**Student Fee Advisory Committee Meeting**

**2325 Murphy Hall**

**4:00-7:30 PM**

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

**Present:**

Graduates: Jazz Kiang, Javier Rodriguez, Zak Fisher, Denise Marshall

Undergraduates: Christina Wang, Neemat Abdusemed, Nicole Corona Diaz, Paulina Macias

Administration: Mike Cohn, Director of SOLE, Barbara Wilson, UCLA Housing & Hospitality

Faculty Rep: Karen Rowe, Professor

APB Advisor: Ellen Hermann (Ex-Officio)

**Absent**: Deb Geller, Associate Dean of Students and Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Marilyn Alkin, SFAC Advisor (Ex-Officio)

**Call to Order**

* 1. **Jazz Kiang** called the meeting to order at 4:10pm.
1. **Approval of Agenda**
	1. **Nicole Corona Diaz** suggested amending the agenda to move budgetary limitations up because it would go by faster. **Jazz Kiang** wanted to keep it on the agenda for later when the most members would be present. **Denise Marshall** moved to approve the agenda. **Christina Wang** seconded. With no objections, the agenda was approved by consent.
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
	1. **Karen Rowe** moved to table approval of the May 7, May 14, and May 21 minutes. **Denise Marshall** seconded. With no objections, the minutes were tabled by consent.
3. **Review of Student Fee Advisory Committee Charter**
	1. **Jazz Kiang** highlighted the preamble and recommended including the Regents Policy 3101 since that justified this group existing. **Jazz Kiang** also cleaned up the objectives and updated the language. He cleaned up officer duties to update antiquated language. **Jazz Kiang** cleaned up the election process and said the new wording now makes sense. He separated item number two as well. **Jazz Kiang** believed all these changes can be discussed and taken action on. He opened to questions.
	2. **Javier Rodriguez** asked why the relationship to the Daily Bruin was removed from the Vice Chairperson duties. He suggested that the Daily Bruin could help with more transparency. **Jazz Kiang** said that this duty should be one of the Chairperson’s and that coordination with related campus entities is included in the Chairperson’s duties. **Zak Fisher** believed it was important for the name of the newspaper be mentioned specifically. He asked if there were other substantive changes and asked if there was a list of changes. **Jazz Kiang** said the document has tracked all proposed changes. **Karen Rowe** said she thought all forms of media should be mentioned and the language should actually be broader because of shifts away from print forms of media. She thought they should not be specific. **Denise Marshall** stated that the Chairperson is the voice of the committee and did not see an issue of the Charter reflecting this duty to be that of the Chairperson’s instead of the Vice Chairperson’s. **Mike Cohn** suggested that language specify the duties being toward UCLA media and ASUCLA Student Media.
	3. **Zak Fisher** moved to incorporate language that **Mike Cohn** suggested. **Karen Rowe** suggested including this language as a new part F in the Chairperson’s duties. The committee was in consensus with incorporating the language.
	4. **Karen Rowe** suggested “preside over” instead of “preside” in the officer duties. The committee was in consensus with incorporating the suggestion.
	5. **Karen Rowe** suggested “serve as liaison to” instead of “liaise” in the officer duties. The committee was in consensus with incorporating the suggestion.
	6. **Jazz Kiang** flagged Article VI and suggested changing when the Bylaws go into effect from ten days to fourteen days since all current language regarding amendments involves a fourteen-day process. **Karen Rowe** said it was a non-issue since it encompasses a weekend. **Zak Fisher** agreed that it procedurally becomes two cycles of five business days.
	7. **Javier Rodriguez** asked why the election of the Chairperson was specified to be by the tenth week of the Spring term. **Jazz Kiang** pointed out that that has been the typical timeframe of the committee and wanted the Charter to reflect that reality.
	8. **Denise Marshall** moved to submit the proposed amendments to the SFAC Charter to the Chancellor. **Paulina Macias** seconded. The motion passed unanimously with 11 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition, and 0 abstentions.
4. **Review of “A Resolution to Ensure Equitable Voting Power”**
	1. **Jazz Kiang** stated that the resolution seeks to amend the SFAC Charter to make non-student members ex-officio without voting power. **Zak Fisher** thought it was awkward that people who do not pay the Student Services Fee still get to vote on how that money is spent. He believed that recent votes would’ve turned out differently if the voting would only be allowed for people who paid the Student Services Fee. **Zak Fisher** requested that the vote be taken by secret ballot.
	2. **Nicole Corona Diaz** asked if students who have a potential conflict of interest would recuse themselves even when they pay the Student Services Fee. **Zak Fisher** stated that nothing would change except the non-student members would ultimately not have voting powers. **Zak Fisher** rejected the notion that students don’t know what is best for them.
	3. **Denise Marshall** pointed out that non-student members have valuable historical insight and it’s helpful if they can put their words into action by voting. She thought that there’s no guarantee that future students alone will have the historical maturity to make good decisions. **Jazz Kiang** mentioned that he has always prioritized students’ voices during committee discussion. **Barbara Wilson** mentioned that she was surprised she had voting privileges when she first joined the committee since she thought she was only here for advisement. She added that she would not mind if she no longer had a right to vote.
	4. **Neemat Abdusemed** noted that there have been a lot of absences from student members and was worried that attendance has been lenient. She said they often don’t have quorum at the beginning of meetings because of these absences or tardiness. She thought this change would impact how the meeting would start and pointed out that a lot of students sometimes come in and out of meetings. She thought this would change how they do things drastically.
	5. **Mike Cohn** said he will be paying the incoming Student Services Fee next year because his son is an incoming student and that SFAC is a big time commitment without a vote. Because his department is heavily funded through Student Services Fee funds, his job is to carry out the recommendations from SFAC and approvals from the Chancellor long after student members graduate. He added that he doesn’t see non-student members as a negative or a conflict.
