STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

2121 Murphy Hall, 4:30-6:30PM

Tuesday October 17th 2017

**Attendees Present:**

Graduates: Jazz Kiang, Javier Rodriguez, Cody Trojan, & Nicole Ngaosi

Undergraduates: Neemat Abdusemed, Richard White (Chair), Katie Kim, & Christina Wang

Administration: Mike Cohn, Director, SOLE

Barbara Wilson, Director, UCLA Housing & Hospitality

Paolo Velasco, Director of Bruin Resource Center

Faculty: Karen Rowe, Professor

Advisor: Marilyn Alkin, SFAC Advisor (Ex-Officio)

Absent:

***Richard*** called the meeting to order at 4:39pm.

1. **Approval of Agenda**
   1. ***Neemat*** motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by ***Jazz***. The vote passes unanimously.
2. **Review of Handouts**
   1. The parking permit letter will be discussed later in the meeting.
3. **Review and Approve Minutes** 
   1. ***Neemat*** motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 10th during next week’s meeting. Karen seconded the motion. The vote passes unanimously
4. **EMG Presentation**
   1. ***Richard*** thanks EMG for attending the meeting and introduces ***Interim Vice Chancellor Monroe Gorden Jr.*** ***IVC Gorden*** discusses his role, and the Executive Management Group of Student Affairs, their work in the strategic direction of Student Affairs, and the collaboration with SAIL.
      1. ***Deputy Director Karen Hedges*** introduces herself and her role as Deputy Director of Student Affairs.
         1. ***Karen Hedges*** works closely with SFAC Advisor Marilyn Alkin, and coordinates the distribution of the SSF funds with the departments.
         2. ***Karen*** ***Hedges*** discussed some challenges, and ways to collaborate in the future.
            1. Standardization of documents.

Call letter to the units of Student Affairs

APB Excel spreadsheet—standardization would be helpful in communicating with the units.

***Karen Rowe*** mentioned that the changes to that spreadsheet came from the Chancellors office, not SFAC. ***Marilyn*** clarified that the changes from the excel spreadsheet came from Academic Planning and Budget, not the Chancellor’s office.

* + - * 1. ***Richard*** asked a question regarding funding requests, and the reclassification of positions within certain departments, such as the LGBT Center and the reclassification of one of the Assistant Directors. He asked for a list of all positions up for reclassifications prior to funds being requested. ***Karen Rowe*** mentioned that this position was not on the organizational chart for the department, and there was confusion of how to move forward within HR policies.

***Monroe*** noted that in the future, Student Affairs could provide the plan with regard to upcoming CHR changes.

* + - * 1. ***Nicole*** asked a question regarding allocation, and asked if EMG was aware the CAPS was aware of the unionization of that department for their full time staff, during the past winter quarter, when SFAC received new and separate funding requests when the decision had to be made. She noted that this set a bad precedent regarding transparency.

***Suzanne Seplow*** replied that EMG became aware the CAPS therapists were going to be unionized around January. Prior to that, there had been discussions of reclassification. Union negotiations are still active and ongoing, and this led to the situation in which a last minute response was needed. While going through these negotiations, the need arose for the quick move to classifying the staff in career positions, not in a move to avoid transparency. ***Karen Rowe*** asked if that this was done with the funds allocated and recommended by SFAC for one year, and that these are now permanent funds. ***Suzanne*** said that they are. ***Monroe*** clarified that the positions placed in the union were approved for permanent funds. Reimbursement can be reviewed and discussed with Jeff Roth. There was no attempt to slip anything in under the radar, but there was very little warning with SA in solving the problem for these psychologists, and the SFAC committee and Student Affairs partnered to solve the problem. ***Suzanne*** clarified that the Director of CAPS was not involved on the bargaining team at all, and offered to be more closely involved in the process of unionization moving forward. ***Mike*** noted that this would be helpful, as the mental health needs are growing, and the committee is asking for this information given the need for strong mental health support and to respond to that need. ***Paolo*** suggested allocating blocking longer blocks of time for each department’s unit reviews, such as with CAPS.

* + - * 1. ***Dr. David Baron*** introduced himself and his role in overseeing the ASHE Student Health Center. He spoke about the need for close collaboration between the Ashe Center and SFAC, due to the need for high oversight and attention to students needs. Ashe was successfully re-accredited this year stating this, and is very proud of this standard. He compared that oversight to SFAC’s work. The Ashe Center is an ambulatory Health Care Center by virtue of Student Service Fees, available to all students, regardless of any health insurance they have—SHIP or through their parents. All students pay subsidized rates due to the SFAC rates. They are very attentive to the need of all students to pay fair rates. About 60-65% of students have SHIP; many non-SHIP students also frequently visit Ashe with no obstacles. The scope of services is wide in terms of primary health care medicine. Every student is assigned to a primary health care official for ease of use during his or her time at UCLA. More and more alignment with what students need—Bruin Health Pharmacy, UC Vision centers, and Saturday hours.

