

# CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 5, 2004

## MINUTES

### ATTENDEES

Members: Kristina Jacobs Bill Boyd  
Josh Miller David Ely  
Jeff Obayashi Glen McClish  
Juanita Salas (Chair) Jose Preciado  
Linda Stewart

Voting Alternate: Sydney Covey

Non-Voting Member: Ed Bulinski

Guests: Dan Cornthwaite  
Melissa Johnson

Meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm by Chair, Salas.

### **AGENDA**

Agenda items reviewed. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved. 2004/05 IRA Budget Proposal and Pro/Con Statement with rebuttals for the Student Body Center Fee increase and the IRA Fee increase included in the packet.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

President's approval of CFAC recommendation on Office of Housing Administration rate changes for 2004/05 reviewed.

Referendum Pamphlet Distribution List – Cornthwaite reviewed numbers and locations. Miller questioned the history of pamphlet usage from past referendums and also questioned some of the locations and number of pamphlets. Since there will be 350 extra pamphlets, locations will be refilled by a student worker who checks every other day. Boyd asked if the pamphlet could be sent via e-mail. Salas stated that an e-mail was sent out to the student population announcing the upcoming referendum. A reminder will be run in the Daily Aztec after Spring Break with the website address that will take students directly to voter pamphlet. Bulinski said he would coordinate with Sandra Cook a student e-mailing with a link to the voter pamphlet in the CFAC website for Monday morning, March 22.

2004/05 IRA Budget Proposal – Salas reviewed and noted that student enrollment is projected to be down 5% from last year which would make the revenue lower. Commitments and program allocations were outlined. Preciado asked about reduction of Academic Affairs amount of allocation and wondered why. Covey also was concerned that some colleges haven't spent their allocation for this year. Ely asked if the deficit would be larger if the colleges spent all their allocation. Bulinski stated that it would be. Bulinski noted that enrollment was down and expenses were up which contributed to the deficit in 2003/04. Preciado asked about the commitments and if there could be any changes. Salas said objective was to bring forward a balanced budget. Jacobs asked about the reserve amount and Bulinski stated that the reserve is split between IVC and our general fund. IVC has a larger reserve. Jacobs asked how long commitments have been in effect. Stewart stated that she didn't know exactly, but the items have been in effect for a very long time. Preciado asked if the IRA budget would be approved before or after the referendum. The budget would come to action before the referendum vote. Cornthwaite asked about the overhead amount. Bulinski said that the figure was based on the revenue but the spreadsheet says 6% of expenditures. He will revise but the net effect will be approximately the same. The 6% overhead amount is applicable only to the expenses related to the original fee amount and would not be applied to any additional revenue if the IRA fee increase passes. Will bring up for action at the next meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Salas thanked the sub committee for their work on the referendums. Bulinski outlined the process for selecting the statements. A MOTION was made by Preciado and seconded by Stewart to approve the Student Body increase pro statement with rebuttal. Miller asked about why underlined and bolded areas submitted by students were not included. Bulinski said that all statements would have the bold and underlined areas put back in. Ely asked if changes were allowed at this point. Only information that can be changed would be grammatical or factual information. Preciado amended his motion to include any changes that conform to the

AS bylaws. Cornthwaite asked if the word "argument" could be substituted for the word "statement" in the headings, but Bulinski said that the bylaws specifically says the word "statement". Jacobs said that the wording should be "rebuttal to the statement" which will be changed. Cornthwaite asked that the format be the same for all student names at the end of their statements: Name, SDSU Senior, group or affiliate. It was noted that the University Honors Program Student Council Officers could be used in lieu of an individual's name. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the pro statement with rebuttal for the Student Body Fee increase.

MOTION was made by Preciado and seconded by McClish to approve the Student Boyd increase con statement with rebuttal with any grammatical, spelling or factual corrections in accordance with the AS bylaws. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION was made by Jacobs and seconded by McClish to approve the pro statement with rebuttal for the IRA fee increase. Boyd asked about a statement in rebuttal to the IRA Fee increase that he thinks is factually incorrect. Preciado made a friendly amendment adding the word "may" in place of the word "will". The sentence will now read: Now that it is almost certain that *fees*/tuition will increase, adding additional fees on top of those increases will mean that SDSU *may* be financially out of reach to many of the students that make SDSU an active and diverse learning environment. Melissa Johnson, the author of the statement, approved the change. Question called. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to approve the pro statement with rebuttal for the IRA fee increase.

A MOTION was made by McClish and seconded by Ely to approve the con statement with the rebuttal for the IRA fee increase. It was suggested that the first statement in the rebuttal argument be stricken. Miller explained that he would like to have an hour to rewrite his statement as this was the first time he saw the final version of the con statement submitted by Johnson so his statement doesn't pertain exactly to Johnson's arguments.

Preciado made a MOTION and Obayashi seconded to separate the con statement from the rebuttal statement for approval and give one hour for preparation of a rebuttal statement and vote to approve via e-mail. Stewart made a friendly amendment to allow this due to the fact that Miller did not have the appropriate statement in order to prepare his rebuttal. It was noted that we would do for anyone, not just because Miller is a member of CFAC. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to separate the con statement from the rebuttal statement for the IRA fee increase.

Moving to the main MOTION to approve the con statement without the rebuttal. Boyd wanted to change sentence in the first paragraph to read: As we are all aware, because of the state budget crisis, our *fees* may be rising again 11% in addition to the 40% increase we have already absorbed over the past two years. Boyd and others proposed a change in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, sentence to read: Though masquerading as a boon to the entire student body, the IRA fee increase will benefit primarily the Athletics Department, giving them a guaranteed and undeserved revenue of \$4.8 million on top of their already large \$18.5 million budget. In return, for an operating budget larger than most of the academic college at SDSU, Athletics *will transfer* \$2.4 million *in General Fund* to Academic Affairs and allow students to attend 150 athletic events for free every year. Ely requested that discretion should be taken not to reword the statements and leave as is. Vote called and MOTION PASSED WITH 6 IN FAVOR 2 OPPOSED to approve the con statement without rebuttal for the IRA fee increase.

#### **OTHER**

We will have one e-mail vote by 6 p.m. today. Miller said that his statement will be received by 4:50 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for March 26 in SS2640.

Respectfully Submitted by

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