

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 25, 2008

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members:	James Poet	Jeremy Ehrlich
	Justin Motika	Michael Matthews
	Grant Garske	Julie Messer
	Ethan Singer	Linda Stewart
	Cezar Ornatowski	David Ely

Non-Voting Member: Ray Rainer

Faculty/Staff Alternates Kimberlee Reilly Bill Boyd

Others/Guests Scott Burns Marilyn Newhoff

The meeting was called to order by James Poet at 2:02 P.M.

Informational Item:

Fee Proposal for Joint Doctorate of Audiology Program

Dr. Singer introduced the Fee proposal for the Joint Doctorate Audiology Program. This fee was considered two years ago by the committee, at that time the cost of the program was estimated to be \$3,000 per year. This was approved by CFAC and the President's Office, but was held by the Chancellor's Office because at that time they were considering a system-wide fee for several audiology programs.

Dr. Newhoff, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, continued with an overview of the program, which is number one in the United States. She met with the Chancellor's office and was told that the EDD can be used as a model for establishing this fee (\$12,000 annually). The budget for the next three years was provided to the committee; it includes the \$180,000 paid by SDSU.

The new fee has been announced to students who were accepted into AUD for next fall in a letter that states "pending approval", so that students are aware and prepared for this professional fee. There are 60 to 70 applicants to the AUD program annually; the majority of them stay in California even though they are not originally from California. Dr. Newhoff has had numerous meetings with UCSD and this proposal is the result of the agreements between SDSU and UCSD. The master's degree used to be the entry level degree for an audiologist, now it is the AUD; students cannot enter professional audiology without this degree.

Dr. Ornatowski asked about the relationship in these fees. Dr. Newhoff responded that this fee is used to recover the cost of operating the program at UCSD, including the \$180,000 that has been paid to UCSD. The entry limit is 10 students per year; supervision has to be one to one by law. UCSD has second year students every year; the doctoral program has a total of 40 students at any given time. The entire medical school environment experience is in the second year. Students are at SDSU the first year, UCSD the next year, SDSU the third year and the fourth year is an internship. The AUD fees are paid to SDSU.

Ms. Stewart asked about future plans to increase the number of spots available to new students. Dr. Newhoff responded that they have considered increasing the numbers of spots available to 14, but the Chancellor's Office pulled back the funds for expanding the program and it was decided that the program could not be expanded with the current funding.

Students currently just pay the standard fee (State University Fee), which is \$1,800 - \$2,200 depending on number of units in any given semester. The new fee is a professional fee, which will be in addition to what students are currently paying.

The audiology degree used to be a two-year master's, just like the speech pathology degree. The speech language program has stayed at entry level as a fixed semester master's degree. To practice nationally as an audiologist they moved to an entry level degree of an AUD; there is no longer a two year master's audiology degree anywhere in the United States.

Dr. Ornatowski asked about the fee's focus on UCSD; Dr. Singer responded that SDSU has the resources and is providing them, but this fee is not requesting special reimbursement for those. This fee will be used to reimburse the clinical resources at UCSD; if they don't get reimbursed they will not provide the program. All joint doctorate programs obtain a degree from both institutions. Dr. Ornatowski wondered why UCSD does not use their existing resources for this program like SDSU. Dr. Singer explained that the audiology resources are add-ons - they did not have the resources; SDSU had to underwrite a faculty position. The Ph.D. in audiology is paid by SDSU. The add-on fees are only for professional degrees.

Dr. Ornatowski asked about the impact of this fee on enrollment and how students are to manage this fee. Dr. Newhoff responded that it won't be known for a few years, but the students who were accepted this year knew of this pending fee, the amount and the range before accepting this program. She explained that students can manage these fees with scholarships; funds have been set aside for this purpose. \$180,000 will be recuperated and there are plans to use \$100,000 for students; all students qualify for financial aid. The program is still cheaper than any other programs in the nation.

This fee will take effect fall 2009; both new and current students will start paying these fees then. There are no plans to change the program; this fee is to assure the UCSD component of the program. Mr. Ehrlich asked why students have to pay these fees every year for UCSD when they only spend one year of the program there. Dr. Newhoff responded that there are always 10 students at UCSD every year; this is a way to spread out the fees, since in reality the cost is \$40,000/student /year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM. Next meeting will be on Friday, May 9th at 2:00 pm in SS-1608.