

Student Fee Referenda Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2012

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

Members absent: Fabrizio Mejia, Jodie Rouse, Julia Joung, Vishalli Loomba, Bahar Navab

Recorder: Laura McBride

1. Class Pass referendum update

- Mark Lucia will check in with Laurent Heller to confirm that there are no present issues or concerns regarding the referendum.
- *Update 3/26/12: Class Pass referendum language has been approved by UCOP.*

2. Daily Cal/VOICE referendum update

Tomer Ovadia, Daily Cal Editor-in-Chief, and Lynn Yu, Campaign Manager for the VOICE Initiative, updated the committee.

- The original proposal, a \$5 fee for 10 years which included all other publications, is now a \$2 fee for 5 years and includes only the Daily Cal and no publications advisor. This change was a result of feedback which came out of Town Halls done with the publications community.
- Daily Cal decided to seek entry on ASUC ballot via the petition process instead of Senate approval. However, the proposal currently awaits UCOP approval. If UCOP requires any ballot language changes, this would potentially invalidate all 1,200 previously obtained signatures and the referendum will have to be approved by the Senate to be put on the ballot. *Update 3/26/12: the ASUC Senate approved placement of the Daily Cal fee on the ballot, and UCOP has approved the language.*
- There will be no Summer portion of the fee, and it will remain constant until 2017.
- Monies generated from the fee will go into Daily Cal general funds.

3. UC Council on Student Fees meeting information

- Olivier shared information from the recent UC Council on Student Fees meeting regarding an effort being initiated at UCSD to establish UC-wide guidelines for student-initiated fee referenda.
- The feedback given by SFRC will be taken back to the Committee on Student Fees.

4. Miscellaneous

- All fee referenda must be finalized by this Friday, March 23 in order to be placed on the ASUC election ballot.
- Elections take place April 10-12, 2012.
- The attempted policy change of the petition process (to require signatures from 10% of registered students) was a Constitutional amendment requiring a student referendum; since there was no referendum, the requirement of 1,000 signatures still stands.

Next SFRC Meeting: Mon, April 23, 2012, 3:00-4:00, 4th floor Eshleman conference room