***Richard*** asked a question about Ashe opening a dentistry office; John Bollard had mentioned this while serving on last year’s committee. ***Dr. Baron*** clarified that the discussion is ongoing; Dr. Baron and IVC Gorden have a meeting with the Dean of the Dentistry school this week. ***Cody*** asked a question regarding last year’s Ashe Center holiday hours and discrepancies in notices of when the Ashe Center being open, and then not being so. ***Dr. Baron*** will follow up with ***Cody*** and with his staff regarding more clarification and will clear it up. ***Christina*** asked if the Ashe Center is paying for the space for the UC optometry center in Ackerman. ***Dr. Baron*** clarified that the Ashe center pays rents via generated revenues from faculty and staff who frequent the space—the money goes back into the funds available for the services for students. ***Karen Rowe*** asked if clinical placements are being strategically built into spaces for units such as CAPS and ASHE as the campus population grows, so that each new building built on campus has a percentage of space set aside for required student services. ***IVC Gorden*** and ***AVC Suzanne Seplow*** clarified that satellite offices have been discussed in order to maximize space for student services on campus—throughout the Hill, etc. ***Dr. Baron*** clarified that the Ashe Center has also been modified and repurposed in order to maximize space—in this case, the optometry space was moved out in order to allow for quicker service, more appointments, and better student services. ***Karen Rowe*** asked why conversations aren’t happening on the macro letter when plans are being set in the earliest stages. ***Mick*** ***Deluca*** mentioned that space is granted often times based on funding, and that last year, SFAC mentioned that the committee didn’t fund the requests last year in developing and building new spaces, such as KREC—***Mick Deluca*** suggests a better collaboration with SFAC, or user fees have to be applied.

* + - * 1. ***Richard*** suggested moving forward with the presentations, and holding questions at the end.
        2. ***Frank Wada*** introduces himself and his role as the University Registrar. SAIRO and DASHEW receive support from SFAC, but the Registrar and Student Loans offices do not receive any SSF funds. ***Frank*** highlights the support and collaborations needed throughout the groups he oversees in delivering service and compliance. He discussed longer term needs that DASHEW students need, between academic and mental health needs, etc. part of their funds have gone to the Student Support Network, allowing students to call and chat with advisors 24/7 in their own languages.
        3. ***Mick Deluca*** introduces himself as the AVC for Student Life, and has discussed the two three year terms that he has served with SFAC. He oversees CPO, SOLE, Recreation, and the seventeen groups and facilities within Recreation. $875,000 of value has been invested in Pauley Pavilion. The rising cost of upkeep—wages, healthcare, etc., and better collaborations will be needed then. Program and services have been deepened to allow for more student services, without costing more—such as 24 hour Pauley. Supplemental funds for student programs—janitorial programs, food at student events, will be discussed at a later date. The cost of safety services of campus—events, protests—rising costs, and better funding source will need to be discussed. Increasing minimum wage will also need different funding sources, stipends.
        4. ***Maria Blandizzi***, Dean for Students introduces herself, and her time in student affairs across many campuses and the office of the president. Having gotten her Doctorate at USC, she also has experience in applying her experience in working with private funding and various populations at a large public institution. She oversees offices such as the Crisis Response Team, the Dean of Students Office, the CASE Managers Services unit—funded by SFAC-- Economic crisis response Team—helps students in need of financial assistance related to their education. Many of the offices that Maria oversees are covered by SFAC funds—support for Fraternity and Sorority Life, CASE Management Services, Student Legal Services, Financial Wellness Program, Welcome to Bruin Life.

Broad challenges in three areas, leading to the need for new collaborations with SFAC.

LGBT resource Center has space needs with regard for demand of services—trans students, Assistant Director funding.

Financial Wellness Program and Emergency Housing budget

After crisis, assists students in need of financial support.

Utilized by students who need housing while escaping an unsafe environment.

Welcome to Bruin Life

7,000 students in Pauley Pavilion this year

1,300 students responded to an on the spot survey—they wanted more on discussions regarding privilege and sense of self.

* + - * 1. ***Suzanne Seplow***, AVC of Student Development introduces herself and discussed the offices she oversees, some of which are funded by SFAC. She oversees offices that assist the students as they navigate the University.

CAPS

Hugh volume and high demand—300 students seeking services in Week 0 this year. Up from 225 the previous year.

In current union negotiations to turn employees into career employees.

Evaluating space needs in order to allow for more clinicians, manage the short-term treatment model, and support as many students as possible. Evaluations of needs—critical or urgent/less urgent needs.

Satellite offices in the athletics, the law school, the LGBT center to meet the needs of students.

Career Center

A paid internship for every bruin initiative. Internship that is within their top three areas of their interests.

CARE program

Art and drumming to work with students in the healing process.

BRC

Rely on SFAC funding to work with and support various student groups—students in recovery, Transfer students, and Graduate student resource center, Veteran Students.

