Members: Angela Kramer (voting), Larry Kelley (voting), Sean Christy (voting), Annie Ohlig (voting), Carl Payne (voting), John Soares (voting), Tessa Betz (voting), Victor Brancart, Cornel Morton, Kimi Ikeda, Kathy Cook (rec. secy.)

Non-Voting: V. Brancart, C. Morton, K. Ikeda, K. Cook

Absent: None.

Guests: None

MINUTES APPROVED –

The committee unanimously approved the Minutes from the February 6, 2009 meeting.

HEALTH SERVICES FEE –

The proposal would increase the fee at Health and Counseling Services by $30 per quarter. It will cover any budget cuts resulting from the state’s financial crisis.

The alternative consultation process conditions were: to solicit support or non-support and suggestions/comments from ASI, college councils and individuals who attended presentations at open forums. These three groups each constitute a separate “vote” regarding the increase. A positive vote from two of the three would constitute support for the increase.

The results of the student vote to increase the Health Services Fee are: 87% support from college councils; 90% support from open forums; 88% support from ASI Board.

The committee co-chairs will prepare a memo informing the president of the criteria and conditions met for the vote and forward the results for his consideration.

If the president approves the increase it will be effective fall quarter, 2009.

COLLEGE BASED FEES –

The proposal would increase the college based fees to $362 per quarter for all full time students ($181 per quarter for part time students) effective Fall 2009. The fee would be increased by an additional $100 per quarter for all full time students ($50 per quarter for part time students) effective Fall 2010 and another $100 per quarter for all full time students ($50 per quarter for part time students) effective Fall 2011.

The alternative consultation process conditions were: meetings with numerous student organizations, student leadership, student fee committees and students clubs or any group
requesting a meeting. Colleges will hold town hall meetings, open forums, student discussion in classes and labs. The university will sponsor general open forums at various locations (e.g., Poly Canyon, Resident Halls, UU 220.) Finally, there would be a vote available to all students.

A number of student clubs and organizations sent endorsements of the increase to the president.

All students had an opportunity to show their support or non-support via an electronic vote through the portal on March 11th and 12th. A minimum turnout of 38% was required.

All conditions were met and 47.7% of the student body voted.

The results to increase the College Based Fees were 78% in support of the increase.

Angela would like to include in the memo to the president a suggestion to not increase college based fees again for five years after the full implementation of this increase, exclusive of annual increases based on the HEPI. We want to let students know that the committee takes the increase of fees very seriously.

Larry Kelley distributed to the committee an article from the New York Times that talked about the trend that universities are moving away from state funding. The article highlights Arizona State University which has encountered funding problems because it tried to step outside its niche and its original mission to develop into a research institute. Cal Poly has been strong and stayed within its mission. The leadership and students have recognized the importance of that mission and support it. This is not just a Cal Poly issue or a California issue but a national issue.

Angela mentioned that public education K-12 is also struggling and having a very hard time.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS ONLY –

Executive Order 1034 requires notification to the CFAC committee of the following approved Category IV fees: Extended Field Trip Fee (Japan) $5,736; Recital Recording and Program Printing ($125); Cal Poly Concert Choir Attire ($100-$135); Extended Field Trip Fee (Malta) $500; New Orleans Service Trip Fee $1,050; Cal Poly PolyPhonics Extended Field Trip Fee $350; and the Writing Proficiency Exam Fee $35.

NEXT MEETING - TBD