CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 18, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members: David Ely Radmila Prislin
Rashmi Praba T’Ante Sims
Mark Wheeler Christian Onwuka
Kyla Blaylock Dustin Adkins
Christian Holt

Non-voting Members: Dana Smith

Guests: Suzanne Goulet Augie Garibay
Andrea Dooley Matias Farre
Crystal Little Jennifer Rikard

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 A.M. by Christian Onwuka, CFAC Chair.

Review and Approval of September 20th Meeting Minutes
Mr. Onwuka introduced and reviewed the September 20th meeting minutes and asked if there were any questions; there were none.
Mr. Adkins moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Holt seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Informational Items

a. Student Health & Wellness and IRA Fee Mock Presentation
Dr. Dooley opened the presentation and gave a brief outline of the presentation. She explained that the proposed fee increases resulted from many conversations with students over the past year and that alternative consultation was determined to be the best way to engage the campus community in a meaningful discussion about the proposed fees.

Dr. Rikard presented the Student Health & Wellness Fee. She explained the mission of Counseling & Psychological Services and the services provided. She also showed that demand for services has significantly increased over the last eight years. She further explained that the current therapist-to-student ratio is 1:1800 but national best practices suggest a ratio of 1:1000 to 1:1500. She explained that the benefits of an increased fee would include reduced wait times, additional providers, case management, and an after-hours phone line.

Mr. Garibay presented the Instructionally Related Activities Fee. He explained that there is an achievement gap for historically underserved students on campus and showed 6 Year Graduation Rates for those student populations are lower than the overall average. He stated that the university currently has four existing cultural centers and explained how they support student well-being. He further explained that the centers provide academic support systems, campus-wide training, community building, and student focused programming. He stated that over 20 registered student organizations have organized to advocate for three additional spaces to provide services for more students.

Dr. Dooley concluded the presentation by acknowledging the financial impact fee increases have on students and their families. She explained that financial aid would cover the increased fees and that there would be funds set aside to assist those students not currently receiving aid or scholarships and for whom the fees create a financial burden.

Following the presentation the committee discussed, sought clarification, and made suggestions for minor changes to the presentation slides as well as the overall delivery of the presentation and structure of the open forums.

Requests

a. None

Action Items

a. Approval of Student Health & Wellness and IRA Fee Presentation
Ms. Blaylock moved to approve the presentation and Mr. Adkins seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.
b. Approval of Information Pamphlets
Mr. Adkins moved to approve the information pamphlets and Mr. Holt seconded to open the item for discussion. Ms. Smith noted that the content in the pamphlets had not changed since the previous meeting, but the pro and con statements which were approved by a CFAC subcommittee had been added. She also noted that no rebuttals were received. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business
Mr. Adkins informed the committee that the Aztecs Rock Hunger kick-off event will be held October 22, 2019 from 9:00-10:00AM in the Goldberg Family Courtyard.

Public Comment
None

Mr. Onwuka adjourned the meeting at 12:07 P.M.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 8th, at 11:00 A.M. in Student Services West – Room 2620.