* + - * 1. ***Richard*** thanked SFAC and asked for any last questions for the group. ***Karen*** ***Rowe*** asked a question regarding why student fees pays for services such as janitorial ones, where they seem as though it should be basic building maintained, and not paid for by students. ***Mike*** replied with a comment on putting aside the questions regarding needs for unionization, etc., with units such as CAPS, and directly address the need for the services with mental health. ***Karen*** asked a question about opiod addiction throughout the country, and the education programs necessary to integrate along with recovery programs and mental health. ***Dr. Baron*** brought up the efforts that have been made to educate students via online modules that Student Affairs has explored. We are entering year two of the agreement, as well as programs featuring representatives from the Student Health Education Program, to discuss the current state of affairs on campus. In a period of creating new and affective programming. ***Nicole*** commented that she appreciates EMG’s time and attention to answering so many questions and clarifying so many things that would have been beneficial last year as well. ***Maria*** asked that all SFAC committee members introduce themselves. ***Richard*** mentioned that the time slots are available now to sign up for the unit reviews.

1. **User Fee Request**
   1. ***Richard*** asked for the feedback from the committee on the Ted talks. ***Christina*** asked why this has moved to be part of the Central Ticket Office. ***Richard*** clarified that all tickets are managed by CTO. ***Barbara*** noted that approximately50% of the fees are made by students, which is why there is now a user fee. ***Richard*** invited a motion in favor or against. ***Karen*** motioned to approve the request from Ted X to recommend to the Chancellor that Residential Life implement a user fee for 2018. ***Barbara*** seconded the motion. ***Neemat*** asked for clarification regarding what the ticket charge was last year. ***Nicole*** said that it was $37. ***Nicole*** suggested that they go around the room to get the general response regarding everyone’s feelings. ***Cody*** said that he would vote in favor, if the question is whether this is an okay user fee. Jazz said that he was bothered by the campus-wide email sent to students by TEDxUCLA prior to SFAC's review of the user fee request, as it implied that TEDxUCLA would operate regardless of SFAC's decision or the user fee process. ***Mike*** asked if it was possible to look for future funding, and make this a one-time funding option. ***Marilyn*** clarified they SFAC is voting to approve a user fee, which would be ongoing, not fund anything. ***Jazz*** mentioned that ***Karen*** could revise her motion to include a limited time user fee recommendation to the Chancellor. ***Christina*** said that she would also like them to better review their budget prior to the SFAC discussion. ***Neemat*** asked the committee if a budget could be sent back to SFAC with clearer numbers, perhaps with a ticket price decrease. ***Javier*** clarified that they can only vote on the user fee proposal, not vet the program. ***Marilyn*** clarified that they only question is to approve the user fee or not. ***Mike*** amends Karen’s motion that this be approved for a user fee through 2018, and if after that, they can re-apply and ask again with more areas of funding. ***Karen*** re-amended that the Chancellor approve a user fee for this particular event for only this year, and then the discussion is revisited at a later date. ***Nicole*** asked if Ted X will still take place if the vote is no for the user fee. ***Mike*** wondered if the search for corporate sponsorship and funding will increase if the vote is no for a user fee. ***Barbara*** pointed out that the committee can edit the recommendation, and that Res Life may also limit the number of student tickets sold. ***Mike*** motions that SFAC recommends to the Chancellor that the Residential Life sponsored program of TedX be allowed to institute a $31 ticket user fee through 2018. ***Jazz*** seconded the motion. ***Karen*** withdrew her previous motion. ***Richard*** called for a vote. It passes unanimously with ten votes.
2. **Parking Permit Request Proposal**
   1. ***Richard*** sent out an amendment regarding the proposal, regarding the adjustment to the rising parking costs. SFAC recommends covering the twelve parking permits, as the parking fees go up, this will adjusted in accordance. ***Karen*** asked what happens if the permits aren’t used, and ***Marilyn*** clarified that SFAC only pays for what is used. ***Richard*** asked if there is a motion to approve the recommendation to the Chancellor. ***Jazz*** moves, ***Javier*** seconds; the vote passes with nine yeas, no nays, no abstains. ***Christina*** asked if it would be possible to make this temporary as well, similar to the discussion on stipends. ***Richard*** clarified that in 1994, the stipends were for tuition, and did not include parking permits. ***Nicole*** mentions that the stipends “across campus committees” are not uniform, and “this proposal can be an opportunity to alleviate the burdens associated with the rising costs of fees for students involved on campus.”
3. **Review Call Letter** 
   1. ***Richard*** will send out an email with everyone’s comments, questions, priorities, and edits to the call letter, and asks for edits by Monday at noon. ***Cody*** asked what kinds of revisions were made last year, and ***Karen*** mentioned that revisions were based on priorities and documentation. Rebecca from APB will give a presentation next week to go over the budgeting Excel Spread sheet ***Cody*** asked if SFAC members could clarify and review what the priorities are for the units, prior to submission of the proposals. ***Nicole*** mentioned that they are elected to serve the undergraduate and graduate populations, and should be in touch with what the students need most. ***Nicole*** mentioned that they table the discussion to move forward with the timeline for unit reviews.
4. **Announcements**
   1. ***Marilyn*** mentioned that they all must complete the Multi-Factor Authentication by October 31st.
5. **Adjournment** 
   1. ***Nicole*** motions to adjourn the meeting, and ***Javier*** seconded the motion. ***Richard*** adjourns the meeting at 6:36pm.