



Student Fee Board

## MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** 11/11/22

**Topic:** Public Meeting

### Present:

- **Voting members:** Lawrence Miller, Xiaoru (Tony) Shi, Jada Quinland, Yidi Wang, Brian Johnson, Conor Kelly, Ava Philips, Sydney Gibbard, Dallas Zebrowski, Cierra Chandler
- **Nonvoting members:** Zander Golden, Jolinda Wilson, Barry Bram, Alexa Clayton

### Absent:

- **Voting members:** Noah Robertson, Najee Rodriguez

### Agenda:

#### I. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 8:03 a.m.

#### II. Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned, seconded.

#### III. Adoption of the Minutes (November 4th, 2022)

Motioned, seconded.

#### IV. Public Comment

#### V. Old Business

#### VI. New Business

## **A. Student Fee Board Handbook Changes**

- 1. Appendix A - Fix Misspelling**
- 2. Discriminatory Harassment Language**
  - a) 8.2 number 18**
- 3. Definitions Section Addition**
  - a) Discriminatory Harassment**

Lawrence: We'll vote on two things to send to the steering committee. First thing is Appendix A of the handbook, page 21. The word "initiated" was spelled wrong. Next is discriminatory language in section 8.2 - "any activity, material, or program whose primary purpose is in furtherance of discriminatory harassment against any individual based on actual or perceived age, sex...." This is under items we do not fund. Also the addition of discriminatory harassment in the definitions section. These terms are defined in accordance with the Penn State Student Code of Conduct. Any questions or concerns?

Alexa: Are handbook changes enacted for the following year or immediately?

Lawrence: These ones would be enacted for the following year as they change what we fund.

Sydney: Could you elaborate on how we're able to fund that now, as isn't that already against Penn State policy?

Lawrence: Technically, yes. But this is the first time we specifically say this is something we're not funding.

Alexa: Can this be used against UPAC in terms of funding? If we fund another Uncensored America event, would that justify a decrease in funding?

Lawrence: No, this is something you can simply put on your page. You could also use it to bump it to legal. It affects what you're able to fund. This is the tiniest step we can take. This language

would not be able to stop another Gavin McInnes event. You can push up events to the General Counsel to check if events follow this definition. I'm also removing "primary" from the discriminatory harassment language.

Dallas: Could you say "substantial component" - so that we're moving away from intent?

Alexa: Currently, UPAC uses primary purpose. How we apply that in the committee is trying to get them to say what their mission is. Would that also affect UPAC, should we switch to that language as well?

Lawrence: We can add "substantial component or purpose." If there's nothing else, are there any motions to vote on this as a slate?

All those in favor of voting on current language changes as they are currently written, say aye. On Zoom, please raise your hand if you are in favor. Those changes are now accepted from our board.

## **B. Voting to send Student Fee Board Handbook Changes to Steering Committee**

- 1. Page Numbering**
- 2. Table of Contents**
- 3. UPFB and University Park Fee Board to UPSFB and University Park Student Fee Board**
- 4. Specification of Majority**
- 5. Appendix A - Fix Misspelling**
- 6. Discriminatory Harassment Language**
- 7. Definitions section Addition**
- 8. General Formatting**

Lawrence: The next is voting on sending these changes to the steering committee. Page numberings, table of contents, changing from UPFB to UPSFB, specify majorities to be simple majorities, properly spell initiated, adding discriminatory harassment language, adding the

definitions section, and general formatting fixes. General formatting fixes include consistent spacing and font.

Those are all the changes we're voting to send. Any motions to vote the following changes as a slate to the Steering Committee. All those in favor?

I will change these changes to the student committee of the fee board.

## **VII. Topics of Discussion**

### **A. Maximum Carry Forward for Standing Allocations Should probably be adjusted.**

Lawrence: Next thing is we should adjust the maximum carry forward for standing allocations. We should adjust as we don't know how much we will allocate toward UPUA, GPSA, and CCSG. This is something to keep in mind. Barry, are all caps 8% of the standing allocation?

Barry: Right. Another thing is CCSG is funded by the Commonwealth and UP Fee Boards. 8% of the combined funding. It's proportionate. If they have \$10, UP funds ~1/3 of total allocation.

