

Student Fee Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

03/09/18

Winter 2018 (Week 9)

PC West Bear Room

2:00 - 4:00 PM

I. Call to Order

Time: 2:04

II. Roll Call

Present: Edward Lin, JV Laxa, Punit Mehta, Hayley Weddle, Miranda Pan, Mark Derdzinski, Zaid Mansuri, James Basa, Astrea Villarroel, Anushiri Jain, John Hughes, Kim Nguyen, Norienne Saign, Emily Roxworthy, Jason Lee

Absent: Melissa Supsup

Excused: Liz Henry

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: -

Second: -

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: -

Second: -

V. New Business

A. Proposal Discussion & Deliberation

1. Astrea & Zaid: No one had comments when I displayed the proposals to committee
2. Hayley: GSA voted to recommend everything
 - a) General concern about too much administrative staff
3. Miranda: Most members voted to not recommend in full
4. Punit: Members gave high scores for everything in survey
5. Eddy: Historically only half gets funded anyway
6. Undergrad college proposal potential ideas: Welcome Week events, community building, etc.
7. JV: Did people accept the proposals as a whole?
 - a) Astrea: People felt like the rep knows everything about the whole
8. All proposals will be recommended for funding
9. Recommendations get sent to VCSA

B. Meeting with EVC Simmons

1. Simmons: Elementary particle theory research, STEM advancement, physics teaching, women in physics
2. Eddy: How do we as a committee use our position to better convey priority of students?
 - a) The “why” of the proposal rankings: impact, uniqueness, urgency
3. JV: Historical sense of community
 - a) Still a lot of challenges outside of students’ smaller communities
 - b) How can we better engage the smaller student communities into one community?
 - (1) Simmons: Faculty whose task is to focus on bridging; Will consult with colleagues about how to do so
4. Mark: Veterans Resource Center provides access; SHS serves a large breadth of student population; grAdvantage allows for expansion
 - a) Overwhelming support for top proposal initiatives
5. Zaid: Thoughts on the inflation problem?
 - a) Simmons: Talk about raising money for endowments; donor funding; SAPD (Strategic Academic Program Development): having academic programs of different formats (new ways of teaching to attract new audiences and new sources of revenue)
6. Mark: We were approached with a max amount of requested funding, but how much is your office looking to fund?
 - a) Simmons: No concrete number yet; Possibly look at the long-term beneficial proposals and the different options
7. Anushri: TritonFest targeted bringing all colleges together in centralized locations along with an educational experience about drug/alcohol safety
 - a) Simmons: This is what I’m looking for in the explanations
8. Eddy: Lack of community although an academically-focused school
9. JV: Being on-campus in a community fosters good mental health
 - a) Simmons: Agrees we should focus on different dimensions
10. Simmons: What does building community look like for you?
 - a) Miranda: Programming for interaction, physical activities
 - b) JV: Close proximity of residential life prevents isolation
11. Anushri: CSI Dialogues provide sense of community
12. JV: CSI Associate Director is valuable due to being overstaffed

VI. Announcements

A. Next Friday: Ratification

1. Key points to include: Top 3 proposals (SHS Lead Medical Asst, grAdvantage, SHS Clinic Asst/Cashier/etc) are important to undergrads and grads
2. Funding for 2nd proposal (grAdvantage) is important to its growth

B. Spring: Unit reviews, elections/transitions

1. Look back at previous proposals
 - a) i.e. Status of programs not returning for funding
 - b) Possibly figure out current allocation of student service fees
 - c) Possibly have programs give information about how their funded programs are going in Spring
 - d) Eddy: How far would we be able to look back at funded FTEs?
 - (1) John: Not a matter of time, but whether the fees are being used effectively
 - e) JV: Can't keep track of impact of programs if members switch out, but can look at previous scoring of programs and minutes

C. Eddy is resigning but will remain

VII. Adjournment

Motion: -

Second: -