STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

2325 Murphy Hall

Monday, April 17, 2017

**Attendees Present:**

Graduates: Theresa Ambo, Manpreet Dhillon Brar, May Bhetraratana, & Nicole Ngaosi

Undergraduates: Neemat Abdusemed, Ashraf Beshay(Chair), Katie Kim, & Richard White

Administration: John Bollard, Ashe Student Health Center

Nancy Greenstein, Director of Police Community Services

Paolo Velasco, Director of Bruin Resource Center

Faculty: Karen Rowe, Professor

Advisor: Marilyn Alkin, SFAC Advisor (Ex-Officio)

Matt Quigley, Academic Planning and Budget (Ex-Officio)

Guests: Rebecca Lee-Garcia

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
   * 1. A motion was made by ***May Bhetraratana*** and seconded by ***Theresa Ambo*** to approve the agenda. The vote passed unanimously.
2. **Review of Handouts**
   * 1. Responses from BRC, Grad Division.
     2. Student User Fee application
3. **Review of Minutes** 
   * 1. A motion was made by ***John Bollard*** and seconded by ***Manpreet Dhillon Brar*** to approve the 4/10/17 minutes. The vote passed unanimously.

**ENTER Executive Session**

***Neemat Abdusemed*** moved and seconded by ***Nancy Greenstein*** to move into executive session. The vote passed unanimously.

1. **Discuss Group 2**

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Manpreet Dhillon Brar*** moved and seconded by ***John Bollard*** to exit executive session. The vote was approved unanimously.

1. **Appointments subcommittee report**
   * 1. ***Katie Kim*** shared that the undergrads of the subcommittee believed transfer students are important and vital to SFAC. The group felt that as first-year members, it’s taken them at least two quarters to fully understand SFAC. They believe the one-year term is not helpful for the student and committee. ***Richard White*** also stated that transfer students are represented because three of the eight are currently transfer students. He also stated that targeting a certain group will open the window that shows non-representation of other identity groups. ***Neemat Abdusemed*** also felt the one-year is not effective but outreach to students such as at Bruin Day is more helpful. To be immersed in this group of leaders, two –year is necessary for the student.
     2. ***Katie Kim*** stated that having transfer student representation, SFC has the opportunity to get more diverse students but is unsure if that is necessary enough to change the process.
     3. ***Paolo Velasco*** thinks it makes sense about creating positions for specific populations. He also stated that he was unsure if enough research was done to create a pathway or outreach for transfer students to participate in these leadership positions.
     4. ***Ashraf Beshay*** stated that after discussing with Heather Adams, he believed it was difficult for transfer students to get involved because we cannot expect students to know and look for these opportunities.
     5. ***Manpreet Dhillon Brar*** stated that for her experience on SFAC, she felt that she still had a huge learning curve despite being an undergrad student and staff member.
     6. ***Theresa Ambo*** stated that during the BRC site visit, a student brought up her concern about transfer students not having the opportunity to get involved with SFAC. ***Ashraf Beshay*** also stated from the transfer coalition also shared this concern.
     7. ***Nicole Ngaosi*** asked returning SFAC members if USAC taken upon themselves to appoint a transfer student for mid-year appointments.
     8. ***Manpreet Dhillon Brar*** summarized that a one-year appointment is possible but had concerns that the transfer students would not have enough experience to put on their resume. As a subcommittee, she asked how SFAC ensures the learning experience is met for a one-year appointment.
     9. ***Richard White*** also stated this appointment change will affect the stability of undergraduate student representatives, but not graduate students.
     10. ***Ashraf Beshay*** asked the subcommittee for a pros and cons report on the agenda for next week.
2. **Student User Fee**
   1. ***Rebecca Lee-Garcia*** shared that student user fees can be approved by the Chancellor based on SFAC’s recommendation. These are not mandatory fees.
      1. The Anderson School of Management that has a data conference for Anderson graduate students and non-affiliates. In the past they did not charge the fee to students, but the students did not show up. They want to charge a $15 per student fee to ensure attendance. This is not a mandatory event to attend. They provided a summary of their budget and actual revenue from students will be a small portion compared to charges to other attendees. Anderson will also provide $5000 of their own funding for this cost.
      2. ***John Bollard*** asked if the cost for all attendees are the same and the students are subsidized. This will go through the sales and services process to have a fund set up.
      3. ***Neemat Abdusemed*** asked what the $15 would go towards and ***Rebecca Lee-Garcia*** stated it would go back towards the conference such as food and programming costs.
      4. ***Richard White*** asked if it could be used as a deposit and students can receive their money back. ***Rebecca Lee-Garcia*** stated that there are a lot of policies and challenges to refund this cost. ***Neemat Abdusemed*** stated that there is a fee waiver for students who cannot afford the cost.
      5. ***Nancy Greenstein*** moved and ***John Bollard*** seconded to support the fee. The vote passed unanimously.
3. **Announcements**
   * 1. ***Marilyn Alkin*** announced that SFAC will meet at 2325 next week.
4. **Adjournment**
   1. A motion was made by ***Theresa Ambo*** and seconded by ***Manpreet Dhillon Brar*** to adjourn the meeting. The vote passed unanimously.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.