

Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, May 18, 2018 Administration Building, Conference Room 301

MEETING RECORD

Members Present:

Riley Nilsen

Kathleen Enz Finken - absent

Ed Rainbolt – (designee for Kathleen Enz Finken)

Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa - absent

Kathleen McMahon

Mark Borges

Abby Cavanaugh

Dustin Stegner

Mitchell Collins

Denae Dupray

Victor Brancart - non-voting Derek Gragson - non-voting

Samantha Seems - absent

Gabi Trapani

Invited Guests:

Debi Hill

Jamie Patton

Bryan Hubain

Cem Sunata

Christina Kaviani

Meeting Recorder:

Cindy Pilg

Call to Order/Introductions

Co-Chair Nilsen called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

Review/Approve Meeting Record

Motion to approve the 2/9/18 SSFAAC meeting record by Mr. Borges, seconded by Ms. Dupray. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Student Success Fee Allocations - Permanent and One-Time

Co-Chair Nilsen inquired if the committee members' opinion would change with regard to base funding allocations if the Cal Poly budget was at a \$3.5 million deficit next year. Mr. Borges inquired how that deficit would impact Cal Poly. Co-Chair Nilsen mentioned that travel and professional development may be affected. Mr. Rainbolt added that the number of lecturers could also be reduced. Mr. Borges and Ms. Dupray answered that an impact to academic affairs may impact students and would influence their decision for base funding allocations. Ms. Trapani added that she is passionate for SAFER and adverse to lecturers being reduced.

Mr. Brancart reviewed the listing of 2017-18 Student Success Fee Allocations as well as the one-time allocations over the past three years. He mentioned that we currently have approximately \$250,000 funding for current base allocation requests.

Presentations - Base Allocations Requests

Ed Rainbolt, Academic Affairs, presented a proposal for one tenure-track faculty position as part of a "cluster hire" to support diversity and inclusion efforts in the amount of \$120,000. The remaining faculty positions in the "cluster hire" will be funded as replacements for faculty members who retire or resign this year, in conjunction with a \$150,000 grant awarded to develop a "cluster hire".

Cem Sunata, Academic Affairs, presented a three-part proposal for resources: (1) new, updated Cal Poly mobile app, (2) replacement for PolyPlanner, and (3) replacement for PASS – totaling \$180,000. Co-Chair Nilsen inquired whether Information Technology Services (ITS) funds these resources; Mr. Sunata confirmed that ITS does not fund these items and purchasing new software would be a cost-savings for ITS since they would no longer need to provide resources to maintain the existing software. Mr. Rainbolt added that ITS is financially- and resource-challenged and looking for ways to prioritize their resources. Mr. Collins inquired about pricing shown on the proposal and Mr. Sunata clarified that the proposal requests funding only for the annual fee of all three resources as well as one of the two GreyHeller products listed on the proposal.

Bryan Hubain, Student Affairs, presented a proposal for Cross-Cultural Center salaries and program operating costs in the amount of \$230,974. Co-Chair Nilsen inquired about the cost for programming this year; Mr. Hubain responded the cost was approximately \$70,000.

Debi Hill, Student Affairs, presented a proposal for a foster youth coordinator in the amount of \$100,000. A Cal Poly student, Thomas Ortiz, shared his experiences at Cal Poly as a foster youth.

Jamie Patton, Student Affairs, presented a proposal for a diversity and inclusion coordinator in the amount of \$105,000.

Christina Kaviani, Student Affairs, presented a proposal for SAFER Campus Advocate and a 24/7 Crisis Line in the amount of \$126,000. Mr. Collins inquired if there was a difference between current salary and proposed salary. Ms. Kaviani responded that the proposal includes anticipated salary increases.

(Presenters exit the room)

Committee Discussion

Discussions ensued amongst the committee regarding the base allocation presentations. Co-Chair Nilsen inquired about the difference between the on-going costs and one-time costs for the SAFER campus advocate. Mr. Borges suggested the presenter report back regarding possible savings.

With regard to the proposal for a diversity faculty position, Mr. Borges mentioned that the Cal Poly Opportunity Grant (CPOG) will be providing 15-20% for hiring additional faculty. Co-Chair Nilsen added that CPOG will not be in effect next year and the grant awarded to Academic Affairs is only offered for one year. Mr. Rainbolt added that CPOG is on hold indefinitely.

Mr. Collins suggested that the committee consider not funding the full amounts and inquired if Student Success Fee salaries are funded at entry level with the State being responsible for salary increases; Mr. Brancart confirmed the latter.

Mr. Collins noted that the SAFER proposal included salary increases and would be interested in the cost of an entry-level position. In addition, he added that the Cross-Cultural Center proposal was seeking to adjust salaries and inquired if this was under the Student Success Fee purview. Ms. Cavanaugh mentioned that the Cross-Cultural Center proposal also included program funding.

Mr. Collins suggested that the committee re-allocate past student success funds for current proposals. Co-Chair Nilsen responded that this option could be discussed at the next committee meeting. Ms. McMahon added that this could be a complicated process since this data is not included in the impact report and may require a different analysis. Mr. Brancart noted that the committee could provide direction to the administrative staff to complete this analysis. Mr. Borges added that this charge could be made for next year. Co-Chair Nilsen requested the

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committee members review the impact reports online for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Rainbolt added that the committee may want to focus on the format changes of the impact reports to readily make decisions in the future.

Next Steps

Co-Chair Nilsen advised the committee not to discuss the presentations and reminded the members that all discussions are confidential.

Mr. Brancart reminded the committee that the next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 23rd at 4:10 p.m. in Conference Room 01-301.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Riley Nilsen, Co-Chair