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Administration & Finance

Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 14, 2019
Administration Building, Conference Room 01-133

MEETING RECORD

Members Present:	Mark Borges	Conner O'Neil
	Cynthia Vizcaíno Villa	Kathleen McMahon – <i>(absent)</i>
	Armando Nevarez	Mary Pedersen
	Chloe Wardrick – <i>(absent)</i>	Dustin Stegner
	Mike Davis	Angela Kraetsch – <i>non-voting</i>
	Alan Faz	Derek Gragson – <i>non-voting</i>
	Kylie Clark – <i>(absent)</i>	
Meeting Recorder:	Cari Wilson	
Guests Present:	Jen Haft	Ed Rainbolt
	Alison Robinson	Jozi DeLeon
	Debi Hill	Beya Montero

Call to Order

Co-Chair Borges called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m.

Review/Approve Meeting Record

Mr. Faz requested a change be made to the 10/31/19 SSFAAC meeting record on page 2 regarding food insecurity. He stated he wanted a food insecurity fund *in addition* to using fundraisers, not *instead of*.

Motion to approve the 10/31/19 SSFAAC Meeting Record by Mr. Nevarez, seconded by Dr. Stegner. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Base Funding Request Presentations

Co-Chair Borges noted the committee would have approximately one week after the base funding proposals to go back to their constituents and discuss where they want the base funds to be allocated. He reminded the committee that the total amount to be allocated is \$784,000 and that the committee provides a recommendation to President Armstrong where the potential allocation of funds can go. He pointed out that there can be an allocation of zero dollars up to the full amount.

Co-Chair Villa speaks to the committee about how the proposal process has changed this year. In the past the committee would invite proposals from all over the campus. This year proposals were vetted during the budget process by the Cabinet and the President and the leadership team. The leadership team prioritized what they felt would be the highest and best use of the available SSFAAC funds so that the committee didn't have 15 separate proposals coming to them and diluting the effectiveness of the way the monies were allocated. The highest priority from the Cabinet level was faculty salaries. The second priority was funding a position in ITS for supporting mobile applications across campus. In addition, because of conversations from the last meeting it became apparent from the student's perspective that the committee needed to think about Diversity and Inclusion projects as well as support for the DRC and accessibility.

Co-Chair Villa stated that President Armstrong feels very strongly about Diversity and Inclusion and that he is committed to making significant changes on campus through CPOF and CPX, but he feels that SSFAAC may not be the best source of funds to support the Diversity and Inclusion efforts. She added that he is working with OUDI and Student Affairs to develop a list of priorities and projects that should be funded as a result of the CPX effort and there will be significant initiatives funded later in the year to support and advance that effort. She noted that the President's desire would be to allow him to fund Diversity efforts through another source of funds and not start to use SSFAAC fees for those efforts as those were really intended to be used for access to classes and student support services.

Dr. Pedersen added that the Graduation Initiative is very supportive of initiatives through OUDI and Diversity and Inclusion. They have provided funding in the past for diversity initiatives and they have the opportunity to provide more funding this year.

Alison Robinson, representing ITS, presented a proposal for Investing in Mobile Access to Cal Poly Resources in the amount of \$165,000. This proposal would fund one mobile application development engineer who would lead the process of moving functionality from campus legacy mobile apps to the new platform and develop/implement additional modules and features as prioritized by the mobile governance committee.

Mary Pedersen, representing Academic Affairs, presented a proposal for Four Tenure Track Faculty positions in the amount of \$700,000. Each position is a total of \$175,000 for salary and benefits. This proposal includes a tenure track position in Statistics with a focus on the scholarship in Data Science; Philosophy with a focus on scholarship in Ethics and Philosophy of Computing Ethical Theory; Computer Science with a focus on scholarship in the area of Computer Education; and Liberal Studies Teacher Preparation Program with a focus on scholarship in Diversity, Inclusion, Social Justice/Social change.

Jozi DeLeon, representing OUDI, presented a proposal for BEAcON Mentoring Program in the amount of \$50,000. The BEAcON Mentoring Program has provided opportunities for all students but primarily first generation, low income students who are interested in being mentored and working with a faculty member on research. Both faculty and students receive compensation to participate and work together. The funding requested pays for the \$5,000 compensation for 10 mentor/mentee pairs (\$2,000 for the faculty member and \$3,000 for the student.)

Beya Montero, representing Student Affairs, presented a proposal for Diversity Speaker Series in the amount of \$50,000. The Diversity Speaker Series is a collaborative initiative that highlights critical issues facing our society through deeply engaging and thought-provoking speakers who challenge assumptions around social action and justice, and engage students in the process of life-long learning.

Debi Hill, representing Student Affairs, presented a proposal for an Access Specialist in the Disability Resource Center in the amount of \$115,000 (salary and benefits). The Cal Poly Disability Resource Center (DRC) cultivates an accessible and inclusive community where students with permanent and temporary disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in all aspects of campus life. Each Access Specialist functions as a generalist and also has specific expertise and training in the various areas of disability.

(Presenters exit the room.)

Discussion

Discussions ensued amongst the committee regarding the Base Funding Allocation presentations. Co-Chair Borges commented that in the past when he has sat on an SSFAAC committee that he learned that it may make it more difficult if you only partially fund positions due to the fact that they then have to come up with the rest of the amount for a faculty position because you can't pay a faculty member a partial salary.

Mr. Faz stated that before he could make any comments on the proposals he felt he needed to do a constituent outreach.

Next Steps

Co-Chair Borges reminded the committee that their role is to reach out to their relevant constituents to get a general feel as to how the committee can best represent the students.

Mr. Faz questioned if it was permitted to send a proxy to the meeting if committee members are unable to attend. Co-Chair Villa reminded the committee that proxies would be allowed at the meetings except for when it is time to vote. She urged the committee members to show up to the meetings and if they have RSVP'd that they would attend.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Borges, Co-Chair

