

Meeting Notes
Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Student Services and Fees
February 11, 2015

- 1) Proposed **no-cost funding extension for the back-up childcare program**: CACSSF recommends that this no-cost extension be approved. Action item: Include recommendation in end-of-the-year report to the Chancellor.
- 2) Mandatory, campus based fees:
 - Hugh Graham provided an **overview of campus-based fees**, including a handout of Berkeley's campus-based fees for 2015-16.
 - Andrew Green presented an update on the **Life-Safety Fee renewal**.

The Life Safety fee has been in existence since 1993, and has been renewed since in 3-5 year cycles. The current fee is \$46 per semester, and no increase has been requested in the current proposal. Traditionally, Life Safety fee money has been utilized to perform seismic upgrades, the removal of hazardous materials, fire safety concerns etc. in buildings & facilities housing student groups (e.g., Eshleman or Anthony Hall) or student services (the Career Center). The Life Safety Committee, which is composed of students and staff members, proposes and supervise projects funded by the fee that meet campus guidelines, however, UCOP holds final authority over whether a given project is eligible for Life Safety funding.

The current proposal includes funding for the renovation of three buildings:

1. Anna Head Building E
2. Anna Head Building F
3. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union – Basement

In addition, the committee has proposed to spend an estimated \$2.5 million to improve campus lighting along north-south, east-west routes by creating main thoroughfares for students traversing our urban campus at night to access student service facilities. This will become an even larger need when the Lower Sproul is completed next year, as these new spaces are envisioned as a "campus living room" where students will have 24/7 access to space for meetings, group study, performance and practice, and other activities. This proposal grew out of the to the strong desire on the part of the ASUC and GA leadership to address student safety as they move through the campus, and has been endorsed by the entire committee. In the past UCOP has been reluctant to approve projects outside the conventional building renovation norm, but the committee has consulted with counterparts at UCOP and indications are that this proposal meets the current interpretation of the guidelines.

- **Proposed new process** where CACSSF reviews potential campus-based fee changes and reports to the Chancellor. An increasing number of campus-based fees have built-in mechanisms for the fee level to increase over time. In addition, there is a lack of standardization and transparency of how fee increases/decreases are decided. Per campus guidelines, CACSSF is charged with strategic planning but has not been given sufficient

information to do so. Thus, there was a proposal to provide more governance and oversight (handout). Overall, the committee felt more information was needed. It was pointed out that for existing campus-based fees, the governance is often spelled out in the referendum language that serves as a contract between the university and students. Action items:

- Identify who the decision-maker is for each campus-based fee.
- Identify what other UC campuses are doing to manage governance.

- 3) **CACSSF subcommittee reports** will continue at the upcoming meetings. For the Student Fee Referendum Committee, CACSSF would like to understand what referenda are in queue, an overview of the committee's work and any policy issues that are emerging. The Committee on Student Fees and Budget Review will also provide a report.
- 4) Harry Le Grande mentioned we would pilot a more **comprehensive end-of-the-year report** from CACSSF to the Chancellor. It would include our look at all fees, not just funding for Student Services Fees.