Channel Islands
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Fee Advisory Committee

Friday, March 14, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Location – Zoom: https://csuci.zoom.us/j/87525456510

Minutes

Committee members present:
Andrew Fox, Chair
Trina Darakjy
Mari Riojas-Cortez
Judah Stice
Kayleena Venzor

Committee members absent:
Manisha Aerra
Uday Kiran Jadi
Allen Monge
Susan Kuzminksky

Others in attendance:
Dianne Wei Bobritsky – Associate Director of DSA Budget & Staff Resources
Neomi Basquez – Budget Analyst
Rosa Bravo – Director of Business Operations for Academic Planning and Budgeting
Geri-Lyn Himebaugh – Budget Analyst
Dr. Eboni Ford Turnbow – Vice President for Student Affairs

Minutes:

I.   Call to Order
       a. Chair Fox called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

II.   Approval of the Agenda
       a. Action Item: approval of Agenda
            i. Motion to approve Agenda (T. Darakjy / M. Riojas-Cortez)
                Motion passed 5-0-0.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes
a. Action Item: approval of minutes from Friday, February 7, 2025
i. Motion to approve Minutes (M. Riojas-Cortez / T. Darakjy)
Motion passed 5-0-0.

IV. Public Forum
a. No public forum.

V. Category II Fees – Marketing/Communication Update
a. Prior to reviewing the student fee survey results, Dr. FT told the committee to ask questions at any time. She shared 398 students participated in the survey which is approximately 8.2% of the student population. This is a satisfactory completion rate as most CI student surveys have had a lower rate closer to 5%.
b. Per the survey results:
i. Overall students rated the value and the quality of the different programs and services very similarly. For example, for Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), 40% of the respondents said they were "Very Satisfied" with the overall value. And 41% of the respondents said they were "Very Satisfied" with the overall quality.
ii. The top four self-reported utilized services were: Classroom/Lab Tech, Campus Recreation, ASI Programs and Services, and IRA Sponsored Events.
iii. The four program and services rated most important to the individual students were: Classroom/Lab Tech, CAPS, ASI Programs and Services, and IRA Sponsored Events.
iv. Students seem comfortable with increasing most of the fees proposed. The highest percentages of comfortability for an increase were within the $0-40/semester range.
c. After Dr. FT shared the survey results, she shared a fee increase scenario over 5 years. Different fees would increase at different years based on the student feedback as well as the financial situation of each fee. Increases would not be proposed to start until Spring 2026.
d. Standards for the fee scenario planning included:
i. Being mindful of the annual and overall fee increase to students. If the overall fee increase could be split over two years, that was done.
ii. Fees that fund professional staff need to maintain 6 months of operating as their reserve minimum, unless the fee fund operates under a different reserve minimum policy, like the IRA and MSFT fees.
e. Dr. FT acknowledged that amount of information being shared and ensured the committee that the documents would be shared after the meeting. The next SFAC meeting on March 28, will be dedicated to reviewing these materials further and answering any questions.

f. Committee members asked the following questions, with responses from staff:
    i. Do any of these programs receive funding from other sources? Yes, some have other funding sources, but they are minimal. For example, CAPS has legislative funding, which funds a clinician.
    ii. Do any of these fee increases include the ability to enhance programming? No, the increases are to maintain current programs and services, while maintaining the required reserves.
g. Chair Fox thanked Dr. FT and staffing for the time they put into the marketing, analysis, and scenario planning.

VI. Closing Remarks
a. No closing remarks.

VII. Adjournment
a. Chair Fox adjourned meeting at 9:00 a.m.
b. SFAC's next meeting is March 28, 2025.