

## Student Fee Referenda Committee

### Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2011

**Members present:** Mark Lucia, Claudia Covello, Walter Wong, DD Fanner-White, Judi Sui, Marilyn Stager, Fabrizio Mejia, Julia Joung, Phillippe Marchand, Olivier Bouan, Anthony (AJ) D'Asaro

**Members absent:** Jodie Rouse, Vishalli Loomba, Bahar Navab

**Guest:** Mike Weinberger, Director of Recreational Sports

**Recorder:** Laura McBride

#### 1. Introductions

#### 2. Potential fee referenda for 2011-12 and 2012-13

##### A. Rec Sports

- What would be a student-initiated referendum is still in its planning phase. The two existing Rec Sports fees (one from 1981, which covered construction of the existing building, as well as a 2006 initiative to subsidize user fees) both expire in 2016. The new fee referendum could be proposed as early as Spring 2012, but would more likely be run around 2013-2014.
- The current Rec Sports facility is meeting only about 50% of its demand. Mike Weinberger, RSF Director, spoke about the potential fee referendum. The fee would go towards a new facility (with increased room and a more welcoming atmosphere), artificial turf and lights on Evans baseball field, and health & wellness programs for students, faculty and staff. Rec Sports would also like to design spaces specifically to support disabled students.
- Mike Weinberger noted he would be speaking to Capital Projects Committee on 9/29/11 to ask the campus to partly contribute to the cost of new facilities, both to reduce the financial impact upon students and so that RSF can offer more programs & services to faculty & staff.
- Rec Sports collects approximately \$3 million annually from the two existing student fees, and has a total annual budget of approximately \$10 million. Other Rec Sports funding currently comes from sources including youth summer camp, membership fees, corporate sponsorships, and passport services.
- Possible sites for the new facility:
  - West side of RSF (over the garage)—will not work, is not being considered anymore
  - Edwards Track east bleachers
  - Renovate Hearst Gym
  - Other open land.

##### B. Class Pass Fee Renewal

- In the past this has been a department-initiated fee by Parking & Transportation, and the current fee ends in 2013. The Class Pass renewal (to extend it beyond 2012-13) is likely to be run as a student-initiated referendum.

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- Mark Lucia has advised P&T that if it will be a department-initiated fee, the proposal needs to be submitted to CACSSF by December.

#### C. Daily Cal

- The Daily Cal has been working with ASUC to develop a student-initiated fee to be run in Spring 2012. Representatives from Daily Cal will come to the next SFRC meeting.

#### D. Software Initiative

- IT is considering a student-initiated fee for Spring 2013 to pay for software that would be available to all students. This fee would not involve Airbears or b-space (no fee referendum is currently planned to support Airbears, b-space, or any other IT projects).

#### E. CalPIRG

- There is a rumor of a possible referendum for a mandatory fee from CalPIRG (California Student Public Interest Research Group). The current CalPIRG fee is a voluntary (opt-in) student fee, not subject to SFRC guidelines.

### 3. Overview of Fee Referenda Timelines

The timeline table was taken from the SFRC policy document and included on the agenda.

- Department-initiated: department must follow the policy manual; SFRC runs and oversees the referendum.
- Student-initiated: We consult with student groups, strongly encouraging them to follow the timelines because we need time to ensure the fee language complies with UC fee policy; however, student groups have a lot of discretion on how to run their fees so long as they follow the ASUC election by-laws.

**Next SFRC Meeting: Monday, October 24, 2011, 1:00 – 2:00 in 4<sup>th</sup> floor Eshleman conference room**