

CAMPUS FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 22, 2019

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Members:	David Ely	Radmila Prislín
	Rashmi Praba	T'Ante Sims
	Mark Wheeler	Mark Bruno
	Christian Onwuka	Kyla Blaylock
	Angelica Espinoza	Dustin Adkins
	George Scott	Sophie Chance
	Christian Holt	

Non-voting Members: Dana Smith

Guests: Approx. 20-25

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 A.M. by Christian Onwuka, CFAC Chair.

Review and Approval of November 8th Meeting Minutes

Mr. Onwuka introduced and reviewed the November 8th meeting minutes and asked if there were any questions; there were none.

Mr. Scott moved to approve the minutes and Ms. Espinoza seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Informational Items

a. Student Health & Wellness and Instructionally Related Activities Fee Results

Ms. Smith presented the Student Health & Wellness and Instructionally Related Activities fee results and provided information regarding the alternative consultation process. A total of 41 open forums were held at which students were provided with a 30 minute presentation about the proposed fee increases. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback during the forums. Students were also given a feedback form in which they could provide written feedback which would be reviewed by CFAC. In total, the committee received feedback forms from 1,008 students. RedIDs were verified in order to validate that only regularly enrolled SDSU students were included in the results. The feedback summary results showed 57.0% of students supported a Student Health & Wellness Fee increase ranging from \$55-\$73 per semester, 42.4% opposed any fee increase, and 0.6% abstained; 50.6% of students supported an Instructionally Related Activities Fee increase of \$40 per semester, 49.3% opposed an increase, and 0.1% abstained.

b. 30 Minute Open Comment Period

Mr. Onwuka acknowledged that there were no speakers signed up and reminded the audience that public comment was still welcome and asked any interested parties to place their name on the sign-in sheet.

Mr. Onwuka opened the meeting for public comment after tabling the discussion of the fee recommendations in progress. Two guests were allowed to give public comment for 2½ minutes; both were opposed to the fee increases.

Requests

a. None

Action Items

a. Student Health & Wellness and Instructionally Related Activities Fee Recommendations to President de la Torre

Ms. Blaylock moved to recommend the fee increases and Ms. Chance seconded. The committee discussed the importance of mental health services and cultural centers and recognized the impact such services have on student achievement. The committee further acknowledged the financial burden that fee increases have on students and their families, particularly low income students. However, several committee members felt that the positive impacts on student success outweigh the negative financial impacts. The committee was also reminded that the fee increases include a return-to-aid component to provide financial relief to eligible students. The committee was further reminded that all other options have been exhausted.

Dr. Wheeler moved to table the discussion and Mr. Holt seconded; the motion was approved unanimously. Two guests were allowed to give public comment.

Mr. Scott moved to resume the discussion and Mr. Adkins seconded; the motion was approved unanimously. The committee continued the discussion and acknowledged that fee increases disproportionately affect international students who must pay the fees while being limited on work hours and excluded from financial aid. The committee further acknowledged the financial burden but was also reminded that a lack of resources for students in need is also a burden.

Mr. Holt moved to vote no on both recommendations, Mr. Adkins seconded.

The motion failed.

Dr. Ely moved to recommend the increase to the Student Health & Wellness Fee at \$55, Dr. Wheeler seconded. The committee further discussed the need for services and lack of funding. The committee was also reminded that only a small fraction of students favor a fee that will impact all students.

The motion passed with a vote of 8-4.

Dr. Wheeler moved to recommend the increase to the Instructionally Related Activities Fee, Ms. Blaylock seconded. The committee discussed the benefits that the cultural resource centers have for the entire campus community and the need to support all students with the resources they need to succeed.

The motion passed with a vote of 6-4 with 2 abstentions.

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Mr. Onwuka adjourned the meeting at 12:01 P.M.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6th, at 11:00 A.M. in Student Services West – Room 2620.