**Student Fee Advisory Committee Meeting**

**2325 Murphy Hall**

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

**Tuesday, June 4th, 2019**

**Present:**

Graduates: Jazz Kiang, Javier Rodriguez, Denise Marshall

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

Administration: Deb Geller, Associate Dean of Students and Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Mike Cohn, Director of SOLE, Barbara Wilson, UCLA Housing & Hospitality

Faculty Rep: Karen Rowe, Professor

APB Advisor: Ellen Hermann (Ex-Officio)

**Absent**:

SFAC Advisor: Marilyn Alkin (Ex-Officio)

**Call to Order**

* 1. **Jazz Kiang** called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
   1. **Mike Cohn** moved to approve the agenda. **Paulina Macias** seconded. With no objections, the agenda was approved by consent.
2. **Review of Handouts**
   1. N/A

1. **Review and Approve Minutes** 
   1. **Nicole Corona Diaz** moved to approve the minutes on 05.07.19 **Karen Rowe** seconded. With no objections, the minutes were approved by consent.
   2. **Mike** **Cohn** moved to approve the minutes on 05.14.19 **Denise Marshall** seconded. With no objections, the minutes were approved by consent.
   3. **Jazz Kiang** moved to table the minutes on 05.21.19 and 05.28.19.
2. **Chairperson Election** 
   1. **Jazz Kiang** opened the floor for the 3 elected people - **Nicole Corona Diaz, Paulina Macias** and **Denise Marshall. Nicole Corona Diaz and Denise Marshall** accepted, **Paulina Macias** declined.
   2. **Jazz Kiang** discuss the suggested election format with the committee.
   3. **Nicole Corona Diaz** was the first candidate to present. She started with her opening statement, thanking everyone for the nomination. She stated that siting on the committee was difficult at first. She understood that this role takes commitment, learning and dedication. After a lot of difficult conversations, she understood the magnitude of what the position would be. As a committee member and if she were to become Chair, moving forward, she would like to see all units treated equally. She cannot say that she is 100% ready to take on the role, however, she is ready to step into the role.
   4. Question 1: **Barbara Wilson** asked what leadership experience she had that would help the role of SFAC Chair. **Nicole Corona Diaz** stated that she served on USAC as a General I, where she was acquainted with many administrators, learned about Robert’s Rules and navigated the student side. Currently helping the current USAC president with his appointments. She is currently a Residence Assistant (RA) up on the hill. She stated that she has learned how to help her peers with trauma, assist with their academics and has become a mentor to some. She also has worked as a summer counselor and will be a counselor this summer as well. She also has 2 internships. A development internship (entertainment) and a comedy internship. She stated that she is a well-rounded leader.
   5. Question 2: **Paulina Macias** asked what her understanding of shared governance was and how she would handle points of view that differ from her own. **Nicole Corona Diaz** stated she approaches things by letting everyone speak and share their perspectives. Everyone has a different background. Variety, diversity of? thought is where people learn from each other. Acknowledging that all points of view matter is important.
   6. Question 3: **Karen Rowe** asked what her understanding of fiduciary responsibility was. **Nicole Corona Diaz** stated that her main priority was to make sure every student gets the most of their SSF fees, but also understands that there needs to be responsibility to the institution represented. She understands that some things will take more time than her time on the committee.
   7. Question 4: **Mike Cohn** asked what issues she identified as most pressing for SFAC to consider in the near future and how would she explain this to next year’s committee. **Nicole Corona Diaz** stated going into deficit depletes the pool of temporary funds. She would explain that the demands are outweighing the amount of money that they can provide. She would ask units to find other sources of funds.
   8. Question 5: **Deb Geller** asked what her time availability was for this role. **Nicole Corona Diaz** stated that she does not have a job or club commitments in the next academic year. Her commitments would be her academics and SFAC.
   9. Question 6: **Javier Rodriguez** asked what skillsets, personal traits, or lived experiences she had that would benefit SFAC. **Nicole Corona Diaz** stated that in many positions that she has had before, she has entered not knowing anything. She believed that she has shown an expediential amount of growth this year. She stated that she is a fast learner and has good communication skills. As a leader, she would come in with a fresh perspective and energy. She added that one of the most important things in a leader is being hungry for innovative change. She has learned how to navigate through different institutions and it would be great in helping the committee moving forward.
