



Student Service Fee Advisory Committee
Friday, April 10, 2015; 4:00 to 6:30 PM
HUB Room 379
Approved Meeting Minutes

Name	Association	Voting Privilege ¹	Attendance
Alexander Taliaferro	ASUCR	X	P
Jon Cassell	ASUCR	X	P
Fernando Echeverria	ASUCR	X	A
Sean Fahmian	ASUCR	X	A
Nafi Karim	ASUCR	X	A
Iris Jiang	ASUCR	X	P
Wen-Yu Chou	ASUCR Alternate	X	P
Jordan Meltzer	ASUCR Alternate	-	A
Suraj Wadhvani	ASUCR Alternate	-	A
David Chavez	GSA	X	P
Terrance Stewart	GSA	X	P
Jason Rothman	GSA	X	A
Ted Mock	Faculty	X	A
Luis Alvarez	Staff	X	A
Cindy Flannery	Staff	X	P
Susana Salazar	Ex-Officio RP&B	-	A
Cathy Eckman	Ex-Officio VCSA	-	P
Diana Echeverria	Secretary	-	P
Sue Lillie	Staff Support	-	P
Sara Weertz	GUEST	-	P
Preston Williams	GUEST	-	P

P: Present A: Absent L: Late E: Excused

¹ X indicates voting privilege

1) Call to Order: **3:28 PM**

2) Approval of Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda by Iris Jiang, Second by Terrance

Vote: Yes: 6, No: 0, No: 0

Agenda Approved Unanimously.

3) Approval of Minutes for 3/13/2015

Motion to Approve Minutes by Terrance Stewart, Second by David Chavez

Vote: Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstain:0

Minutes Approved Unanimously.

4) Appeals

ARC 3:30 PM

Sara Weertz: [reads prepared statement; see handout]

Terrance Stewart: What would happen if you don't get this amount?

Sara Weertz: Without a coordinator we cannot provide these services.

Terrance Stewart: How many students do you see annually?

Sara Weertz: Almost 1500 come for writing support. Writing support is one of the most sought after services.

Terrance Stewart: You are shut down currently?

Sara Weertz: The funds ran out in September and we suspended the program at that time.

Wen-Yu Chou: How many students do you plan on hiring?

Sara Weertz: 3800 hours so it could be upwards of 10 students

Alex Taliaferro: If 119,000 is needed to be successful, if that amount isn't funded in full, there would be no point in support it in part?

Sara Weertz: We wouldn't be able to use it. We wouldn't be able to fund the program if there was no program coordinator.

David Chavez: What does the specific role the coordinator play?

Sara Weertz: They would run the training sessions and develop the writing tutors. They will be responsible for developing a framework of institutional expectation.

David Chavez: Has there been efforts to get this funding elsewhere?

Sara Weertz: We need to continue to look for permanent funds. First we are looking for temporary funds to run it so that we may find permanent funds elsewhere.

GSA 3:45 PM

Preston Williams: There were some things I would like to bring out again. The two areas are the travel grants and the department co-sponsorship. Every year we serve over a quarter of graduate student to go to conferences. This allows all graduate students to get their name out there. That \$10,000 is a great investment to this campus. The request to cut down to \$7000 will impact us and we will definitely have to deny quite a few students. A lot of students also run conferences on campus. By having these conferences and having students go to conferences it shows that great research is done right here at UCR. I think this an aspect that all graduate schools can take advantage of.

Alex Taliaferro: Would you consider cuts to the staff assistance for funds for travel grants?

Preston Williams: Yes, I think it's that important. I would rather have people do extra work than less work. GSA is representative of all graduate students and this is one thing that graduate students use.

Jon Cassell: If we were unable to fund the difference? How many people wouldn't be able to go to conferences?

Preston Williams: I'm assuming this is in North America, so probably 25 students. By turning down students we face the issue of turning down students. Then the question of good research comes up. How do you choose what is good research? I want to avoid that at all costs.

Athletics

Alex Taliaferro: There is one more appeal through athletics but they were unable to attend but we still have information of the appeal.

ARC

Alex Taliaferro: If we can't fund at least \$119,000 then it wasn't much use funding the rest. We might even take away funding that we allocated.

Cathy Eckman: I would like to know if there was a general fund request. We just had a call for general funds. Often people come to this committee and the general fund and hopes someone funds it. I'm wondering if she reached out to the campus for state funding.

David Chavez: It would make sense to ask for funding through a general fund or even through CHASS.

Alex Taliaferro: It seems odd that we don't already have a writing support program.

Terrance Stewart: They see 4800 unique students a year.

Cathy Eckman: 1500 students for the writing program and it's a new program. 4800 were for all their services.

Alex Taliaferro: We all agree that this is an important program but it can't come from SSFAC, at least not this time. Maybe if they could secure funds for a program coordinator, SSFAC could fund the writing tutors and the counselors. We'll put off a vote until next meeting until we can get some further information if they have made a general fund request.

Terrance Stewart: It doesn't make sense to fund a writing specialist if we don't fund a program coordinator.

GSA

David Chavez: I appreciate that he was honest about being able to run the office and saying that the travel grants are essential. I appreciate the flexible approach.

Alex Taliaferro: It would be prudent to save any real allocation until the next meeting so we can know where we stand towards funding. I am leaning towards raising the amount for student travel grants and maybe taking away from student assistance.

David Chavez: The ability for UCR to have graduate conferences is a way to get other graduate students to come on this campus. It also provides students the ability to jump into a conference and feel comfortable. It helps to get our name out there as a research university.

Athletics

Alex Taliaferro: The appeal is pretty straight forward. Nothing new popped out at me when I read it. I feel it restates the narrative from the original request.

5) Chair / Administrative Issues

Alex Taliaferro: This weekend is CSF. We look forward to recruiting and appointments and solidifying a method for future funding.

6) Adjourn 4:15 PM

Motion to Adjourn by Jon Cassell, Second by Iris Jiang.

Vote: Yes: 6, No: 0, Abstain: 0

Adjournment Approved.