Bohn introduced the proposed IRA fee. Current IRA fee of \$15/semester would increase by \$80/semester to a total of \$95/semester for the main campus effective Fall 2004 if approved after consultation per EO 740. This would generate approximately \$4.8 million annually. The revenue from the existing \$15/semester fee would continue to be allocated as in the past. The IRA fee was last increased from \$5/semester to \$15/semester in 1982. Revenue from the fee increase would be designated for Athletics subject to the following conditions:

General fund support allocated to Athletics would be transferred to Academic Affairs at the beginning of each fiscal year equivalent to 50% of the revenue estimated from the fee increase and adjusted in March based upon the actual experience. These funds would not be included as part of the base subject to any pro-rata reduction in state support.

The fee increase would result in students being admitted free to athletic events limited only by student seating availability. The funds allocated to Academic Affairs would be further distributed to the colleges to support course sections. Academic Affairs and Athletics will jointly sponsor the IRA fee increase going forward to CFAC and an advisory referendum for Spring 2004.

Singer referred to the handout and reviewed Academic Affairs permanent budget reductions. 2002/03 = \$1,815,123, 2003/04 = \$7,379,468 and projected 2004/05 = \$11,676,469. The 2004/05 projected reductions

will inevitably lead to increased class sizes and reduced course sections. The projected 2004/05-enrollment reduction will be 1,411 or a 5% reduction in FTES. \$1M provides approximately 204 sections and approximately 6,324 course enrollment spaces. Athletics is a major public relations and marketing asset for the university. University advancement and development, and therefore Academic Affairs, are enhanced by Division I Athletics. Hundreds of students, both male and female, have been provided scholarships and unique competitive opportunities through Division I Athletics.

Obayashi asked why students should pay a 533% IRA increase and fund free tickets to students for athletic events. Bohn responded that it's been 22 years since an increase and SDSU is below national average. Also trying to lower dependency of State funds. All students, faculty and staff would benefit with this plan of excellence. Singer said that it would help with image, development and promote the university and institutional pride.

McClish stated that there are two very different initiatives under one vote that being athletics and academics. Any way to separate the two? Singer said that we need general fund money and at the same time Athletics is in need. The questions isn't do we want a Division I program. The President has stated that we will have a Division I athletic program. Budget gap has to be closed and Academic Affairs has 60% of the budget and can't carry the deficit. The initiative will have to be put forth to the students and let them decide. Academic Affairs and Athletics have come together to propose a remedy that supports all areas of campus.

Ishida asked about the wording on the ballot and was assured that the sub committee would work it on. Deip suggested that the proposal was an accounting gimmick and the bottom line is Athletics needs money. Simpson wondered about the 50% division. Bohn said that the institution needs to work together with a sense of collaboration and teamwork. Preciado also asked if the proposal could be split so students could have a choice to raise the fee for Athletics or for Academics or both. Singer stated that President saw this as an opportunity to address needs of students and alleviate the structural deficit of athletics and has no inclination to separate the fee. Simpson stated that IRA fees could not be used for course sections. Sub committee will need to determine wording. Cornthwaite spoke about the fee benefiting the auxiliaries which could be at risk if fee was not passed. Ishida asked where the money would be used and Bohn stated that it would be used for operating expenses.

Sub Committee

Jacobs

Simpson

Salas

Ely

McClish

Preciado

Bulinski

Cornthwaite and Singer or Griffin as advisory

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 6 in the President's Conference Room CH3318.

Before the meeting was adjourned Salas asked if there was any objection to having the CFAC minutes placed on the website. There were no objections so minutes will be put on the web. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Rosemary Patrick

Business & Financial Affairs