



Student Fee Board

MEETING MINUTES

Date: 4/14/23

Topic: Public Meeting

Present:

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

Absent:

- **Voting members:**
- **Nonvoting members:**

Agenda:

I. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 8:02 a.m.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned, seconded.

III. Adoption of the Minutes (April 7th, 2023)

Motioned, seconded.

IV. Public Comment

V. Old Business

Lawrence: Need to have recommendation slides done by end of the day.

A. Deliberations

1. Student Leadership and Involvement

Lawrence:

Sydney: Met with Jeff last week. Operated with 2 of the 5 positions they would normally have. 2 new job postings, likely to start on July 1st. Talked about generally what that means - he's always been able to recruit passionate people who want to engage with students. We went through line by line. Tried to decrease what can't be fully taken advantage of. Talked about his ability to shift money around, if that would be most appropriate for them - responding to here and now.

Coming out pandemic, want to meet that need with students. We did talk about this is the year SFB could have accountability.

Sydney: Also talked about SPA Student Payment. I'm recommending we don't fund student leaders. Potential for paying all student organizations under SL&I. Details to work out. Could use stipends. Larger conversations about student leadership should be had first before SPA is piloted.

Lawrence: We're going to require SL&I to separate from SPA, in terms of submitting proposal requests.

Lawrence: Whatever we decide on today is going to be price next two years. He is in the process of hiring. They have had historically low utilization. They will have considerable carry forward. Carry forward funds are in their own fund. We can disperse whenever we need to. Concerned with their history of spending.

Brian: We discussed how SFB has been lenient in observing organizations and how they're funded. But I think you're right. Historical precedent of that lack of activity.

Lawrence: They should be getting back \$300,000, which is their increase ask.

Jolinda: For carry forward this year, about a million dollars.

Lawrence: What board could be looking at for next year - increase for 25-26 year.

Tony: I agree that historically they have been low on spending. And items can be cost-shared. But historically, if an office does not have a clear violation to our guidelines, we hadn't historically had a big cut, unless the office is showing significant wrongdoings. Feel this won't be smooth, especially considering two years. Job of SFB is seeing how well office is spending. I would say to having a milder cut to SL&I. Not to point that their operations will be impacted.

Lawrence: Last time, there wasn't a cut. I understand we have never done this in the past, but I think we need to put our foot down at a certain point.

Brian: It wouldn't be a cut, it would be flat funding.

Tony: Will next year's board still have a hearing process?

Lawrence: We will set the pot, and the next year's fee board will be cutting it up.

Tony: Good opportunity to analyze how offices are spending the money.

Sydney: I agree they're asking for an increase but haven't fully filled it. I saw authenticity in them wanting to be a good steward, but I understand not giving them increase, when they haven't spent their money from this year.

Lawrence: We'll put money in carry forward, and we hold it and see they've been doing something. So hold carry forward and see if they need more.

Sydney: Only thing is potential changing to SPA.

Conor: Are we able to separate carry forward from SPA vs. SL&I?

Lawrence: Could set full amount of carry forward to SPA.

Tony: Many offices will have carry forwards. Collective carry forward.

B. Voting

1. Student Leadership and Involvement

Lawrence: Maximum of \$2,133,708.5. Split conditionally on whether they meet certain criteria.

Yay: 12

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Student Leadership and Involvement - SPA Student Payment

Lawrence: Talked with Andrea. Willing to commit to a taskforce - yearlong process at least. To look into payment of student leaders. That could be a recommendation. Or we could set a pilot program. Payment of top 5 leaders of SPA student organization.

Najee: I don't agree with the way they went about it. I will be voting yes, but they should've included more leaders than just SPA. We can choose to discontinue in the second year, right?

Lawrence: Yes, but I'm worried that wouldn't be received well, taking back money. Taskforce would be charged in conducting research next year.

Yay: 5

Nay: 6

Abstain: 1

Lawrence: Would be making recommendation of taskforce. And we have enough carry forward to look into this in the future.

3. OMPEC

Dallas: Split 50/50. Cost sharing. OPP will cost share 700K a year. Not just initial 700K. In perpetuity.

Lawrence: We can make recommendation this comes out of the reserve. Because this is a one-time fee.

Cierra: Could we request more cost sharing with OPP.

Lawrence: Yes. We can say we'll recommend funding of x dollars, with stipulation that cost sharing makes up extra x dollars from OPP or central funding. Could take out of facilities reserve, or do a conditional. Current vote is on full \$2.3M, take out of facilities reserve. If this doesn't pass, we can recommend cost sharing, then vote on max to come out of facilities reserve.

Yay: 12

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Basic Needs Support Center

Lawrence: \$290K.

Yay: 12

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

5. PRCC Community Coordinator

Lawrence: When I was talking with Andrea, president's town hall (what money will be coming out of central funding for DEI). Could do stipulation if 50% cost sharing can be done with University.

Cierra: If this doesn't pass, then will we not fund these coordinators?

Lawrence: Jolinda, would we able to recommend this conditional cost sharing?

Jolinda: It would be Student Affairs for the other 2. For fiscal year 24-25, we are submitting a recommendation. Once it's submitted, no going back.

Najee: We don't have any negotiating power until June (Board of Trustees meeting)?

Jolinda: Right, that would be the result. No extra money. Probability of additional funds is pretty low.

