

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2007

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members:	Brad Webb	Khouloud Elmasri
	John Ly	Tyler Morgan
	David Ely	Linda Stewart
	Julie Messer	Cezar Ornatowski
	Ethan Singer	Michael Matthews

Non-Voting Member: Ray Rainer

Mr. Webb chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ornatowski to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: 2007/08 IRA Budget

Ms. Stewart made the motion to approve the proposed 2007/2008 IRA budget; the motion was seconded by Dr. Ornatowski. There was a recapitulation of action item.

Mr. Morgan made a motion to amend the proposed 2007/2008 IRA program allocations taking \$7,500 from Academic Affairs and allocating it to Sports Clubs. Mr. Ly seconded the motion. Mr. Morgan argued that some sports are expensive and that they must be funded somehow; Academic Affairs did not use all its funds last year and even by taking the \$7,500 it will have more than what was allocated to Academic Affairs two years ago.

Dr. Ely asked if Sports Clubs receive funding from another source. Mr. Webb responded that Sports Clubs are partially funded by Associated Students - the portion not covered by the \$5,000; they also do substantial fundraising. Students cover any unfunded portions. Dr. Ely asked if anyone knew how much is funded by Associated Students – Mr. Webb responded that he did not have the exact amount, but gave an example of student costs: To play lacrosse a student would have to pay \$1000.

Ms. Elmasri checked on the amount funded by Associated Students and found that it provides approximately \$63,000 for Sports Clubs; this does not include full-time staff.

Mr. Morgan stated that if funds are not spent by Academic Affairs some of these should be allocated to Sports Clubs. Dr. Singer expressed disagreement with taking funds from Academic Affairs and added that programs go through student councils to be approved. Any money that not spent rolls forward to IRA reserves and doesn't go to Academic Affairs. Ms. Stewart added that the IRA budget has been managed in a way that makes sense to all the programs in spite of budget cuts. The IRA budget has been structured so that it will remain steady, even by pulling from reserves to keep it at this level. The current proposed budget is pulling close to \$85,000 from reserves. She expressed concern over increasing the allocation of one program at the cost of any of the others. Dr. Singer added that there are a lot of reasons why funds were not spent, but that this should not be the basis to change allocations. Academic Affairs allocation has been reduced over the years; it would affect a lot of people if there is a cut to the current allocation.

Mr. Matthews asked how much Academic Affairs has spent over the years. Ms. Stewart responded that some years Academic Affairs spends all of the money, but some years it may not, but not for lack of being able to spend it. A couple reasons why Academic Affairs may not spend all the funds is that some programs would be cheaper than originally estimated and/or due to cancelled lecture series. Academic Affairs is contacting people to see if they plan to spend all the money. It takes time to get some programs going.

Mr. Morgan stated that Sports Clubs are under-funded. There are 500 athletes in Division 1 who are subsidized and over 11,500 student athletes; there needs to be more parity. Dr. Singer suggested a

compromise – if there is unspent money from either Academic Affairs or Athletics, the first \$7,500 could go to Sports Clubs.

Dr. Ornatowski expressed his objection to reallocating funds from Academic Affairs to Sports Clubs. He asked about the distinction between individuals in Athletics and those in Sports Clubs. He also asked about the possibility of taking money from Athletics. Ms. Stewart responded that both groups are students. She also added that whether or not the committee recommends taking funds from Academic Affairs or from Athletics it is still a recommendation to the President. The committee would create a bigger deficit for Athletics if their budget is reduced. She suggested that Associated Students come back in mid-year with a request and justification for an augmentation.

Mr. Morgan reiterated the need to provide a little more for Sports Clubs and suggested a compromise. Mr. Matthews added that Sports Clubs also draw more students to the university; he disagrees with taking funds from Academic Affairs, but also disagrees with waiting for unspent funds because there is no guarantee that there will be any.

Dr. Ornatowski asked where the funds could come from if not from Academic Affairs or Athletics. Ms. Stewart reminded everyone that this is a proposed budget and there is no way to know whether revenue will be higher or lower, but there may be additional funds that can be allocated to Sports Clubs. Dr. Singer expressed concern about changing the allocation methodology and argued that Academic Affairs could also bring up more funding needs, i.e. Black History Month. Academic Affairs has struggled to make the current budget work.

Ms. Stewart reiterated her opinion that the 2007/2008 budget should go the way it's proposed, without making any of the programs take a budget cut.

Mr. Morgan moved to amend his amendment to take only \$5000 from Athletics, but stated he was not sure if it is to be split between Athletics and Academic Affairs, but feels there needs to be something, a compromise. Dr. Singer proposed to keep the allocations where they are and to give an additional \$5000 to Sports Clubs from reserves, one time.

Mr. Ely asked about the split of the insurance costs between Athletics and Sports Clubs and noted that the insurance coverage item included IRA funds going to Sports Clubs beyond the \$5,000 program allocation. He also noted that maintaining higher program allocations in future years would be difficult since the 2007/08 budget already relies on \$84,708 from reserves to cover allocations.

Dr. Ornatowski asked if it would be possible to increase fees next year from \$15 to \$20 if insurance keeps going up. Ms. Stewart responded that it was possible with a vote - referendum.

Mr. Webb stated the amended motion was to take \$5000 from reserves and to allocate it to Sports Clubs, one time. The allocation is to be re-evaluated a year from now. Ms. Stewart seconded the amended motion made by Mr. Morgan.

The committee moved to vote on the amended amendment. All members voted; there were no objections and no abstentions. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Elmasri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Matthews. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 16 at 2:00 p.m. in SS 1608.