**STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

2014-2015 Academic Year

Meeting #3

Friday, March 06, 2015

8:30 a.m., USU 205

Members Present: Carmen Taylor (chair), Baghdassarian, Clark, Jenkins, Lendrum, Miles, Phillips, Sharon Taylor, and Griswold

Members Absent: Hata, Miriam Hernandez, Veronica Hernandez (staff ), Ibarra

Staff Attendees: Eckhous, Fugatt, and Williams

1. Welcome and Introductions. Vice President Carmen Taylor, chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and welcomed the committee members. Committee members introduced themselves. Additions to committee are William “Gary” Griswold (taking Soni’s seat) and Dale Lendrum; ASI representative.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes. The committee reviewed the minutes of the November 7, 2014 meeting. Jenkins moved, Phillips seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously (8-0-0). Baghdassarian moved to approve today’s agenda, Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8-0-0).

3. Review of Student Fee Activity Report, 2014-2015 Year to Date. Fugatt reviewed the Student Fee Activity Report. No changes have been made to report since last meeting.

Miles arrived at 8:39

4. USU Fee Referendum.

1. Discussion of USU Fee Referendum Polling Results. Student Fee Referendum Spring 2015 results: 7,666 (67.06%) voted “no, I vote against the Student Body Center (USU) fee increase” and 3,765 (32.94%) voted “yes, I vote for the increase in the Student Body Center (USU) fee.” Jenkins believes that we should move forward with what the students want this year and try again next year for an increase. Jenkins recommends to the president that we do not increase the USU fee. Lendrum stated that he appreciates the students being able to voice their vote on the matter and concurs with Jenkins that we follow what the students want and recommend to the president not to increase USU fee. Phillips stated that ASI will not move ahead next year in terms of increasing the USU fee. Bagdassarian says that ASI is not ready for another referendum next year. They need time to look at other options before they try another referendum. Carmen Taylor clarifies that ASI body is recommending to the president that we follow the students’ voice and not increase the USU fee and that nothing happens regarding this fee for at least one year. Sharon Taylor asked if there is some kind of exit poll that would tell us why the students’ voted against the fee increase. Eckhous stated that there was a way for students’ to leave a comment and there are approximately 40 pages of comments left by students’. Eckhous also stated that the main concern was cost and that students’ felt the USU was meeting their needs with the current structure. Carmen Taylor states what she is hearing is that the committee recommends to the president that we continue with the voice of the students’ vote and that ASI asks, as an additional piece, that nothing else is considered to amend the process for at least one year. Phillips says that he was just correcting what Jenkins stated earlier in regards to “trying again next year”. Carmen Taylor would like it to be very clear on what the committee and ASI are recommending as the president has the right to make an adjustment. Baghdassarian said that she would like to add an additional recommendation that ASI does not want to consider anything as far as fee increase for at least another year. Phillips moves to recommend to President Conoley that she uphold the students’ vote of no and that no fee increase is considered. Baghdassarian seconded. The vote passed (7-0-2).

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:53am

Tami Williams, Division of Student Services

(These minutes were approved on April 10, 2015)