**Student Fee Advisory Committee**

**12:00-2:00pm**

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Graduates: **Jackie Markt-Maloney, Gaby Barrios, Paarth Shah, Laxman Dahal**

Undergraduates: **Atreyi Mitra, Bradley Alvarado, Devanee Matcham, Samantha Solemnidad**

Administration: **Carina Salazar,** **Erinn McMahan, Charles Turner**

Faculty Rep: N/A

SFAC Advisor: **Christine Wilson**

APB Advisor: **David Navar**

**Atreyi Mitra** called the meeting to order at 12:03pm.

1. **Community Sharing – What is something that delighted you today?**
   1. **Atreyi Mitra** opened the floor for the committee to share what delighted them today.
2. **Approval of Agenda for Week 3 Spring Quarter 2021** 
   1. **Gaby Barrios** motioned and **Bradley Alvarado** seconded to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.
3. **Presentation about SFAC Temp Budget + Benefits Shortfall from Rebecca from APB** 
   1. Rebecca Lee Garcia shared perm and temp forecasting scenarios with the committee. Rebecca shared that a permanent budget is the account that the committee makes recommendations on. This account does have a recurring budget that hits every July 1. There are additional one-time sources as well. Rebecca shared the assumes SSF increases beginning in 2022-23 and perm benefits/merits in FY21 only and the assumes SSF increases beginning in 2022-23 reduced perm benefits/merits in FY21.

She shared what the expectations are for this year, SFAC reoccurring budget, what was given out last year, there’s $3.8M in both carry forward and unspent funds from last year, which was $2.8M. She shared how the committee was using the funds every year - $130,000 to childcare and ASUCLA, commitments that previous committees make, last year CAPS joined a union and merit increases went up (a cost APB did not forecast), and insurance for a total of $6.6 million. She also shared that the committee does not have enough money next year to cover the already approved commitments that were approved by the Chancellor that last year's committee recommended for 21/22. The account goes into deficit starting next year which will not cover all the benefit shortfall and any merit increases this year. Next steps, ABP can work with the campus to see what the numbers look like, see what SFAC wants to fund, and if needed write a letter to the Chancellor recommending they do something different this year than what was recommended two years ago. Rebecca shared that the SFAC account could probably only handle about $100,000 in merits and benefit shortfall for this year. APB does not recommend giving out merits and benefits for next year. Rebecca provided different scenarios live with the committee and plugged in different numbers on her spreadsheet to different outcomes. **Atreyi Mitra** asked the committee if they know what the position is on funding the benefit shortfall. **David Navar** shared that there are a couple decisions regarding the benefit shortfall. For the current year, if the committee goes above $100k the committee will be a deficit next year. So, depending on what the committee decides with the current year, the committee will have to decide on whether they want to fund benefit shortfall for next year. **Charles Turner** shared that a lot of carryforward was spent last year and now the committee has to ration the funding. The committee made a lot of commitments the last two years and they do not have the ongoing sustainable revenues to keep that going. The committee needs to give a signal to all of the applicants that the good days are behind them and that they do not have the revenue like before. He shared that the high-level takeaway from this discussion was that they need to walk people through their funding decision and that they need to decide the tactics now of when they tell the units the bad news. He shared that the biggest challenge is addressing a fiscal deficit. The committee is also pivoting their priorities and the definition of what SFAC believes to be the key needs on the student side. The committee has existing commitment that they want to honor, however, adjustments need to be made. Atreyi Mitra asked the committee how they felt about funding or not funding these units. **Bradley Alvarado** asked what would happen if the committee decided to fund zero dollars. **Charles Turner** shared that had they told units this back in July of 2020, they probably would have figured out a way to manage around it. However, the committee is telling them now, almost at the end of fiscal year that they are in a deficit. It will be bad for some of those smaller units and they will go into the into the year with no carry forward and they will have to figure out how they are going to adjust in the next fiscal year and will likely affect their two years of planning. The committee shared their thought on the $100k budget, discussed if they should fund or not fund a unit or units with these funds, or keep the funds to allocate in the future. **Charles Turner** shared that they should explain to units that this has been a tough year, that they are going to take a big cut this year on all recommendations, not fund, and to share their priorities for the next two years. **David Navar** shared that if the committee does not fund the current year’s benefit shortfall that is $600,000. The committee will then have approximately $1.5M for 22/23, assuming they also fund the request for 21/22 of $150,000 assuming that they also fund or recommend to approve that as well, so really $1.6M.

1. **Discussion on findings from Center for Art of Performance (CAP) SFAC Unit Review**
   1. **Christine Wilson** shared that she looked at CAP’s trend report regarding their million-dollar allocation and the vast majority of it was going to staff, but after looking at their last two unit reviews, it says no staff in CAP are funded by student service fees, yet $1.1M of it, plus $300k in benefits. This led to a big question of who are these staff and where does the money actually go. **Samantha Solemnidad** and **Erinn McMahan** shared that they will go back to the unit for clarity.
2. **Time to work on SFAC Temp Money Spreadsheet** 
   1. **Atreyi Mitra** shared that SFAC budget is $1.65M assuming they do not fund the benefit and shortfalls. She shared that the next academic year has already received $1.9 million and to keep in mind that units have already received funding and given that SFAC only has $1.65 million it is probably better to keep it to 2022 2023. She gave the committee time to work on the spreadsheet independently for 25 minutes.
3. **Samantha Solemnidad** made a motion to adjourn the meeting and **Laxman Dahal** seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2pm.