

Student Fee Advisory Committee

The University of Texas at Tyler

April 22, 2016

I. Call to Order at 1:36

II. Members

Students	
Matthew Markert	
Radha Nabar	
Derek Blain	
Kara Bradshaw	A
Shelbie Dollins	
Faculty/Staff	
Rebecca Jackson	A
Kay Pleasant	
Michael Reed	A
Paul Roberts	
Ex Officio	
Carrie Clayton	
Howard Patterson	
Non-Members	
Eva Burnett	
Mychele Hughes	

A- Absent

THIS WEEK IN SFAC

- The committee finished up the budget proposals.
- Roughly reviewed which budgets the committee would like to approve
 - No votes have been taken yet

I. Meeting Minutes

- a. Passed Unanimously

II. New Business

a. Budget Review

- i. A final amount for benefits will be given once the committee determines what they want to allocate

b. Budget Presentations

i. Counseling and Testing – Kim Harvey Livingston – Tab 7

- Asking for the same budget as last year
- Increase in the number of students they have seen, about 3,000 appoints this year
- Use graduate psychology interns
 - a. See 25% of the students that come to the Counseling Center
- 287 Psychiatrist appointments
 - a. 3 times the number of appointments as last year, number of students have increase 89% from last year
- A crisis line that the university system funds
- Small amount of money was given from another budget to fund partial psychiatric
- A majority of funds come from the Student Service Fee budget
- One thing that could help are freshman programs could help, making them aware of the resources available to them

ii. Veterans Affairs – Chris Cox – Tab 26

- 705 student veterans -> 21% increase
- An increase in traffic in the VRC
- Their budget increase is to allow the Personnel to help and continue the transition from the having the process of scholarships and Hazelwood and VA benefits to be completely moved to the VRC so that they have complete control of the process
 - a. Additional
- Resources currently being used are with the counseling center, letting them know that the resources are here for them
 - a. Help transition into becoming an integrated student
 - b. With enrollment services they counsel families on what benefits they are eligible for.

iii. Learning Communities – Lauralee Meyer & Mary Ozokwere – Tab 17

- Request to support student learning communities, which student as freshman choose to be involved in. Small groups they can connect with so they have a home base when they first come to college

- a. Based on Major/Interest
- b. Retention is their main goal
 - i. Freshman 2011-2014 63.25% retention
 - ii. Fall to fall retention is 76%
 - iii. Considering all retention – overall retention for SLC is 72.5%
- Money goes for salary and MNO
 - a. Increase in the fringe that was part of salary benefit from last year.
- Voluntary program
- In the fall they are implementing a mandatory program for all Business Freshman
 - a. No Credit
- Total number of students who completed it in the fall semester had 146 that's started the program
 - a. Out of the 600 freshman that came in that fall
- Salaries are coming from a line from SLC wages
 - a. Salary and fringe from other learning communities comes from instructional fees

iv. Financial Aid – Sarah Bowden – Tab 12

- Received funding from this committee for years
- Requesting slightly less this year
- Money is used for a student worker position
 - a. Hiring a work-study to save some money
- This fall they received three new positions
 - a. Have not had any new positions since 2010
- Trying to do more student outreach
 - a. To do more one on one
 - b. No appointment is needed for this
 - c. More programming opportunities for current students
 - i. FAFSA is changing deadline to October
 - d. The Office furniture line would be anything to help support the 3 new positions as well as conferences
- Majority of funding comes from regular budgeted accounts as well as administrative cost allowance from Department of Education
- Use money very conservatively

v. Commencement – Sonja Morale – Tab 6

- Commencement happens twice a year: fall and spring
 - a. 4 ceremonies -> two on Friday and Two on Saturday
- They are not asking for a Budget increase
- Currently their budget

- a. consists of live streaming
 - b. Those who are receiving honors receive honor chords on stage
 - c. Security
- Used another account to utilize that money in which they overspent last year
- Have a graduation fee of \$30 that deals with back side of commencement
 - a. Outsource the diplomas
 - b. Honor stickers
 - c. Cover the processing of diplomas that happen after
- vi. Enrollment Management – Travis Longino – Tab 11**
 - Provide customer services to the student regarding enrolment process
 - They are fully staffed as of right now
 - If this was not funded through SFAC it would be tight but would be able to function
- vii. Cheer and Mascot – Kelsey Baden – Tab 2**
 - Perform basketball, volleyball and soccer games
 - As well as stay involved in a community with pep rallies and parades
 - Students have to try out each years
 - a. Goal is to increase talent and add a mascot
 - Thinking of competing in a smaller cheer competition next year
 - Considering a Graduate Assistant for next year
 - a. Had to deny community events because only one personnel is able to attend
 - b. 9 Cheer 7 Dance and 1 mascot
 - i. Would like to double numbers
 - 1. To 34
 - 2. 16 cheer 16 dance and 2 mascots
 - c. Cheer started off with 12 last year but ended with 6
 - i. Drop off due to lack of scholarship
- viii. Dance – Kelsey Baden – Tab 8**
 - Dance has been competitive in the past 3 season
 - a. Start competing in NCA & NDA, bigger competitions and recruitment tactics
 - Last year there were 8 dancers at the start and ended with about 4 at the end of the school year
 - i. Drop off due to lack of scholarship
- ix. Pep Band – Jeff Emge – Tab 20**
 - Did not show for the Meeting
- x. Athletics – Howard Patterson – Tab 28**

- These funds originated two or three years ago after the recommendations were turned into the president
 - a. The President added it on there because the reserves were so high
 - The number for 2016-2017 should be \$136,269 which goes entirely to salary and fringe benefits
 - a. Added salary increases and fringe
- c. Budget Discussion and Review**
- i. The Committee went through each of the budgets proposed and made a rough decision on which budgets they would like to approve, as well as which one time funds they would like to grant.
 - ii. The official copy of the budgets approved will be included once the committee has done an official vote

Next Meeting will be Monday, May 2nd at 10 AM.

As there was no further business, the University of Texas at Tyler Student Fee Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Radha Nabar – Secretary
Student Fee Advisory Committee