Date: June 2, 2010

To: Timothy P. White, Chancellor

From: Vicki Dasakis, Chair
Chancellor’s Registration Fee Advisory Committee

Re: Final Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

We are pleased to announce the Registration Fee Advisory Committee’s final recommendations for the fiscal year of 2010-2011. The process was similar to last year in that the economic situation made it necessary to be frugal in budgeting programs for student services. Our decisions regarding the allocation of Registration Fee Funds will allow many programs to continue while simultaneously enabling these programs to grow in a fiscally responsible way.

The Committee appreciates all of the helpful input that has come from the administrative offices. We would also like to express our appreciation in the administration’s role in the budgetary process. The committee is proud to represent the student body in these deliberations and to help set standards for how the Registration Fee is to be allocated. Knowing that our actions make a difference to the outcome of the administration’s final decision lays the ground work for and motivates us to do all of the hard work that we do each year.

Allocations for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

In the context of the current economic environment, the decision is to allocate $431,784 in temporary funding for FY 2010-2011. This will allow us to prepare for any further budgetary exigencies that may occur in the next few years. In light of this precaution regarding the financial crisis, the committee has considered only requests allocated by the Registration Fee Advisory Committee in the previous two years.

The Committee has approved studying the feasibility of moving the Career Center to the lower level of the Campus Store in order to improve the location for this department. Relocating the Career Center would also create space for the Campus Health and Counseling Center to expand within Veitch. The feasibility study would include evaluating any adjacency requirements in light of other retail spaces and functions in the Campus Store and the expansion of the two departments in Veitch. The Reg Fee funds would cover its pro-rata share of the study.
For the second time this year the Committee has agreed to allocate funding for Student Mental Health Initiatives. The first allocation was for FY09-10; the second is an allocation for FY10-11 totaling $459,344 in temporary funds. This decision was made in order to place the Student Mental Health Initiatives on the same budget cycle as that of all student service departments.

Changes to Bylaws

The Committee has approved two changes to the Bylaws as outlined in the attached document and summarized below:

The amendment to Article III, Sec G.3: Remuneration of Student Members, Calculation of payment reduces the Ed Fee remunerated to the Chair and the Vice Chair for their services from full and one-half of Ed Fee, respectively, to $6,000 and $3,000, respectively. The recent student fee increases, particularly on the Ed Fee, significantly increased the remuneration amounts and the Committee wanted to bring them back down to more appropriate levels relative to other student leader positions at UCR as well as in the UC system. The Committee voted 6 to 1 in favor of passing this amendment.

The amendment to Article V, Section D: Quorum redefines the members needed to establish a quorum. The amendment allows one alternate member present at the meeting be counted, if needed, as a voting member to establish a quorum. This revision utilizes the alternate member position more effectively and improves the odds of having a quorum particularly when members have many time conflicts due to classes. The committee voted 7 to 0 in favor of passing this amendment.

Again, we would like to express the Committee’s appreciation and gratitude for making a team of administrators available to work with students and to create a relationship that allows a collaborative effort in making decisions on the funding of student services. It is with the highest regard that we submit our final recommendations for the use of the Registration Fee.

Respectfully,

Vicki Dasakis