

STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Friday, April 7, 2017
8:30 a.m. · USU – 205

MINUTES

Attendees: Nancy Eckhous, Yasmin Elasmr, Kathleen Engberg, Marvin Flores, John Fugatt, Gary Griswold, Marianne Hata, Jessica Pandya, Gio Smith, Carmen Taylor, Sharon Taylor, Logan Vournas

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Carmen Taylor. Carmen Taylor welcomed the Committee and asked for a review of the minutes from the last meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Logan Vournas asked for a change to the minutes of the last meeting to reflect personal pronoun usage of they.

The minutes were accepted unanimously noting the change.

3. College of Continuing and Professional Education – Information on Summer Session and May Intersession Rates for 2017.

Dr. Jeet Joshee, Dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Education, provided an overview of the fee structure for CCPE and explained the new fees being implemented in summer. Joshee explained that CCPE programs are 100% fee supported; there is no state funding and no subsidy to courses offered during the summer session. He noted that the fees have to be set to support the entire operation to cover all costs, including inflation, raises, and other expenses, and that fees have not been raised in the past three years.

Joshee shared a handout that noted the upcoming 2.5% raise in fees to \$307 per unit and stated that state courses are \$388 per unit. The document also provided comparison to the other CSUs.

Carmen Taylor asked for clarification regarding the document stating that state courses cost more per unit than self-supported courses. Sharon Taylor stated that students taking state-supported courses pay a flat rate for taking units. Joshee noted that the document provided was found on our own Enrollment Services webpage.

Logan Vournas shared that they thought all summer and winter courses were run by CCPE. Joshee responded that roughly 95% of summer and winter courses are CCPE, and he explained that courses cannot be required for graduation and only offered during summer and winter.

Nancy Eckhous asked if financial aid was available for summer courses. Joshee responded that in the past, full year Pell grants were offered, but at this time, there are not federal PELL grants or Cal Grants available to students for summer courses. Carmen Taylor asked if loans are available to students to cover summer costs. Joshee confirmed that loans are available to students for summer coursework.

Sharon Taylor stated that she thought financial aid would be offered by CCPE for summer courses. Joshee clarified that this was the case until 2012 with the offering of Pell grants. Once those grants were no longer funded, CCPE matched Pell-eligible students.

Vournas asked if summer rates are listed for campus mandatory fees. Joshee explained that the fees are collected and paid directly to where they are listed. Vournas asked if the fees are prorated for summer. Marianne Hata stated that the Student Excellence Fee is prorated. Eckhous confirmed that the ASI fee is as well.

Sharon Taylor noted that there are two types of aid: federal aid and state university grants. She shared that the Chancellor's Office is discussing providing state aid for summer and winter sessions. Joshee added that the all-year Pell grant may return as well.

Carmen Taylor asked if there is a formula in place to determine whether summer courses are offered on the self-support side. Joshee responded that he and his team communicate with the departments in each college to identify which courses were subscribed at 95% or higher. These departments are then strongly encouraged to offer these courses during summer as students cannot easily access them during the year as well as bottleneck courses. He noted that CCPE operates some courses at a loss.

Jessica Pandya noted that the departments in each college rely on CCPE funding for hospitality, operating expenses, etc.

Carmen Taylor thanked Joshee for presenting at the meeting and answering everyone's questions. She shared that the information would be shared with President Conoley.

4. Division of Administration and Finance – Review of Information on Parking Rate Changes

Robyn Ames-Woodyard, Director of Operations, Financial Management, presented information on the proposed changes to the current parking rates. She shared that Parking is self-support auxiliary that features a very large sustainable transportation program. She continued that the goal is to make parking self-sufficient from a budget perspective. It received Student Excellence Fee funding as well as funds from the General Fund for shuttles and U-Pass. Ames-Woodyard shared that Parking is not doing well from a budget perspective with being financially solvent, therefore a request to increase prices at all levels has been made over the next four years. She noted the high demand for parking and related that there is a certain price point that helps to manage demand. These efforts should bring in more revenue and drive more people to utilize the buses and shuttles to provide more parking and better utilization for those who have to drive. Ames-Woodyard shared the following statistics: For sustainable transportation: 16,000 riders per month on the Los Coyotes route with Anaheim route slightly fewer. These two routes have helped remove a fair

amount of cars off campus. Furthermore, the U-Pass program has given 1.6 million rides with 16,900 regular users; students and employees utilize this service but the bulk is student usage.

Carmen Taylor inquired as to what the process is for redoing our parking lots. Ames-Woodyard shared that the process includes digging down into the dirt, obtaining and testing soil samples, bringing in dirt, redoing sidewalks and meeting ADA guidelines, laying asphalt, slurry, paint, and signage as necessary. Carmen Taylor remarked that the work is similar to creating a brand new lot.

Marvin Flores asked if solar panels would be placed before Lot 14 is redone. Ames-Woodyard responded yes. Carmen Taylor asked how staff knows the parking lots need work. Ames-Woodyard explained that the lots are assessed.

Eckhous asked how much the work on Lots 17 and 18 cost. Sharon Taylor estimated the total cost to be \$4-5 million.

Giovanni Smith asked how students could be pushed from utilizing parking when their tuition provides the campus with funds. Ames-Woodyard explained that the efforts are to mitigate demand. Smith shared that he felt this was counterproductive as the majority of the University's funds come from students and a better option would be to identify parking alternatives off campus. Ames-Woodyard explained that Parking staff did look into an off campus lot but found it difficult to find a facility that was affordable. She explained that there are a large number of students who commute to campus and will have to no matter what the parking fees are. She stated that Parking's goal is for students who can take the bus or shuttle to do so in order for those who are forced to drive to be able to find space. She stated that the department is still identifying other options.

Smith stated that more student input is needed throughout this process. Sharon Taylor noted that there is a parking committee with students who participate. She stated that it is frustrating for students to purchase parking permits and still have to drive around campus for hours looking for a parking space. She noted that other options such as valet service have been researched in addition to ongoing research into other alternatives that are being worked on constantly.

Carmen Taylor informed that first-year resident students were not allowed to have cars on campus for the first time this year and what a big deal that was. Vournas shared that they think the parking increase discriminates against poor students who can't afford to pay for the increase and noted that rich students aren't going to care about the increase as it will likely not affect them. Sharon Taylor responded that she doesn't think that was a fair statement to make as it's not necessarily an economic policy.

Eckhous asked about charging more for the bus pass or charging employees more since in the budget it appears that the sustainability component is where the negative cash flow is. Ames-Woodyard explained that there is currently a charge for a TAP card and discussions about limiting bus service to weekdays since Parking currently pays for weekend service.

Vournas asked about the number of electric vehicle charges on campus, inquired about the costs, and wondered whether students are paying for something they will never use since it is likely they do not own electric vehicles. Sharon Taylor noted that it is a battle with a small group of people, and one suggestion has been to sell a permit to use the electric vehicle charger.

Marianne Hata noted that Parking is not in deficit. She acknowledged that the department hasn't currently met its reserve but has in previous years and is still not operating at a deficit. She asked if the reserve amount listed on the budget was the minimum required to be carried. Ames-Woodyard responded yes.

Gary Griswold asked if Lot 7 would be a total closure for most of the summer. Sharon Taylor responded yes, for the most part. Griswold noted that it would be beneficial to collect data about the distance from which students and staff live from the University.

Sharon Taylor shared that the next step was to share the parking proposal with President Conoley. Eckhous noted that the next meeting would be held May 5.

5. Adjournment – *Carmen Taylor*

Carmen Taylor adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.