	6. **Karen Rowe** felt like the odd one out because she was the only person on the committee to represent the faculty. She hoped there was a value for people who have navigational skills to work proactively with units and to bring new visions that are necessary to the process and administrative organization. Without a vote, she has no stake other than to do what is right by who manages funds and to speak to the needs from what she hears from her students. She believed there is value in the non-student members having the privilege to vote.
	7. **Zak Fisher** pointed out that they need eight votes for this proposed Charter amendment to pass and suggested withdrawing the resolution if any student would vote no.
	8. **Javier Rodriguez** suggested adding two students to the committee so there are ten students and more votes. **Javier Rodriguez** moved to amend the resolution to include language for an additional undergraduate representation and graduate representative. **Nicole Corona Diaz** seconded. The motion passed with 3 votes in favor, 2 votes in opposition, and 4 abstentions. The resolution for consideration was therefore amended to include an additional undergraduate representation and graduate representative as part of the proposed Charter amendment.
	9. **Mike Cohn** saidthat he abstained from the previous vote because SFAC has already had a challenge sustaining the full amount of student members.
	10. **Paulina Macias** moved to vote on the amended resolution by secret ballot. **Denise Marshall** seconded. **Ellen Hermann** collected and counted the votes. The motion failed with 3 votes in favor, 7 votes in opposition, and 1 abstention. The resolution therefore was not adopted.
5. **Review of Student Fee Advisory Committee Bylaws**
	1. **Jazz Kiang** pointed out that most of these changes were to update antiquated language, similar to the Charter. He opened it for questions and comments.
	2. **Karen Rowe** asked about the removal of language regarding stipend forfeiture in part D of Article V. **Jazz Kiang** said that he had removed this language because it was repetitive to what is outlined in the Compensation Policy, which is already invoked in a previous section.
	3. **Denise Marshall** moved to submit the proposed amendments to the SFAC Bylaws to the Chancellor. **Christina Wang** seconded. The motion passed with 10 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition, and 1 abstention.
6. **Review of Article I, Part 4 of Student Fee Advisory Committee Bylaws**
	1. **Jazz Kiang** stated that it would be procedurally better to take this item as a separate discussion from the rest of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. He added that this language was his best attempt to take into consideration their previous discussion about only students paying the Student Services Fee as well as differing opinions on how the non-student members should either excuse themselves from participation or from voting.
	2. **Nicole Corona Diaz** saidshe thought it was ridiculous that this was being proposed after all the work they put into the 2016-17 bylaw amendment. She didn’t know why this was being proposed and didn’t understand it. **Jazz Kiang** said this was his proposed recommendation to parse out differences between student members and non-student members. He also thought this helped clear confusion on how to deal with non-student members’ roles on the committee.
	3. **Javier Rodriguez** felt like this proposed amendment was making the committee go backwards. He thought the current bylaw as it stood provided enough direction. **Zak Fisher** agreed that it felt like a step backwards and believed what they have now is a good start. **Nicole Corona Diaz** said that this would mean they would recuse themselves from one or two units at most and didn’t feel like it was a big burden on the students. She thought students recused themselves anyway when reviewing how much money should be given to a unit.
	4. **Jazz Kiang** asked for thoughts regarding the role of non-student members. He pointed out that the current language only described recusal from discussion. He added that there was previous discussion regarding voting privileges and an interest from the committee after seeing other campuses’ bylaws. He noted that many campuses allowed for non-student members to participate in discussion, but to abstain from voting on items related to their administrative areas.
	5. **Zak Fisher** asked about explicitness for what currently happens with SFAC procedures if a non-student member were to be asked for clarification on a unit of their administrative area. **Mike Cohn** asked why they would do this since it wouldn’t be fair to other units who don’t have an administrator or staff member who is a member on the committee. **Karen Rowe** pointed out that it had happened in previous years when there would be a discussion first and the recused non-student member could be brought back in to clarify on a matter that the committee had questions about.
	6. **Zak Fisher** asked if this would repeal the current language in part 4 of Article I, if passed, since there are parts that contradict the current language. He believed it is a conflict of interest if a unit director came to present to the committee regarding their funding requests while also being a committee member.
	7. **Jazz Kiang** didn’t want to presume what was normative but wanted to make explicit what can happen moving forward. **Jazz Kiang** stated that nothing in the Bylaws beforehand had been spelled out regarding these issues.
	8. **Zak Fisher** moved to table further discussion for the next committee prior to budgetary deliberations and to inform the Chancellor that the committee needs more time to review this section. **Nicole Corona Diaz** seconded. The motion passed unanimously with 11 votes in favor, 0 votes in opposition, and 0 abstentions.
	9. **Jazz Kiang** said he will send a letter to the Chancellor with these details alongside all of the other proposed amendments to the Charter and Bylaws.

**Denise Marshall** moved to enter Executive Session. **Christina Wang** seconded. With no objections, the committee entered Executive Session.

**Denise Marshall** moved to exit Executive Session. **Mike Cohn** seconded. With no objections, the committee exited Executive Session.

1. **Nominations for Chairperson**
	1. With no objections, **Jazz Kiang** nominated **Nicole Corona Diaz**, **Paulina Macias**, and **Denise Marshall** for Chairperson. **Jazz Kiang** stated that the election will occur during next week’s meeting and the nominees will have until then to accept or decline their nomination.
2. **Adjournment**
3. **Paulina Macias** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Christina Wang** seconded. With no objections, **Jazz Kiang** adjourned the meeting at 7:37pm.