

Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 31, 2019
1:10 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Administration Building, Conference Room 01-133

MEETING RECORD

Members Present:

Mark Borges

Kathleen McMahon

Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa

Mary Pedersen – (absent)

Armando Nevarez

Dustin Stegner

Chloe Wardrick – (absent)

Angela Kraetsch – non-voting

Mike Davis

Derek Gragson – non-voting

Alan Faz Kylie Clark

Conner O'Neil – (absent)

Meeting Recorder:

Cari Wilson

Guests Present:

Jen Haft

Ed Rainbolt

Call to Order

Co-Chair Borges called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and noted that the main goal for the meeting was to discuss institutional and student priorities.

Discussion

- Mr. Nevarez spoke regarding the priorities his constituents from CAFES felt were most important:
 - Increase accessibility campus-wide for individuals with disabilities
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Example: Baby changing stations in men's restrooms.
 - Transportation
 - Transportation needed for students who have classes further out, such as the meat processing facility
 - Shuttle, evening rides for students to have a safe opportunity to get to and from classes
 - Library
 - O Concerns for when the library closes where students will be able to study in a quiet space. Suggestions were to upgrade Ag labs space, technology and lounge/study space
- > Mr. Davis spoke regarding the priorities his constituents from OCOB felt were most important:
 - Peer mentors and advisors
 - o Expand the current program
 - o Focus on change of majors
 - o Mock interview weekends (condense current program to one weekend)
 - Emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion
 - o Follow through on initiatives that were started last year
 - Example: Multicultural weekend: Better campaigning and flyer work

- Ms. Clark spoke regarding the priorities her constituents from CLA felt were most important:
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - o Each individual college to have their own fund
 - Funding for increased undergraduate research opportunities
 - o Priority for professors
- > Mr. Faz spoke regarding the priorities his constituents from CENG felt were most important:
 - Replacing lab equipment
 - The engineering curriculum is based on lab equipment and there is a need for up-to-date and functioning equipment
 - Learn By Doing
 - o Internships
 - No opportunities offered by the department
 - No platform to offer opportunities to students
 - Food insecurity
 - o Ideal to have a food insecurity fund in addition to using fundraisers to ensure consistency
- Mr. Faz spoke on behalf of Mr. O'Neil regarding the priorities his constituents from COSAM felt were most important:
 - Obtain Learn By Doing opportunities outside of the classroom
 - o Cuesta provides support but there is no formal collaboration between schools
 - o The students would like to have a curriculum where students can get credit for participating
 - Example: Student teaching
 - Increase class availability and decrease class size

Dr. Stegner inquired of the committee as to what specific areas the students feel are lacking around Diversity and Inclusion, where would they like to see a funding stream go if they could choose one. Mr. Nevarez mentioned strengthening programs we already have, such as the Aspire to Grow program and having bigger speakers come to campus. Ms. Clark felt that having funds available when opportunities presented themselves would be helpful.

- > Dr. McMahon spoke regarding the priorities Student Affairs felt were most important:
 - Accessibility
 - o DRC is lacking support in disability services
 - Ratio is off Low staff to high needs
 - Need for Accessibility Specialist
 - More centralized funding around Diversity and Inclusion for more prominent speakers

Co-chair Villa commented that from her perspective diluting funds to each college will limit what we can do.

- Mr. Rainbolt spoke on behalf of Dr. Pedersen regarding the priorities Academic Affairs felt were most important:
 - Highest priority is faculty and access to classes

Dr. Gragson commented that he really liked hearing what the students would like and would encourage them to go back to their colleges and find out how the college-based fees are being spent.

Review/Approve Meeting Record

Motion to approve the 10/10/19 meeting record by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Borges, Co-Chair