

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 25, 2022

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members:	Ashley Tejada	Alexia Oduro
	David Ely	Austin Barber
	Mary Anne Kremicki	Carlos Fitch
	Rashmi Praba	Shawki Moore
	T'Ante Sims	Mark Bruno
	Karina Esteban	Stephen Jackson
	Amanda Fuller	Savanna Schuermann
		Mark Reed
Guests:	Crystal Little	
	Ted Gonzalez	Maribel Madero
	Yesenia Acosta	Matias Farre
	Mikhail Portnoy	Jessica Romero

The meeting was called to order 11:00 A.M. by T'Ante Sims, CFAC Chair.

Review and Approval of February 11, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Sims asked if there were any questions for these meeting minutes. Ms. Tejada motioned to approve the minutes and Mr. Moore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Informational Item

a. Faculty Led Study Abroad Fees – Summer 2022 (Attachment 2)

Ms. Kremicki clarified that these are strictly accommodation fees.

Ms. Romero presented these fees to the committee. SDSU has reinstated the study abroad program, but these programs were previously run through Global Campus and now they will be run on the state side. Accommodation fees need to be established on the state side; these fees are for housing, transportation and activities for study abroad experiences and students elect to apply to these programs.

Ms. Schuermann asked what state side means. Ms. Romero responded that some travel study courses were previously administered by Global Campus, and are now shifting to regular courses through SDSU.

Ms. Tejada asked to clarify accommodation fees. Ms. Romero responded that accommodation includes activities, excursions, transportation and food in some cases; these are pass-through fees that students pay and the university in turn pays to the vendors abroad. Ms. Tejada asked if students are paying more with the switch to state side. There are no additional fees and there is no difference in what the students pay, other than inflation and cost fluctuation from prior year fees, per Ms. Romero. Ms. Little added that these are part of the category III course fees and no administrative fees can be added; these are only direct costs attributable to the students participating in this program.

Ms. Fuller asked if there are additional advantages to students with the switch to state side. Ms. Romero responded that there are a lot of positives, like the ability to use any remaining financial aid funds and easily apply these to the summer session courses abroad, which was not possible through Global Campus. Students have been advised to check with financial aid for any unused funds and to request an increase in award. With this change, students will have more time to make payments, since SDSU is paying vendors in advance of receiving payment from students. Students have greater flexibility with a 50% bill received April 1st and the last bill on May 5th; students have 20 days to pay these bills. A downside would be for out-of-state students who pay out-of-state tuition for summer sessions as rather than the fixed per unit cost

through Global Campus they will also pay the non-resident per unit fee. Ms. Fuller appreciated this change that will help her recruit more students and give them the opportunity to study abroad.

Ms. Schuermann asked about other reasons behind the switch to state side. Ms. Romero responded that this was at the direction from Provost Ochoa. Ms. Kremicki added that this is instruction, just like any other summer instruction, so the provost felt strongly about standardizing this program across the summer offerings and normalizing it within the colleges. Ms. Little added that historically these fees have been in both Global Campus and state side, and having all programs on the state side minimizes the confusion and creates a more seamless and positive experience for students.

Mr. Fitch asked for clarification on how to approve these fees. Ms. Little responded that these are category III fees that the committee can move to action, if comfortable deciding today; If not, it will be presented as action item at the next meeting with a recommendation to the president and the president to make the final decision. Mr. Fitch asked about the fee limit. Ms. Little responded that if the fees are over the set threshold for presidential approval, they will go to the Chancellor's Office for final approval. [EO 931 authorizes SDSU to establish international travel accommodation courses fees up to \$10,000] Mr. Fitch asked if some of these fees could be amended to stay within the threshold. Ms. Romero responded no, since the costs of these programs are based on in-country costs and vary depending on the country, i.e. living in Florence for 6 weeks costs more. There is a bidding process to ensure the cheapest cost for each program.

Mr. Fitch asked what would happen if CFAC recommended not to approve some of these fees. Ms. Little responded that the president would need the committee's rationale for not recommending these fees for approval, but the president could still make the decision to approve these fees based on executive order authority granted to the president.

Ms. Kremicki stated that these are time sensitive fees that need to be published to allow students to sign up for these summer programs, so asked the committee, if comfortable to consider moving this information item to action today.

Ms. Schuermann asked if out-of-state students would pay more to go through these programs than in the past. Ms. Little responded that they would pay tuition for the course involved, but the accommodation fee is the same regardless of student status. Ms. Fuller added that there is still a higher per unit cost, but this is only for 1-2 unit summer courses. Mr. Sims commented that the summer courses have a per unit fee, so the fee structure is a lot different compared to fall and spring; all students are encouraged to apply for financial aid to help cover the costs of these programs. Ms. Fuller added that low income students were at a disadvantage before this program was moved to the state side.

Ms. Fuller motioned to move the Faculty Led Study Abroad Fees to action, Mr. Bruno seconded. The committee voted in favor of moving this information item to action.

Action Item

Faculty Led Study Abroad Fees – Summer 2022

The committee voted to approve the Faculty Led Study Abroad fees; the committee voted in favor, with no objections or abstentions. These fees were approved unanimously.

Informational Item

b. Graduate Student Experience and Educational and Restorative Fees (Attachment 3)

Ms. Little provided an updated that these fees were approved by the president and will be implemented. Ms. Schuermann asked if this is the same fee that was an opt-in, but ultimately an opt-out and if a strategy was established to communicate this clearly. Ms. Little responded yes, and this was discussed with SACD; it may be better to share this information in a document to include when communication will go to students, how they would opt-out and timelines to make sure these fees hit the student accounts in time for financial aid to be supportive, so there is a process outline that can be shared with the committee.

Requests

- a. None

New Business

- a. None

Public Comment

Ms. Little reminded everyone that next week is the final week of open forums for the Accelerating Tech and Sustainability Fee; she encouraged everyone to attend and hear the types of questions and feedback the students have during these open forums. The March 11th meeting will be in person in Montezuma Hall; the seating for committee members will be in a horse shoe setup with separate seating available for public comment. The meeting will also have the online option via Zoom. On March 4th, or over the weekend, the data will be available to the committee to prepare for discussion. Ms. Schuermann asked if the committee will be able to see each feedback form. Ms. Little responded that it will be a summary/tally of all options and all written comments.

Ms. Schuermann commented that open forums have been presented differently depending on audience, according to her students. For instance, EOP students were told they were completing feedback forms, while others were told their feedback was sort of their vote. Ms. Little responded that sometimes the word vote and feedback get used interchangeably in general, although not intentional, but students are only providing feedback. Ms. Schuermann urged all to make the distinction clear during the presentations. Regarding the differences in the open forum presentations Ms. Little responded that early on the presenters tried to answer questions ahead, but that was course corrected and they are staying within the 25 minutes allotted for the presentation. Ms. Schuermann added that the general opinion is that students don't feel their questions have been answered, so would like to pass that on.

Ms. Oduro commented that the open forum presentation she attended was different from what was approved by CFAC and even inappropriate, i.e. a presenter referred to students as Aztecs a lot, brought up virtual reality and exploring Kumeyaay land. What was presented to CFAC was 20 minutes, versus an hour at an open forum with more of the need for the fee instead of just presenting the information. The presentations shifted according to audience and answering anticipated questions was added to the presentation. She is questioning the purpose of the CFAC subcommittee and CFAC committee, if what was approved in this setting was not what was shown to the students. Ms. Little responded that lengthening the presentation in an attempt to answer questions occurred early on and presenters have rectified this.

Mr. Moore commented that this is alarming, since differences in open forum presentations skew the feedback; he understands the adjustments, but what about prior feedback? He added that some students were told that Canvas would go away without this fee. Ms. Little clarified that the 24/7 365 support will not be available without this fee, but Canvas would not go away; she will let the speakers know to be clear in how this is presented.

Ms. Tejada added that she received feedback from student leaders involved in multiple organizations; some even saw open forum presentations 2-4 times because the organization was hosting and reported that the information presented varied. Ms. Little responded that this has been corrected, and she will take this feedback back to the group presenting.

Mr. Fitch commented that the students at the Imperial Valley presentation felt this presentation was more for the San Diego campus from the way it was presented, so he is more interested now in attending a presentation.

Mr. Sims and Ms. Little reminded the committee that the Student Success Fee policy change has been postponed to March 25th.

Ms. Tejada suggested changing the title for the next CFAC meeting to emphasize it will be in person.

Ms. Fuller asked about the option for a Zoom link for the March 11th meeting. Ms. Little confirmed a Zoom link will be provided as well.

Mr. Sims asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Fuller motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Moore seconded. This meeting adjourned at 11:41am.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 11th, at 9:00 A.M. in Montezuma Hall, Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union in person and via Zoom.