   10. **Nicole Corona Diaz** made her closing statement. She stated that she could not promise perfection but she could promise hard work and commitment. She would be happy to be a part of the committee even if she is not elected as Chair.
   11. **Denise Marshall** made her opening statement. She stated that it had been a honor serving as Vice Chair. As Vice Chair she stated that is has been helping learning about was goes on behind the scene. As a student, she did not know what she had originally signed up for. Student services have fundamentally had an impact on her. Coming in a non-traditional, low-income, older, transfer student, she did not think that she would ever be a graduate or a parenting student. She stated that she more than willing do what it takes if elected and is up for the challenge.
   12. Question 1: **Barbara Wilson** asked what leadership experience she had that will help the role of SFAC Chair. **Denise Marshall** stated that she has a lot of leadership experience. She was Chair of many student groups and committees. She said that it was a great learning experience because she was able to work with folks from different backgrounds.
   13. Question 2: **Paulina Macias** asked what her understanding of shared governance was and how she would handle points of view that differ from her own. **Denise Marshall** stated that shared governance is essential when working with a committee. You can never rely on everyone agreeing. As Chair, you must try to understand different opinions.
   14. Question 3: **Karen Rowe** asked what her understanding of fiduciary responsibility was. **Denise Marshall** stated that as an SFAC member, it would be her responsibility that the committee does the best with what they have.
   15. Question 4: **Mike Cohn** asked what issues she identified as most pressing for SFAC to consider in the near future and how would she explain this to next year’s committee. **Denise Marshall** stated clearly the budget. If UCLA does not have any money or cannot generate new money, it would be a real problem for future students. Having critical conversations at the CSF level with UCOP and making recommendations to the Chancellor is crucial. Transparency is also important. She stated that standardizing the challenges would be helpful.
   16. Question 5: **Deb Geller** asked what her time availability was for this role. **Denise Marshall** stated that she knows SFAC requires a great amount of time. However, she has childcare and regarding her academic requirements, she was able to secure an internship over the summer.
   17. Question 6: **Javier Rodriguez** asked what skillsets, personal traits, or lived experiences she had that would benefit SFAC. **Denise Marshall** stated that she comes from a low-income background. Financial security was not something that she could always depend on. Having integrity is the most important personal trait that she has. Her word is important.
   18. **Denise Marshall** made her closing statement and thanked everyone. It would be her honor and pleasure to represent UCLA as Chair of SFAC.
   19. **Jazz Kiang** opened the floor for the committee to discuss the presentations. **Javier Rodriguez** stated that **Denise Marshall** personally attacked **Zak Fisher**, when she mention “white privileged” and thought it was very unprofessional. He felt that the environment was hostile. He was an undergrad with **Denise Marshall** and described another incident. He stated that he does not feel comfortable with **Denise Marshall** being next year’s SFAC Chair.

**Paulina Macias** responded that she does not feel that **Denise Marshall** personally attacked **Zak Fisher**. As a student, she personally felt attacked by **Zak Fisher** and made the environment hostile. She does not believe that **Denise Marshall** ever attacked him. Yes, they did not agree, but **Zak Fisher** disagreed and talked back to everyone. She also stated that it is true that white males have other privileges. As a woman of color, it was fair for **Denise Marshall** to acknowledge that. If speaking from experiences, **Nicole Corona Diaz** and **Denise Marshall** are both qualified and great candidates, but with **Denise Marshall** being Vice Chair, she has shown great responsibility to SFAC and appreciated the open line of communication. She stated that being on an ADHOC with **Nicole Corona Diaz** and there was no open line of communication, which is important. Often times there was a lack of communication and because of that could not get things done on time. She personally does not feel that either candidate should be attacked because of what they acknowledged in their speeches. **Javier Rodriguez** added that he was on a subcommittee with **Nicole Corona Diaz** and thought she did a great job and actually led the subcommittee. **Deb Geller** added that she was happy to have two strong candidates and would be happy to work with either one. **Karen Rowe** added that working with **Nicole Corona Diaz** she has seen her develop. **Mike Cohn** added that both candidates are strong. He added that if Marilyn Alkin did not return next year, there would need to be a strong Chair and strong Vice Chair to move the committee forward.

