It is with both great pride and relief that I announce the Registration Fee Advisory Committee’s final recommendations for the 2009/10 fiscal year. The process was difficult this year due to the financial crunch being faced by both the university and the state. However, I believe the decisions we have reached regarding the Registration Fee Fund will put UC Riverside in a stable position in terms of both availability of student services and fiscal responsibility.

The Committee greatly appreciates UC Riverside’s administration for continually supporting our role in the budgetary process. Based on my experiences with the other campuses at the system-wide Council on Student Fees, UC Riverside sets the standard for providing students with the ability to impact how their registration fees are spent. Knowing that our actions actually affect the outcome of the administration’s final decisions definitely provides us with the motivation to do all of the hard work before us each year.

Along with the normal barrage of requests exceeding the amount of funding available, the Committee faced several unique challenges this year. I have outlined them below, along with the Committee’s response to each of them.

**Allocations for Fiscal Year 2009/10**

Due to the current budget environment the committee decided to only allocate temporary funds for 2009/10 and preserve the permanent funds for the impending budget cuts next year. As a further concession to the current financial crisis, the committee only considered requests that had been granted by the registrations fees committee in the previous two years. This “two year rule” limited the number of requests sent to the committee and ensured that items in a department’s current operating budget would be affected as little as possible.

Given the limited funds available for allocation, the committee recommends using the Student Mental Health carry forward balance to fund the following requests that qualify for Student Mental Health funding: $3,750 REACH Peer Educator and $6,000 for Counseling Center professional development.

The committee recommends continuing backstop funding of $60,000 for the sign language translator using the Registration Fee operating reserves. The committee also recommends funding the custodial service for the radio station, KUCR, using the Registration Fees set aside for OMP.

Again, I would like to reiterate the Committee’s appreciation for having a team of administrators on this campus that create avenues for students to voice their opinions, rather than creating blockades. It is with
the highest regard that we submit to you our FY 2009/10 recommendations for the usage of the Registration Fee Fund, totaling $400,000 in temporary one-time allocations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of RFAC,

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