## **VIII. Committee Chair Reports**

### **A. Communications**

Sydney: Still missing responses from Cierra and Ava of the headshot form. Then it will be done to put on the website. We also finished the information presentation. There's one more slide we want to add information to. The rest is done, so feel free to give feedback. In terms of the website, we now have a feedback form for public comments, and we'll be adding all our bios.

Also at MSU, they pull out some of the costs they pay as part of the fee vs. what students would pay out of pocket.

Lawrence: One thing is we should make all text bigger. Currently, a lot of text on slides and hard to read. I'll leave comments on slide when you're ready to go through it.

## **IX. Subject Matter Reports**

### **A. Sydney**

Sydney: I've been continuing my biweekly meetings, and we met with revenue cycling manager and finance/business manager for UHS. They're pulling out options for what they're presenting. They're now pricing some of their costs and transferring it to what the fee would be. We have a new fee request next week with Dallas. Might still need to make a few edits before their hearing.

Lawrence: As a reminder, UHS has to submit a new fee request for this cycle because the STI testing was a pilot year. But I don't suggest they use the new health fee to fund salaried positions, unless they have a clear plan of how they will also use main funding.

Sydney: There's maybe one thing they mentioned that could be related to salaried positions. I'll let them know.

### **B. Brian**

Brian: Senior director of Campus Rec and I have scheduled a biweekly meeting. Any feedback or concerns, just let me know so I can refer to him.

Lawrence: Main thing is to demonstrate how students will benefit from what is being paid for and how the student fee will be utilized.

### **C. Dallas**

Dallas: Last week, met with Student Legal Services. The only increase to their request would be slight salary increases as well as correcting an accounting problem. There shouldn't be any big increases.

## **X. UPAC Chair Report**

Alexa: UPAC allocated \$1.9M as of today.

Lawrence: I ended up texting her so late as the law school - currently all organizations in law school go to student fee board of the law school. We don't have ASA numbers. Could UPAC put these numbers on the website?

Alexa: Yes, on the minutes, put 000.

## **XI. Chair Report**

Lawrence: Most offices have submitted a hearing, except for childcare subsidy with Amanda Jones. We also need OGEEP with Dr. Preston.

Cierra: Are the hearings on a calendar?

Lawrence: Yes, they're currently on the SFB calendar. I renamed documents for offices as "student governments" and "non student government." I sent these documents out to offices. For ESF, haven't received any applications recently. You can refer the ESF application to your offices. Equity fund, the SFB email has received some applications. For your offices, you should meet at least one before their hearing. We need to be stricter with allocation. Some offices may face a decrease in their allocations, especially if we end up approving the health fee. Your offices should be stricter about the document they send - how are they involving grad and undergrad students? How will they remain utilized during the summer? Are they looking for alternative funding services (which won't hurt their allocations)?

## **XII. Comments for the Good of the Order**

Brian: Sydney, could you reexplain the health fee?

Sydney: The health fee is something that will be designed by UHS to make healthcare services more accessible for students. They would be funding certain services students have access to. One of the things already funded by UHS is STI testing. This protects confidentiality. Almost all other Big10 schools have a health fee. We are just doing something similar.

Brian: What would the fee increase look like?

Sydney: They did share numbers they're starting to pull together. They're working on a few different options for the Student Fee Board to look over. As far as amount, I can't currently give a number, but hopefully the next meeting will solidify that. Each of the plans are pretty different. Plans are strictly for Student Fee Board to decide. Students wouldn't opt in on their student bill. I'm also thinking about centralization of student fee - prioritizing health and accessibility as a whole.

Lawrence: I have a conversation with Bendapaudi next Monday after Thanksgiving week. The main goals mainly revolve around 1) SFB Chair should be more involved in conversations and 2) what was reasoning behind canceling Center for Racial Justice and what are the repercussions for SFB. Next week, we might do an overview of hearings training. I'm having a conversation with Claire and seeing what she thinks. We're not going to be meeting November 25th, and we'll start hearings the weekend after Thanksgiving, December 2nd.

### **XIII. Closing Roll Call**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.