



**Student Service Fee Advisory Committee**  
**Friday, April 24, 2015; 3:30 to 5:00 PM**  
**HUB Room 379**  
**Approved Meeting Minutes**

Name	Association	Voting Privilege <sup>1</sup>	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	P
Iris Jiang	ASUCR	X	A
Wen-Yu Chou	ASUCR Alternate	X	L
Jordan Meltzer	ASUCR Alternate	-	L
Suraj Wadhvani	ASUCR Alternate	-	L
David Chavez	GSA	X	A
Terrance Stewart	GSA	X	A
Jason Rothman	GSA	X	P
Ted Mock	Faculty	X	A
Luis Alvarez	Staff	X	P
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
Edwin Ramirez	GUEST	-	P

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

<sup>1</sup> X indicates voting privilege

1) Call to Order: **3:40 PM**

2) Approval of Agenda

*Motion to Approve Agenda by Jon Cassell, Second by Jason Rothman*

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

***Agenda Approved Unanimously.***

3) Approval of Minutes for 4/10/2015

*Motion to Approve Minutes by Jason Rothman, Second by Jon Cassell*

*Vote: Yes: 2, No: 0, Abstain: 4*

***Minutes Approved***

4) Appeals Review and Finalize

**Alex Taliaferro:** Last meeting we had appeals. At the end we discussed what we might do but we waited for more information.

**Sue Lillie:** I spoke with Susana about the ARC request. She said they didn't request this but they did request writing - hire professors for English 1A, B and C. It's a special program they have but it's not the same for tutoring.

**Alex Taliaferro:** ARC came in and said that without a coordinator that funding the rest of the program was pointless. We discussed disallocating the amount we funded to the ARC and moving it elsewhere. How do we feel about the disallocation? GSA came and appealed for \$10,000 for travel conference grants and appealed \$3000 for co-sponsorship events. For the ARC, we proposed \$53,384 to the ARC.

*Motion to dis-allocate \$53,384 from ARC by Jason Rothman, Second by Jon Cassell.*

*Vote: favor: 5, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 1*

**Motion passes.**

### **GSA**

**Alex Taliaferro:** Preston said that he was willing to take a cut in student workers to have more money in travel grants and co-sponsorships.

**Nafi Karim:** Did they explain what the front desk assistants do?

**Alex Taliaferro:** I think they greet people and point them in the right direction.

**Nafi Karim:** They have a student assistant who is there more than the front desk person. From what I know, they are essentially all interchangeable. They did have a front desk person before but the work is the same.

**Alex Taliaferro:** Priority 2 is money for grants and priority 3 is for student assistants.

**Nafi Karim:** I think they are all serving the same role. Before they had one assistant who would work on the travel grants and they didn't have a front desk person. Now that we separated, they have the front desk but they are all trained to do the same thing.

**Cathy Eckman:** You can give them a block grant such as you did with African Student Programs

**Alex Taliaferro:** With ASP it was for programming. We can use the amount for student assistants from \$10,800 to \$8,640. That would be a cut to that line item. It would be giving them what we gave last year.

**Sue Lillie:** So \$18,086 versus \$20,332.

*Motion to appeal GSA a total of \$10,754 by Jon Cassell, Second by Nafi Karim*

*Vote: Favor: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0*

**Motion passes.**

**Sue Lillie:** The total for GSA now is \$80,265.

### **Athletics**

**Nafi Karim:** If we don't fund the drug tests, how do they fund it?

**Cathy Eckman:** It's mandatory so they will have to cut something else.

**Alex Taliaferro:** I'm leaning in favor of leaving it as is.

**Jordan Meltzer:** If we don't fund for academic break meals, they will have to find a way through their internal funding.

**Alex Taliaferro:** There's no guarantee since it's not required like the drug tests. If you feel it is a priority then I would fund half of the original amount.

**Sue Lillie:** Athletics has \$1.5 million in general funds and \$1.5 in student fees and miscellaneous fees. They have a permanent budget of \$2.1 million. All together is \$5.9 million.

**Jordan Meltzer:** Do you think we could have them actually come in?

**Cathy Eckman:** Everyone had the same advantage to appeal. If you allow them to come back again, then it might be unfair.

**Luis Alvarez:** It's a large figure but we don't know what their expenses look like. I would vote to keep what we have and let it roll it over to next year. I think it's a fair process.

**Alex Taliaferro:** It sounds like the committee is mostly in favor as is and the balance to roll over next year, with some notable exceptions. I think they will find the money in their budget. Maybe we can fund it next year if the budget is more stable.

**Nafi Karim:** I would want to check where else there are points of contention.

**Jason Rothman:** If they didn't appeal, why are we appealing for them?

*Motion to Approve \$0 to Athletics by Jon Cassell, Second by Jordan Meltzer.*

*Vote: favor: 5, No: 3, Abstain: 0*

**Motion passes.**

*Motion to Approve \$915,571 of Student Service Fee and \$262,472 of Student Mental Health Fee by Jon Cassell, Second by Jason Rothman.*

*Vote: 6, opposed: 2, Abstain: 0*

**Motion Passes.**

#### 5) CSF

**Alex Taliaferro:** The council on student fees in Merced was two weeks ago. CSF had three main campaigns this year. Of the three campaigns, the data acquisition campaign shifted focus from implementing a survey to analyzing existing data about student services and their use. The funding stream assessment campaign is going forward. The referenda campaign is still being approved by other campus SSFACs.

#### 6) Committee Appointments

- There was some contention in the beginning of the year which prevented us from starting earlier so we want to review the bylaws.

-We want to recruit students in the spring but haven't been able to because of time constraints. This year we are in a good space to do that.

#### 7) Permanent Budget

-We talked about how reviewing temporary allocations wasn't enough but basically it's not enough to make sure SSFAC is financially optimal for the rest of the coming years. We need some kind of method to review our permanent budget.

**Sue Lillie:** The permanent budget piece, you want to look at it in a different way?

**Alex Taliaferro:** Right now we are using the data to help guide our decisions, we want to be able to look at the current data and see if they are still in line with current student priorities. Some of the permanent funding was allocated years ago and students interests have shifted.

**Cathy Eckman:** I don't think you would have time to look at the permanent budgets in detail. You can direct next year's committee.

**Alex Taliaferro:** We could make a report for next year's committee members. We can break up into subgroups and have each group take on one of these three goals. Would anyone like to volunteer to be in a subgroup or lead a subgroup?

**Jon Cassell:** I would be interested in committee appointments.

**Alex Taliaferro:** I can send out a form.

#### 6) Chair / Administrative Issues

**Sue Lillie:** I would appreciate it if everyone went on SharePoint.

**Cathy Eckman:** On the appeals we will send a letter. Since it is very unusual to decrease funding we need to write additional information on why we made that decision.

**Alex:** I will send an explanation to the ARC and Athletics

**Sue Lillie:** Alex will have a letter to write to the chancellor.

**8) Adjourn 4:38 PM**

*Motion to Adjourn by Jon Cassell, Second by Jason Rothman*

*Vote: Yes: 6, No: 1, Abstain: 0.*

*Adjournment Approved.*