STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

2325 Murphy Hall

Monday, April 10, 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

Jeff Roth

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
   * 1. A motion was made by ***May Bhetraratana*** and seconded by ***Nancy Greenstein*** to approve the agenda. The vote passed unanimously.
2. **Review of Handouts**
   * 1. Responses will be uploaded to Box.
3. **Review of Minutes** 
   * 1. A motion was made by ***John Bollard*** and seconded by ***Paolo Velasco*** to approve the 4/3/17 minutes. The vote passed unanimously.

**ENTER Executive Session**

***Theresa Ambo*** moved and seconded by ***Nicole Ngaosi*** to move into executive session. The vote passed unanimously.

1. **Discuss Group 1**
2. **Discuss Group 2**

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION**

***Katie Kim*** moved and seconded by ***Nancy Greenstein*** to exit executive session. The vote was approved unanimously.

1. **Pledge Referendum Presentation**
   1. ***Jeff Roth*** explained Academic Planning and Budget (APB) were requesting SFAC’s guidance regarding the summer fee portion of the pledge fee. The pledge fee that was passed in 2009, which should be applied to registered students through the academic quarters including summer quarter. However, the summer portion was never charged to students. This error was recently identified last year. The Chancellor agreed to fund the financial aid return to aid which was $275,000 but there is still a total of $698,000 which should have gone to units. APB asked if SFAC could apply their account to make these organizations whole.
      1. ***John Bollard*** asked if the units had been using this funding and are now in deficit. ***Jeff Roth*** explained that the units had program plans and assumed this funding would be available.
      2. ***Nicole Ngaosi*** asked for clarification of why this took so long to figure out this issue. ***Rebecca Lee-Garcia*** stated that a student brought this issue forward to the Daily Bruin.
      3. ***Richard White*** asked for clarification and confirmed that this fee would only be charged to students who were taking summer courses. He stated that the SSF is charged to all students rather than only summer.
      4. ***Neemat Abdusemed*** asked which department was responsible for applying this referendum. ***Rebecca Lee-Garcia*** stated that a number of units had responsibility and this was missed.
      5. ***Paolo Velasco*** asked if it was possible to identify the students who owed the fee and apply it. Secondly, if SFAC chose not to provide funding, he asked what option would fill this need. ***Jeff Roth*** stated that this was the only SSF available with the balance available.
      6. ***Neemat Abdusemed*** had a concern that she, as a student for this is making up for students from previous years. ***Jeff Roth*** stated that the balance in SFAC is also being managed from a number of year’s balance. She also asked if this funding could be provided over a number of years.
      7. ***Karen Rowe*** stated that SFAC has guidelines of how their funds could be used and wonders if it violates how they can provide funding.
      8. ***May Bhetraratana*** asked why CRC and CPO are listed twice. ***Rebecca Lee-Garcia*** stated that they are for updated amendments.
      9. ***John Bollard*** stated financially that the funding was not collected due to an error and therefore SFAC should not provide the funding.
      10. ***Manpreet Dhillon Brar*** asked if SFAC could identify out how they will use these funds because SFAC is also approving funding requests to some of the units listed. She asked how they could communicate these questions.
      11. ***Nicole Ngaosi*** stated that SFAC should not conflate what different units are asking for from SFAC funding requests versus the funds that would be used from a referendum.
      12. ***Theresa Ambo*** stated that she agreed with ***John Bollard*** and stated that this referendum is not a user fee or course materials fee, so she asked if APB was asking SFAC pay for the bill or debt. ***Jeff Roth*** stated that it was a reasonable way to summarize.
      13. ***Karen Rowe*** stated that in the interim, these groups would have been coming to SFAC with their funding requests so it doesn’t seem like they were relying on this income.
      14. ***Nancy Greenstein*** asked for student feedback. ***Katie Kim*** was not sure if this is appropriate use of SFAC funds. ***Neemat Abdusemed*** felt the referendum was separate from what they do in SFAC and does not feel they should be a backup plan. She also asked if UCOP could assist with this. ***Jeff Roth*** stated that he wished there was a way he could approach the president about this.
      15. SFAC will discuss and provide a report to APB with their recommendation.
2. **Announcements**
   * 1. ***Marilyn Alkin*** announced that she will share who to contact for ECE.
3. **Adjournment**
   1. A motion was made by ***Theresa Ambo*** and seconded by ***Richard White*** to adjourn the meeting. The vote passed unanimously.
4. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.