

## Student Fee Advisory Committee

### Minutes February 15th, 2024

Reminder: All documents available in Shared Drive: SFAC

In attendance: Chrissy Holliday, Jess Etter, Sandy Wiekowski, Andrew Kime, Tony Ureste, Andres Olmos, Amber Blakeslee, Nate Heron, Jenn Capps, Kendra Higgins, Todd Larsen, Sam Parker; Cindy Bumgarner

- I. Welcome, Call to Order & Quorum Determination - 8:03am; yes.
- II. Public Comment - none.
- III. Subcommittee follow up
  - Amber will be taking point. Challenge getting a meeting. Wednesday, 2/28 at 8am looks like the first available time we could meet. Amber will send out an invite to everyone.
- IV. Review Updated Summary of [Category II Fees](#) and [Campus Fees List](#)
  - Amber talked about an update on where we are with Category II fees. Shared her screen of Category II fee history.
  - Question as to whether there has been any conversation about possible reductions in campus fees? IRA-Athletics in particular due to past audit recommendations?
  - Sub-group will finish guidelines and look at IRA and SPF and would include any potential for that in their work. It's a campus priority to shift personnel costs from athletics back to the state as mentioned in the audit; however, Athletics is operating in a deficit position, and that is not yet a completed process.
  - Where do club sports come into effect with existing guidelines/language around IRA?
  - We need to look at the definitions with IRA. How do we make sure club sports and recreation are part of that conversation?
  - Amber - shared screen of Student Fee Report including newly approved fees.
- V. Category 5 Fee Increase Proposals -
  - Taking a different strategic approach this year to give more visibility into all fees, which is why we are looking at Category 5 now at SFAC. Also looking to take a multi-year approach; for example, a 2-year plan with housing.
  - Category 5's have to live within the revenue that they generate.
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  - a) [Housing](#)
    - Amber sharing/discussing screen of housing fee request form. Talked about comparably where we land within the CSU, 23rd of 25, for least expensive housing.
    - Todd Larsen attended to discuss housing/dining.
    - Discussed community rent rates compared to campus housing. Financial aid also

compares on/off campus housing and publishes publicly.

- Discussed dining rates (we are the 5th highest, but combined with housing, we are still among the most reasonable - 16th). We are a little higher because we include our breaks for dining because we keep our dining open. Most schools don't, and there you have to sign up and pay extra. There are an extra 2-3 weeks of meal plans that are put in there.
- Discussed open beds on campus, are there initiatives to start reducing that? Yes, we assume we will be at 95% next year. We will know by mid-June if we will keep our contract with Comfort Inn.
- There has been a lot of outreach to communicate very differently (re: housing) than we have before.
- With this decision to share up Category 5 fee planning upfront:
  - We will collect issues / concerns as part of the meeting. You can also email Chrissy, Amber and include Sam and we will make sure it moves forward to the President with Chrissy's recommendations (including reactions, concerns from this group).
  - Trying to add a section to new electronic routing form for the future where SFAC can add a comment. After fee request is submitted, there will be comment sections including for SFAC. Discussed attaching a summary memo & even requiring it.
  - Email any additional comments and questions to Chrissy, Sam and Amber.

#### b) Dining

- Discussed contract with Chartwells to provide dining on campus.
- Discussed expenses/inflation
  - New roof on J last year.
  - Transformer project coming up (to be custom built).
  - Generator still needs to be connected.
  - Salaries and benefits.
  - 60% increase in utilities.
  - Overall operating expenses have gone up as much as 40%.
  - Our required reserves went from \$19.5 million to \$1.6 million.
  - We are losing money on beds.
  - Dining operates on the food away from home consumer index.
  - Discussed more things that affect costs. Rate increases are the only way we can fund things.

#### c) [Professional and Continuing Education](#)

- Cindy Bumgarner present. Amber - (shared screen CEEGE fees) & discussed.
  - In addition to state funding instruction we also have a self support instruction.
  - It's been over 10 years since the fees have increased.
  - This is the first time we ran summer sessions stateside vs self support. Lost that revenue. This will have a minimal impact on our students. We would lose programs without the increases.
- Discussed the "other" line for fees on the report.
  - They include cost recovery revenue. Also some summer support even though support is on stateside.

VI. Summer Category II Fees

- a) Amber is introducing and we will have a more in depth discussion at the next meeting. Amber discussed further about implementation and what that looks like. She shared her screen of a draft document.
- b) Discussed timeline. We should have these posted in the March regular Office of the Registrar communication. Will check with the Registrar about this timeline and communicate back with everyone.
- c) May need an additional meeting in order to meet the timeline needs.

VII. Next Steps and Action Items

VIII. Meeting adjourned - Jenn Capps motion to adjourn - adjourned at 8:58am.

Future agenda items:

Summer Category II Fees further discussion.