

Student Fee Advisory Committee

Minutes April 23, 2025

In attendance: Carla Wharton, Andrew Kime, Nate Heron, Kendra Higgins, Eduardo Cruz, Patrick Orona

Reminder: All documents available in Shared Drive: SFAC

- I. Welcome, Call to Order & Quorum Determination - 8:04, no quorum yet (2 staff, 2 students)
- II. Public Comment
 - a) None
- III. Review Fee Proposal Request(s)
 - a) FYI: Summer 2025 tuition rates
 - Summer 2025 tuition rates are increasing starting this year (2025) as part of the CSU 6-year tuition increase
 - Summer fees will continue to increase over the next 5 years as well
 - b) Intro to Fabrication Materials Fee (Category III)
 - ENG123 course
 - Eileen Cashman and Colin Wingfield - contacts
 - Maker space course, building a prototype
 - 3 projects that the students work on over the course of the semester, and learn how to use tools
 - Similar to printing cost, this would pay for filament for 3D printing
 - Students get to keep the finished product
 - \$9,000 departmental fee for materials, split up among the number of students
 - New expenditure for the course

- Looking to allow all students to take the course (only for ENG students currently)
- Formal fee would allow FA to cover the cost, instead of out-of-pocket expenses during the semester

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

- MSF coverage of the fee? Possibly contradicting the MSF regulations if approved fee (since this would be for materials). Patrick suggested to one-time coverage for the fee for the next year, and possibly review MSF increase for future
- Concerning that this is a lower-level course and the fee might sway students away from wanting to take course
- SOLUTION: Patrick to help with the immediate solution and work for a future solution since this does not align with other Category III fees and conflicts with the current MSF fee guidelines. **Pausing fee request for now.**

c) EV Charging Fee (Category V)

- No contacts showed up
- Concern for staff in bargaining units as a benefit right now, and the change could cause a problem
- The fee doesn't cover the full cost of the expense
- Possibly putting on the Senate agenda for more visual
- The price seems high, and fast charging rates are close to the rate
- Would like to see a more thorough cost analysis, including market research

IV. AS Budget presentation & IRA

[Eduardo presented 25-26 AS budget](#)

- a) Projected revenue \$867K (with 1% increase to enrollment)

- b) No reserve balance usage (currently at \$457K)
- c) Restructured the board to prioritize student impact
- d) Launching new grants for student research, RSO travel, and campus-wide events
- e) Prioritized student wages, basic needs, and student needs

[Eduardo presented 25-26 IRA budget](#)

- f) Projected revenue \$375K
- g) Projected \$121K usage of reserves (59% usage), leaving \$86K in reserves
- h) Prioritized expenses that have direct impact on student experience
- i) Some applications did not fit IRA agenda, but should be funded (onboarding expenses for internships and community based learning opportunities, textbooks on reserve, and educational
- j) QUESTION: Are we compliant with dipping into the reserves and what are the impacts of using so much of the reserves
- k) ANSWER: Yes, within the guidelines of reserves for IRA. There are no roll-forward funds, and unused funds roll into reserves. Some areas do not use their full allocated budgets. Need to have 10% reserves and currently do. Reserve built up over COVID and the committee wanted to utilize more funding due to campus closure.
- l) Next steps for Presidential approval of AS and IRA budgets - Andrew to meet with Dr. Holliday regarding presidential approval (Eduardo to send Andrew the presentations)

V. Next Steps and Action Items

- a) None for the committee at this time
- b) Andrew to work with Dr. Holliday regarding next steps for agenda items above

Motion to adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 8:43am.

Next Meeting: May 7? - Verify that we do not have any fee requests

Future agenda items: