

Student Fee Referenda Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2012

Members present: Mark Lucia, Claudia Covello, Walter Wong, Judi Sui, Vishalli Loomba, Marilyn Stager, Olivier Bouan, Bahar Navab, Phillippe Marchand, AJ D'Asaro

Members absent: DD Fanner-White, Fabrizio Mejia, Jodie Rouse, Julia Joung

Recorder: Laura McBride

1. ASUC Polling Stations

- Walter Wong initiated a conversation around the costs associated with setting up ASUC polling stations – because students are not (currently) allowed to vote in ASUC elections through AirBears (to prevent students pressuring other students to vote a particular way), the ASUC sets up computer-based “hard-wired” polling stations at various strategic spots throughout campus. For administrative fee referenda, it might be worth assessing a fee to administrative offices to reduce hassle and fire/safety hazards (e.g. wires) when setting up polling stations – although the three most recent department-sponsored fee referenda did not have campus polling stations (voting through AirBears was permitted in those elections).
- Currently the GA and ASUC share the \$800/station cost and the Senate decides polling station locations.
- Vishalli will explore possibility of allowing AirBears voting in ASUC elections, in which case polling stations may be unnecessary.

2. Class Pass fee renewal

Director of Parking & Transportation Seamus Wilmot updated the committee.

- AC Transit has just sent edits to the draft referendum language; Seamus will review and share with SFRC/ASUC.
- Sample cards have been received and are being looked at to see if they can be used as the upgraded student ID cards with transit pass technology.
- Of the total current Class Pass fee, \$33 goes directly to AC Transit (this is their fixed fee per semester to college campuses that utilize their “EZ Pass” student offering), about \$10 to P&T for campus shuttle, \$2.25 to technology, and approximately \$23 (33%) to Return-to-Aid.
- The ASUC Senate will likely vote on this referendum at its 2/15/12 meeting; it passed through Senate committee yesterday (2/13/12).
- The surplus funds currently held by Parking & Transportation from Class Pass fee collections will be used for the initial expense of setting up the new student ID cards, which may cost up to \$10 - \$15 each.
- New campus shuttles are in the works and will feature nicer seating and industrial, pull-down bike racks.

3. Daily Cal V.O.I.C.E. referendum

- Vishalli will get an update from Daily Cal reps and share with SFRC as needed.
- VOICE referendum may seek entry on ASUC ballot via Senate approval instead of petition process (petition process now requires signature of 10% of registered students, so approximately 3,500 signatures)

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4. Agenda Item (Next Meeting)

Olivier will share information from the recent UC Council on Student Fees meeting, and an effort being initiated at UCSD to establish UC-wide guidelines for student-initiated fee referenda.

Next SFRC Meeting: Tues, March. 13, 2012, 2:30-3:30pm, 4th floor Eshleman conference room