Lawrence: Can say cost sharing in the future. Voting on PRCC budget.

Najee: We can also cut back funding if program does not show results.

Lawrence: Then we could vote on pilot program.

Najee: Lot of university have community coordinator, integrating academic, culture, etc. This is attempt to balance dedicated spaces into person that can be integrated into affinity spaces. \$10 per student, yes.

Sydney: Won't it be \$5 a person for 2 semesters.

Lawrence: Yes.

Dallas: If we fund as a pilot program, how will we track progress and success of coordinators in general?

Lawrence: Could stipulate in hiring.

Conor: I opened up their request. It's \$70,000 in wages. \$85,000 of student wages. 15 positions paid \$15/hour. Not making commitment - already behind the game with other universities.

Brian: In total, it's 19. 15 student workers and 4 community coordinators. Don't see trapped in PRCC. How these student workers can translate to overall benefits for the community.

Najee: Point of community coordinators is that they are integrated efforts. Cost sharing abilities for the future. Have to make investment at some point, and will shift funding later.

Lawrence: Voting on 15 student positions and 4 community coordinators.

Yay: 10

Nay: 1

Abstain: 0

Lawrence: Recommendations for University, regarding cost sharing for 25-26 year, when budget should be balanced.

VI. New Business

A. 23-24 Voting

1. UHS New Health Fee

Lawrence: \$3,014,850. Can pull from carry forward and facilities fee.

Sydney: This is a recurring cost. How will this come from facilities fee for next years?

Lawrence: Gradually phase out from facilities fee.

Najee: This could be a mandate for actual student utilization. Like the pilot year for facilities.

Lawrence: Will vote on pilot for facilities next time. Facilities reserve is at around \$30M

Yay: 11

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

2. Community and Belonging Educators

Najee: Supplemental to DEI in Student Affairs. Facilitate logistical events. Go toward underrepresented communities. Community coordinators will oversee student body. Community and belonging educators will oversee student workers.

Brian: Don't see how this will have long-term impact.

Sydney: See benefit for student organizations. Students will be running this.

Cierra: How would this be different from the student workers at the PRCC?

Najee: Those in PRCC focus on administrative tasks. This is in collaboration with community-specific individuals supporting this.

Brian: With respect to Sydney's comment, conflict with initial description Najee provided. Don't see benefits and long-term effect.

Najee: Coming up with curriculum. Human capital investment is argument for DEI advancement. Brian Patchowski is overseeing this.

Lawrence: \$200,000

Yay: 5

Nay: 4

Abstain: 1

3. Graduate Student Community Space

Lawrence: \$184,750.

Yay: 11

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

4. Free Menstrual Product

Lawrence: Single time fee. \$309,500.

Yay: 11

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

5. Pollock Halls Pilot Subsidized Laundry Program

Najee: Money is released to housing and food services. Pollock residence hall coordinators will distribute cards there. No selection.

Brian: If too many students request, what happens?

Najee: Then program will be exhausted. Eventually subsidization without card swipes. Housing is looking at success of this program, then will determine cost-sharing.

Yay: 11

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

6. Extra Fees

a) Health Center Mortgage

Lawrence: \$376,000. What we've committed in past to.

b) HUB Mortgage

Lawrence: Paid off. This is decrease of \$2 per student.

c) Facility Fee Usage

Lawrence: About \$10M per year. Pulling UHS fund from there. Need to vote on utilizing fee to offset some costs. Basic needs support center.

Jolinda: Want to make clear that with facility fee reserve. There has been commitment on prior years to fund. Facilities fee was big topic during last year's deliberations. If you use facility fee,

Sarah may bring back - some projects had been committed to for facility fee based on facilities studies. Did not hear back from facilities feasibility studies.

Cierra: They started.

Lawrence: Currently paying \$104 per student per semester toward fee, end up at \$10M in change per year. Vote is on using facilities fee to offset larger Basic Needs Support Center, UHS.

Cierra: Instead of putting \$10M, making use of that for these projects?

Lawrence: Yes. Working toward increase over the next years.

Yay: 11

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

B. 24-25 Voting

Lawrence: Talked with Jolinda. Planning for flat funding for next year. Does not include new fees. All offices submitted their budgets for the next 2 years. Hit with new fees over the next year. I'm recommending 3-5% increase.

Brian: 2%.

Jolinda: Our total amount we're collecting - we're projecting \$26M.

Sydney: 3% sounds about right - \$8 increase in fee. We just committed health fee slowly being introduced to fee. Thinking about what we've already committed to.

Lawrence: If we do a range, I will come back with what that looks like. I'm hearing 2-4% for 24-25 cycle year. That's what we'll be voting on.

Yay: 11

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. Topics of Discussion

VIII. Chair Report

A. Meeting with Andrea

Lawrence: Had meeting with Andrea. Helpful for language - all expenses must be in compliance with x, y, z. Going to add - in accordance with policies against discrimination, etc. Going to submit to General Counsel. By end of day, all slides should be done. We will be voting on that next week. Bicycle master plan will be coming to present to us next week. Justification letters - need to submit those. I will create a template for those. I will be the one sending all those out. Next week is also transition meeting. Jolinda, I'll be reaching out to you.

IX. Comments for Good of the Order

Sydney: So our fee is finalized?

Lawrence: Right. Our bylaws say we need to have unanimous voting for our final recommendation.

X. Closing Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.