* 1. Committee gave all ballots to **Ellen Hermann.**
  2. **Jazz Kiang** announced that **Nicole Corona Diaz** is next year’s SFAC Chair.

**Denise Marshall** made a motion to enter Executive Session. **Barbara Wilson** seconded. With no objections, the committee moved into Executive Session.

1. **Budgetary Deliberation**
   1. **Jazz Kiang** stated that all medium recommendations will become low.
   2. **Nicole Corona Diaz** (Subcommittee # 2)stated that their committee tried their best cutting down initial requests based of what the units needed. They cut down the follow:
      1. Spirt Squad –Uniform/Costume/Equipment.
         1. Chart Notes: Should cover uniforms. Ask alumni association to support.
      2. Scholarship Resource Center – reduced the ask by 25%
      3. Center for Art of Performances – Space/Rentals; reduced from $10,000 to $5,000.
      4. Marching Band – reduced the ask from $20,800 to $15,600.
      5. Dashew Center – International Student Counselor and Program Coordinator – recommended not funding 2020/2021.
         1. **Karen Rowe** recommended funding 75% for 2019/20.
         2. **Deb Geller** recommended funding 25% for 2020/21.
         3. Chart Notes: Should use carryforward. Could always reapply. FY20-21 allows for some bridge funding.
   3. **Paulina Macias** (Subcommittee # 4)cut down the follow:
      1. Campus Life – Food/refreshments, transportation, honorarium and others to be reduced by 50% for both 2019/20 and 2020/21
      2. CPO – Student Programs reduced from $30,000-$20,000.
      3. CPO Hybrids – cut completely.
      4. OTC – Programmer Analyst – cut completely
      5. Recreation – Club Sports and Travel cut from $30,000 to $20,000.
      6. Recreation – Other cut from $20,000 to $15,000 for both years.
      7. SOLE – Advertising reduced from $4000 to $2,000 for both years.
   4. **Denise Marshall** (Subcommittee # 3)
      1. Recommendedfunding all staffing positions and reduced all other requests to 75% of the initial request.
      2. ECRT – cut SAO 3 contract position completely.
         1. Chart Notes: Funded for one year by previous lawsuit. Funding has run out. Also requested as permanent funds. Can they use the funding source for the SAO 4 to fund the SAO 3 now? Treating this as a new temporary request. Should any housing and food insecurity funding become available, this should be a priority. Changed to low because this is newer.
   5. **Subcommittee #4**
      1. BRC - Collegiate Recovery Program food/refreshments
         1. Chart Notes: Grouping all Food & Refreshment requests and funding at 75%. BRC can allocate total food & refreshment funding across the requested items.
      2. Honorarium – recommended low.
      3. Non-staffing related requests for 2020/21 – cut completely.
      4. Reduce all marketing and promotional materials to 50% in 2019/20.
   6. **Deb Geller** made a motion recommending to the Chancellor to allocate $5,171,290 in 2019/20 and $3,919,488 in 2020/21. **Denise Marshall** seconded. Motion passed with 6 in favor, 1 opposition and 0 abstentions.

**Denise Marshall** move to exit Executive Session. **Paulina Macias** seconded.With no objections, the committee moved into Executive Session.

1. **Announcement**
   1. N/A
2. **Adjournment** 
   1. Without quorum, **Jazz Kiang** adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.