

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 1 , 2010

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members:	Kim Reilly Laura Schofield Eric Rivera Cathie Atkins Ethan Singer	Sean Kashanchi Candice Luistro Krista Parker Debra Bertram
Non-Voting Member:	Ray Rainer	
Student Alternates:	Jesse Robles Tom Rivera	Kevin Gruidl Chanelle McNutt
Guests:	Tom Wilson	Sandy Jorgensen-Funk

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M. by Ms. Kim Reilly, substitute CFAC Chair.

Approval of September 24, 2010 CFAC Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)

The minutes were reviewed. Two spelling errors were corrected. Mr. Tom Rivera made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Ms. Parker. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Informational Items

a. Up-date on random sample discussion group

Two of the invitations to the 3000 randomly selected students were sent out. As of Tuesday or Wednesday 25 students only opened the invitations and took no further action and 14 signed up for the discussion groups. These emails went out to the registered email accounts in Web Portal. Some of the responses to the open forums were to stop sending these emails (Mr. Rainer).

b. Results of CFAC Member email vote on canceling random sample approach

On September 28 Dr. Ely sent out an email to CFAC members to vote on cancelling the random sample process. CFAC members voted 12-0 to cancel this process. Mr. Rainer sent an email to all 3000 students notifying them of this change and thanked the few students who signed up for the discussion groups.

c. Alternative approaches to solicit student input on Proposed SHS Fee Increase

Mr. Rainer, Dr. Ely, Mr. Burns and Mr. Eric Rivera met early this week and discussed alternative approaches. They mainly focused on going back to the similar processes used with the IRA, such as meeting with student groups, but still holding the open forums, which are being advertised in the Daily Aztec. Various student groups will be contacted to participate in these discussion groups. People will be asked not to vote twice, but this cannot be enforced (Mr. Rainer).

In the past IRA process a presentation was made, there was a straw vote (show of hands); college councils and similar groups took a vote in private after these presentations. There were students who had to leave early and handed their vote on a piece of paper; there could have been a question over accurately counting the show of hands, so passing out a ballot this time may be more accurate (Mr. Rainer).

Ms. McNutt noted that a lot of student organizations have meetings on the same day – Thursday; this upcoming week there will be a joint but short meeting with four different groups. Ms. McNutt offered to organize a meeting to educate several student groups on the SHS fee presentation. It will be MEChA, AChA, ASCU, and maybe LGBT. These students will also have to vote on the issue (Mr. Eric Rivera). Mr. Eric Rivera suggested that Ms. McNutt get in touch with Lindsay in the Graduate Office to help with this meeting.

The SHS fee presentation is in the AS Council's agenda as an information item; last time (IRA) the AS Council took action on the IRA fee (Mr. Rainer). The AS Council can either take action and vote or submit student input (Mr. Kashanchi). Before the AS Council can vote as a whole, members would have to wait until they meet and discuss with their constituents to present the constituents' vote (Ms. Parker).

The issue is double representation with both the College Council and AS Council voting (Mr. Kashanchi). Mr. Eric Rivera sees the College Council (college representation) vote different than the AS Council (student body on campus representation) vote; these are two different organizations. It might be easier to do a straw poll with the ballots to collect student input (Mr. Tom Rivera).

With the IRA, the AS Council vote was treated differently from other student votes (Ms. Reilly).

Having votes from the AS Council two weeks from today is fine (Mr. Rainer).

Mr. Wilson asked if the Wednesday presentation could be moved from 4:45 pm to 4:30 PM, since he has three presentations in different locations that day; the committee agreed.

CFAC members need to be at these presentations (Mr. Rainer). Ms. Luistro offered to create a Google document for committee members to sign up for these; this will provide a current schedule.

Mr. Wilson asked to clarify the handling of the questions at the end of the presentation. SHS will still answer any questions; the prior minutes referred to offline questions directed to CFAC members after students voted.

Mr. Tom Rivera made a motion to take action on the alternative process; the motion was seconded by Ms. Parker. Discussion ensued. The new alternative consultation process did not work, so the old one will be used; this will include open forums. Dr. Singer suggested that the motion include more specifics. Ms. Reilly suggested sending an email to the committee with the specifics and ask members to reply with a yes/no vote.

Ms. Bertram asked if the committee was 100% sure that all student organizations represent all students. No, the only way to represent most students was through random sampling, but this method did not work (Mr. Kashanchi).

Mr. Kashanchi asked if the vote needs to take place before the first presentation. Student opinion can still be collected (Dr. Singer). An email will be sent out in advance describing the alternative process, but CFAC members will vote at the next meeting.

The committee voted on the motion to take action on the alternative process. All committee members voted against it, with no abstentions. The motion was revoked unanimously.

Lindsay is calling student organizations to allow CFAC to get on their agenda. Ms. Luistro asked if a video would be possible to reach all the organizations, since trying to reach them all would mean numerous presentations. Mr. Rainer has a list of all the organizations who the IRA was presented to and it was about thirty.

Ms. Luistro made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Tom Rivera. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 PM.

Reminder: Next Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 8 at 2:00 PM in SS-1608.