University of California San Francisco
CHANCELLOR’S REGISTRATION FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2010

Members Present: Marnie Noel (co-chair), Becky Kaplan, Kyriacos Koupparia, Debbie Ruelas, Alyssa Abraham, Nick Brandehoff, Taylor Landon, Dustin Lee, Sam Pitak, Alana Lerner, Abby Burns

Faculty Present: Mark Rollins (co-chair)

Ex-Officio Members Present: Tracey Gearlds, Eric Koenig

Staff Present: Karen Hamblett, Michael Villanueva

Absent: Ahnika Kline, Joseph Castro

Call to Order: Co-Chair Marnie Noel called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

ASUCSF presentation given by Sam Pitak – Some successful things they did this year included a highly successful mixer following the Interprofessional Education Program during Orientation. The ASUC T-shirts were very popular and a second batch was ordered and sold for $5-10 each with the proceeds benefiting Glide Organization. He reviewed the purpose and finances of ASUCSF. No new funding is requested for the 10-11 fiscal year. Some key questions after the presentation:

Mark asked if there was a way to ask students if there were unmet needs. Sam responded that there was open time allocated at each meeting for asking questions or making suggestions. Eric mentioned that ASUCSF, which is comprised of elected officers, Presidents of the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, a culturally and ethnically diverse Registered Campus Organizations is a broadly representative group attuned to the student population that it represents.

Dustin asked if ASUCSF had a way of dealing with non-UCSF students attending events put on for students. Sam responded that each RCO “polices” their own events and that the problem seems to have gotten a bit better recently.

Michael V. asked how the Student Regents got feedback from the students – if via ASUCSF. Marnie responded that there was no formal process, but that feedback was communicated anecdotally. Eric noted that the student government met annually with the Student Regents.

Regarding operations costs, Eric explained that the Student Activity Center provides administrative support for the ASUC, GSA and Registered Campus Organizations so that’s why none of those costs are appearing in the ASUC or GSA budgets proposals.

Council of Student Fees (CoSF) presentation was given by Marnie Noel – Marnie reviewed the purpose of the CoSF and explained the expenses. Most importantly, the CoSF’s goal is to educate students about the various fees and to communicate on behalf of students to the UC Office of the President, the Regents and state legislature.

Marnie communicated some keys actions that were being discussed that she learned about by attending meetings as part of her role on CoSF.

1. There is a recommendation by the UC Commission on the Future of merging the RFAC and Ed Fee into “tuition”. She explained this would negatively impact students because they would no longer have the direct input to the Chancellor as to how the Reg Fee could be spent and the oversight of the money would be less transparent.

2. Another idea is to change the name of the “Student Registration Fee” to “Student Services Fee” so there would be clarity as to how the money should be spent.
Kyriacos asked now many members there were on the CoSF. There are 10, 1 for each UC campus. Synapse presentation was given by Tim Neagle and Mark Anthony Maningas – Mark Anthony noted that it’s great to have this creative outlet for students on a health science campus. There are over 100 contributing writers. Sam asked if cost of printing has increased. Tim replied that Howard Quinn has only increased their price to UCSF once in 9 years. Sam asked about the green impact of printing versus going to exclusively on-line. Tim replied that it seemed like a good portion of the papers in print were being read by students, staff, faculty, patients and visitors to the campus. Campus-wide of the 3000 that are usually printed there is on average only a 10% return rate. Maybe one day it will be exclusively on-line. This is the first year where on-line advertising is outpacing print. Eric asked what other campuses are doing and Tim replied that some have indeed gone to on-line only.

A&E, Child and Elder Care and Fitness and Recreation presentation given by Gail Mametsuka, Darlene Yee and Suzie Kirrane – (please see attached PowerPoint presentation for more details)

The first request for funding is to permanently approve the $3,571 for A&E to continue supporting Mission Bay Programming. They have increased their programming variety and frequency based on input from last year’s committee and without the financial support would need to eliminate 5 student programs, 1 of the 2 outdoor movie nights and the San Francisco City Tour.

Fitness and Recreation is requesting $10,850 in permanent funding to sustain Student Wellness programs, which includes $2,500 to be reallocated permanently from Child and Elder Care. Without these funds they will need to eliminate access to walking programs and campus events (subsidy for students to keep costs lower for them), wellness boot camp scholarships, healthy cooking/eating programs and wellness weekends.

Child and Elder Care (C&EC) is requesting the $2,500 that was permanently approved for matching camp scholarships last year for them to be reallocated permanently to Fitness and Recreation for student wellness programming. The Committee had questions about why the money wasn’t being used. Gail stated that in 08-09 there were 5 students’ children who were enrolled in camps so C&EC requested the scholarship money to help students defray the costs for future years. In 09-10 no students enrolled their kids in camps so the money went unused. Nick asked for more history of students’ kids who attended summer camp so we weren’t potentially eliminating funding for something that could have just been a blip last year. Gail said she would provide more historical data.

A question was asked by several committee members about why C&EC wasn’t asking for the money to go towards matching scholarship for childcare tuition. Tracey noted there was in idea to have some of the fees earned from children’s’ programs and/or camps help to offset the cost of child care tuition.

Another thought on the subject was that maybe graduate or professional students may have younger child who would benefit from the childcare tuition scholarship more than the camp scholarship. Abby asked if there were student parents who applied for the tuition scholarship last year that didn’t get it because there wasn’t enough money. Suzie thought that 9 applied and 7 received assistance ($5,000 total).

Mark asked why C&EC’s customer service satisfaction score for students went from 5.0 to 4.0. Gail responded that anything 4.0 and above was a very strong score. It could partly be due to perceived and real high cost of childcare for students since the service is fully costed through the service providers (no general subsidy).

Voting: none at this meeting

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.