

CAL POLY

Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019
Administration Building, Conference Room 01-409

MEETING RECORD

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

Call to Order

Co-Chair Borges called the meeting to order at 11:13 a.m.

Review/Approve Meeting Record

Motion to approve the 11/14/19 SSFAAC Meeting Record by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. O'Neil. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion of Base Funding Request Presentations

Co-Chair Borges reminded the committee that the available base funding is \$784,000. Dr. Stegner mentioned the concern of partial funding, and inquired if the position-based requests are all or nothing when it comes down to apportionment. Co-chair Villa said it would be a challenge to partially fund a position because of the difficulty for the departments to come up with the outstanding funds to make up the difference.

Co-chair Villa reminded the committee that as they consider what proposals to fund there is always more need than there is funding available so it's always a challenge. She reminded everyone of the President's ask to keep in mind that he is working on funding with the CPX initiative and there will be funding for a variety of initiatives by President Armstrong over the next two to three months. She stated that he would really prefer the committee not use the SSFAAC monies to fund some of the diversity initiatives because money will be forthcoming for some of those initiative in the spring.

Co-Chair Borges asked the committee to speak freely about any of the proposals that have been presented. Mr. O'Neil spoke about the Mobile App. He stated that students don't feel it's a priority at this time or feel that it is where the money should be allocated to. Co-Chair Borges feels there needs to be a stronger effort towards the project before the committee spends the money.

Co-Chair Villa spoke about how the Mobile App was very important to the students last year so it shows how imperative it is to be thoughtful about what is funded through these committees and that those decisions will be able to withstand the test of time. She asked that the committee look at whether what's important today will be important two to three years down the road. Mr. Nevarez stated that student's feel that it is not a top priority and that it could easily wait a year or two.

Dr. McMahon questioned whether the committee was hearing from students that they are frustrated because the campus is so far behind with technology. Ms. Clark replied that the students are not asking when will there be an app available.

Co-Chair Borges suggested the committee talk about the tenure track positions. Dr. Stegner feels that tenure track positions are hugely impactful for students long-term, and that being able to grow tenure density will have long-term lasting benefits.

Dr. Pedersen requested that the committee not look at specific positions when they are considering the funding. She asked that they look at what they feel would be an appropriate amount to allocate given all of the requests and what a suitable balance is. Ms. Clark questioned whether the students will get a say in which positions should be funded. Dr. Pedersen explained how they make the decisions about faculty lines and that it is a very long, thoughtful process deciding which positions should be funded. They look at what the student's needs are through data, recommendations, the deans provide a report of what the highest demands are, and they consult with faculty members and department chairs. She stated that they are trying to make it a data-driven process of what the student's need and that it's a very strategic plan.

Mr. O'Neil spoke regarding the BEAcON Mentoring Program. He said it seemed that there are still some issues with the program and that they need to work on the selection process. Dr. Pedersen responded that the application process has been changed this year and the selection process has improved and that there is a new faculty fellow that oversees the partnership.

Mr. Faz stated that he is hesitant to fund more matches for BEAcON before seeing improvements. That the type of students getting the opportunities is showing that they are not succeeding at their mission. He would want the additional funding to potentially go into the tenure track positions.

Dr. Stegner commented that once base dollars are approved they never go away. Once you commit to it, it's forever. Discussions continued amongst the committee members where they would like to see the funding allocated.

Allocation of Base Funding Requests

A motion was made by Mr. Nevarez and seconded by Mr. O'Neil for an approval of the following Base Allocation Proposals:

Academic Affairs:	
Three tenure track faculty positions	\$525,000
Tenure track faculty conversion	\$94,000
Student Affairs:	
Diversity Speaker Series	\$50,000
Access Specialist in the Disability Resource Center (DRC)	\$115,000
Total:	\$784,000

Next Steps

Co-chair Borges stated that at this time there are no one-time dollars and as of now we have no reason to reconvene.

Co-chair Villa reminded the committee that they are an advisory group to the President. That a letter with the committee recommendations will sent to the President and once he approves it, the committee will be informed and then that information can shared with the campus.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Borges

Mark Borges, Co-Chair

