

# STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Minutes

September 3, 2021

9:00 AM

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/92050128305>

In attendance: Beth Lesen, Jesus Gonzalez, Cynthia Ray, John Barcelona, Salvador Peregrina, Sierra Darwin, Mitali Jain, Ann Kinsey, Marianne Hata, Neil Hultgren, Praveen Soni, Suzie Payne, Veronica Hernandez, Anthony Saucedo, Miles Nevin, Karen Warner, Hilary Hopkins, Ryan Taber

### 1. Welcome & Introductions: Beth Lesen

Beth Lesen convened the meeting at 9:00am. All attendees had the opportunity to introduce themselves. Beth welcomed everyone to a new school year and provided an overview of the duties of the committee. Beth also expressed the importance of receiving the commentary provided by the committee.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as is.

### 3. COTA Fee Requests

Karen Warner from the College of The Arts provided an overview of all fees requested. She presented the overall numbers to show how extremely cost effective it can be by buying art materials in bulk versus individual supply purchases by students. Previously, student-led art clubs and organizations would fundraise and hold bank accounts for supply purchases, which has shown to be very stressful for students. This new method would keep everything centralized and transparent. Jesus Gonzalez asked if students would have issues with these fees. Karen mentioned that students are very aware of supply costs and know they would be getting a good value for their money.

Example provided: If a student needs a very small amount of glaze in 3 different colors, they'd have to buy a large quantity of the 3 different colors in order to use the small amount they need. The remainder of the unused glaze would go to waste.

Cynthia Ray asked about the possibility of difficulty paying for the fees. Veronica Hernandez mentioned that it would be included in Financial Aid and be covered.

Praveen Soni noted that these proposals make it very easy for the students and much cheaper. Karen agreed that with these fees, students would actually be spending much less. Praveen went on to mention that these are just consumables and that the campus is still covering costs for machines, equipment, and tools. Karen agreed.

Miles Nevin thanked Karen for mentioning the work that student clubs and orgs do to help pay for these materials and it is seen how students have so many pressures. This is a great way to look out for our students.

Sierra Darwin agreed and noted that the documents show the extreme savings, and that it would really reduce the strain on students. Salvador Peregrina also agreed and mentioned it was very nice seeing the fee breakdown and making it more affordable for students. He is in agreement with the fees.

Marianne Hata appreciates the views of the students and knows that this would definitely benefit them.

Praveen motioned to approve the fees requested. Cynthia seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Adjournment**

Beth Lesen thanked everyone for being present, and reminded everyone about the next SFAC meeting on October 1. She concluded the meeting at 9:50am.