

CHAIR REPORT

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SFAC 2006-2007 Continuity Report

Over the course of the year, the SFAC did the following:

- Hosted presentations from each unit
- Decided not to conduct a CUA. Instead a decision was made to compile information from last year's CUA into a matrix that outlined priorities for funding or cuts. The matrix also addressed whether a unit's funding was in alignment with the priorities of the registration fee.
- Issued a "no call, call letter" informing units that the SFAC had no surplus funds from the Reg Fee to allocate, nor would it entertain requests for emergency funding.
- Approved PRG request for funding, with the exception of one bathroom in Royce Hall. The SFAC recommended half funding for the bathroom because the committee did not want to fund cosmetic changes.
- Preliminary discussions about a referendum were brought forth by Student Affairs, but were discontinued due to the Mental Health report recommendation that the Regents pass a 25% increase on the Reg Fee. The final decision from UCOP was to recommend a 7% increase, with 4% going towards general student services (most of which went to covering increases in range, merit, and benefits) and 3% towards mental health.
- To address our concern about how this process went, the SFAC drafted a letter (see March 17, 2007 letter) to the Regents that made the following three recommendations:
 1. Recognize SFAC's role in the allocation of registration fees to student services.
 2. Recognize that SFAC needs to be involved in the development of future reports and policies because of their role in ensuring that policies are developed with consultation from the students.
 3. In the current situation, understand that demarcating a certain percentage of registration fee hikes for mental health concerns only leaves an amount that is not large enough to cover increases in range, merits, and benefits, let alone the needs of non-mental health related student services.
- Approved Law School's Material and Technology fee, as well as LLM program's request to charge a user fee for health insurance.
- Received IEI report and approved IEI recommendations.
- Made the following recommendations in final letter to the Chancellor:

Approve the Mental Health Fee Allocation for Student Psychological Services

Renew Temporary Ongoing Commitments; Reduce Amount of Funds for Graduate Student Reception from \$50,000 to \$37,500; Allocate \$12,500 to the Graduate Student Resource Center to Fund Graduate Student Orientation

Merge Funds for Spirit Squad and Rally Committee

The SFAC was inconclusive on the prospect of a referendum for the 07-08 year but affirmed its general hesitation to impose fees on students, particularly those with limited financial means.

Overall the SFAC had a very productive year, especially given the uncertain state of affairs with the referendum and Mental Health report. The committee was especially grateful for the guidance of Marilyn Alkin, John Dahl, and Marie Demir throughout the course of the year.

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