

## CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2021

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDEES

Members:	Amanda Fuller	Ashley Tejada
	David Ely	Karina Esteban
	Mary Anne Kremicki	Shawki Moore
	Rashmi Praba	Austin Barber
	T'Ante Sims	Stephen Jackson
	Mark Bruno	Alexia Oduro
	Mikhail Portnoy	Carlos Fitch
	Mark B Reed	Erika Gutierrez
Guests:	Andrea Dooley	Matias Farre
	Henry Villegas	Noah Hansen
	Crystal Little	Ted Gonzalez

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 A.M. by T'Ante Sims, CFAC Chair.

#### **Review and Approval of September 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

- a. Mr. Sims asked if there were any questions or comments for last meeting's minutes before he motioned to approve. There were none. Mr. Sims motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Bruno second. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **Informational Items**

- a. CFAC Membership Update

Ms. Little began by welcoming the new members. She continued that historically there have been two separate Campus Fee Advisory Committee, one for the Imperial Valley Campus and for the Main Campus. Based on the realignment of the fees, it was decided to consolidate into a single Campus Fee Advisory Committee. Ms. Little welcomed the two students from the Imperial Valley Campus, Mr. Fitch and Ms. Gutierrez, and added that the Vice President for Research and Innovation, Dr. Hala Mandat, and her designee, Mr. Mark B Reed, will be joining the committee. There will also be a Senate appointed Faculty/ Staff representative that will hopefully be appointed by the next meeting. Once the membership has been finalized, a separate orientation will be set up for the new members. Mr. Sims asked that the new members introduce themselves and welcomed them to the committee.

- b. SDSU-IV Fee Alignment

Ms. Dooley introduced herself and stated that herself and Mr. Villegas are here to discuss the new fee alignment of SDSU Main Campus and Imperial Valley Campus. She began by providing the rationale behind the fee alignment. Ms. Dooley explained that this fee alignment was in response to the feedback received from the university strategic planning process. This alignment would support services for all SDSU students and allows for new investments for needs of SDSU Imperial Valley. This will be over a 5-year time frame. Ms. Dooley continued that there were discussions with main campus and the Imperial Valley campus leadership as well as the California State University system. She stated that SDSU is the only campus where fees were not aligned across campuses and locations. Ms. Dooley added that they did look into ways to minimize the financial impact through financial aid allowances. There would be a development of new financial aid scholarship strategies that would identify funding that could allocate to students struggling to pay tuition/ fees, regardless of income-level. She then added that this fee alignment is scheduled over a 5-year period.

Mr. Villegas discussed the fee schedule and how this would look over the next 5 years. He noted one specifically, Health and Wellness Fee, which was a request from the students to have mental health resources at the Imperial Valley Campus. Mr. Villegas then discussed how each year would look like and the planned uses for these collected fees. He highlighted that a lot of these fees will go towards creating space to house these new services, hiring additional staff who will help support these new services and hopes to offer an intramural sports team. Mr. Villegas then added that there would be a shuttle service from Imperial Valley to SDSU Main campus for students. Mr. Fitch then asked in the chat if this presentation would be made available on the website. Ms. Little stated that the meeting agendas and minutes are made available on the CFAC website as this is a public forum and anyone can have access to this. She added that if it would be helpful to add this presentation as a link on the website where the mandatory fees are broken down, they would be happy to post this there.

Ms. Dooley opened it up for questions. Mr. Bruno asked to clarify if these fees are going to be consistent across all campuses. Ms. Dooley confirmed that is correct except the specific associated student fees will not be in alignment because there are certain fees that are not applicable to the Imperial Valley students. Mr. Bruno stated that the cost of living in Imperial Valley versus living in San Diego is significantly different and if this was taken into consideration and how would they help students who cannot afford this. Ms. Dooley answered that there was a lot of work put into the financial assessment. She noted that they did an assessment of how many students were receiving financial aid and grant funding. They will continue to offer these resources to their students and have added resources to help support Imperial Valley students.

Mr. Sims asked if there were any other comments or questions. Mr. Fitch stated that his participation with this alignment was very minimal and requested that when discussions like these happen that the students be involved as these affect them the most. If the University is not transparent with their fees it can cause misunderstandings and miscommunications. Mr. Villegas responded that Mr. Fitch's predecessor and the student President before them were all involved in the realignment discussions. He then added that this alignment had been in talks for a while and is just now being implemented. Mr. Villegas continued that they make sure to always include students in the conversation to avoid such misunderstandings. He added that they will continue to work on this and to bring students in on part of these discussions.

#### c. Approved CAT IV Fees

Mr. Hansen introduced the newly approved CAT IV Fees as fees affecting international students. He stated that the first fee is OPT, Optional Practical Training, which is work authorization for international students after they have graduated. This is related to federal regulations and compliance of their status with the international student center. The OPT fee is good for one year. Mr. Hansen then added that the STEM OPT fee is for STEM majors that are given two additional years of work authorization. This fee is in alignment with the \$100 a year fee. He continued that because these are work related fees, they do not believe students will have any hardships paying these fees. Mr. Hansen noted that the third fee, Sponsored Student Fee, is for the students that attend through government sponsored organizations. He noted that additional resources have been requested therefore, they have requested for this fee that is charged to the sponsoring agency. Mr. Hansen then stated the sponsored student fee would be \$150 a semester and only to those participating in the government sponsored organizations. The two OPT fees are optional for those that want to continue working after graduating. Mr. Hansen then opened it up for questions or comments.

Ms. Tejada stated that per the Office of the Chancellor Executive Order 1102, "Appropriate and meaningful consultation should occur prior to adjusting any campus fees." She then asked that if the President had already signed and approved this, what is the purpose of the committee and how is it appropriate to have this come to CFAC as an FYI. Ms. Little responded that the interpretation of the Executive Order as it related to Category IV fees, the President has the authority to make decisions on Category IV fees and then inform CFAC. She then noted that last year, that this topic came up and it was proposed that a sub-committee be formed, however it was not further pursued. Ms. Little then added that if there is support from the committee that the campus practice be changed, this can be looked at and a recommendation can be created for that change. She stated that if this was something we would like to

discuss further at a later meeting we can. Ms. Tejada then asked Mr. Hansen if there was a specific reason why this fee was not brought to CFAC first and went straight to the President. Mr. Hansen responded that there was a need for these fees and had asked what the process for requesting for fees was and followed that guidance. Ms. Little added that Mr. Hansen was following the guidance from the Budget and Finance Office which administers the fee policy. Ms. Fuller addressed Ms. Tejada's earlier question that they did try to create a subcommittee last year and that she had offered her services to draft a resolution or policy change. She then extended that same offer to Ms. Tejada. Ms. Little stated that two more members should be added to create the subcommittee and asked if Ms. Tejada would like to bring this back up as a Discussion Item at the next meeting. Ms. Tejada agreed she would like to do this and that it would be to draft a resolution or policy change so that these Category IV fees go through CFAC before reaching the President's approval.

Mr. Sims asked if there were any further questions or comments. There were none.

**Action Items**

- a. None

**Requests**

- a. None

**New Business**

- a. None

**Public Comment**

- a. None

Mr. Sims motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Sims adjourned the meeting at 11:52 A.M.

**Reminder:** Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:00 A.M. via Zoom.