

STUDENT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Friday, May 5, 2017
8:30 a.m. · USU – 205**

Minutes

Kathleen Engberg, Marianne Hata, Nancy Eckhous, Marvin Flores, Logan Vournas, Yasmin Elasmr, Jessica Pandya, John Fugatt, Carmen Taylor

1. Welcome and Introductions

Carmen Taylor welcomed the Committee, and the meeting commenced at 8:37 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda was accepted unanimously, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

3. College of Health & Human Services – Request to Modify the Nursing Simulation Lab Course Fee Effective Fall 2017

Beth Keely and Stacy Freeman provided an overview of the nursing simulation lab course fee and the request to modify the fee for Fall 2017 to the Committee. Carmen Taylor asked Keely and Freeman to summarize the proposed change in cost. Keely stated that the proposal is to add an additional fee to courses that do not currently have a fee. Carmen Taylor noted that a \$40 fee would be added to five courses.

Nancy Eckhous asked Keely and Freeman if they were concerned that their request is for a \$40 fee but the projected costs for materials are projected to be higher than \$40. Keely explained that as an educational institution, there are opportunities to utilize benefits such as discounts and free shipping.

Carmen Taylor asked how materials have previously been paid. Freeman shared that grant funds were utilized but the grant has ended. She continued that the department has always looked for ways to cut costs. Marvin Flores asked for the amount that the grant was funded. Keely was unsure as the grant has been in place for a few years.

Kathleen Engberg asked if the course fee were not an option, would students have to purchase items on their own. Freeman explained that yes, students would be required to purchase the materials but at a much higher cost. Keely elaborated that the items purchased separately would cost a great deal more.

Carmen Taylor asked if the intention were to implement the fee in the upcoming fall semester. Keely responded yes. Jessica Pandya noted that undergraduate students in these courses would incur a \$120 increase in fees and graduate students would incur an \$80 increase in fees. Keely agreed.

Carmen Taylor asked for a motion on the item. Flores motioned to approve the item. Marianne Hata seconded the motion. Four approved with Logan Vournas dissenting. The fee increase was approved.

4. Adjournment

Carmen Taylor thanked everyone for their service on the Committee throughout the year and adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.