Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee

Background

On February 29, 2012, Cal Poly students ended a month-long advisory process on the Student Success Fee. The fee was approved by the University President and the Chancellor for all students to pay as a cost of attendance at Cal Poly. Of the 33 student groups that gave formal endorsements, 32 were in favor of the proposed fee. In addition, an advisory referendum (with a total of 7,622 votes cast) showed a majority of the campus in support of the fee – 57 percent of students voted in favor of the increased fee.

An influential component of the proposed fee was the assurance that a Student Success Fee Allocation Advisory Committee will advise the University President how to allocate the generated revenue based on the current priorities. Cal Poly students were informed that the Advisory Committee will be co-chaired by the Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) President and the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, in addition to having the majority of voting members consist of students.

Shared Governance

Every student at Cal Poly required to pay the Student Success Fee is a member of Associated Students Incorporated. The ASI Board of Directors consists of 25 student representatives elected from each college, serving as the official voice of the students. Every student at Cal Poly has an opportunity to either serve as a representative on this Board or vote for a representative. Furthermore, the ASI President is elected by all students at Cal Poly. The ASI Board of Directors and ASI President are the only student representatives elected by the student body. Every student at Cal Poly has one vote and an equal voice.

In April 2011, Cal Poly students broke the CSU record for voter turnout, with over 37 percent of students voting for their ASI representatives. Currently, there are 102 candidates running to represent students in the 2012-2013 academic year. This demonstrates the level of interest and quality of ASI student representatives.

All nominations will be submitted to the University President for review and consideration for appointment in the annual selection process, or in any instance of a vacancy during the term.

Voting members of the Committee serve a one-year term and non-voting members of the Committee serve two-year terms.

Committee Make-Up

Voting members
- ASI President, co-chair (ex officio)
- Senior Vice President, Administration and Finance, co-chair (ex officio)
- Academic Senate Chair or designee, in consultation with the Provost (ex officio)
- Provost or designee (ex officio)
- One student from each college serving on the ASI Board of Directors, nominated by the ASI President
- Student Affairs staff representative nominated by the Vice President, Student Affairs

The following are designated as nonvoting members
- One staff representative from Academic Affairs, nominated by the Provost
- One staff representative from Administration & Finance, nominated by the Senior Vice President, Administration & Finance

[SUMMARY: 11 voting members (7 of whom are students) and 2 non-voting members]

Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance in consultation with the ASI President with notification given at least one week prior to the meeting date. A quorum of the Committee is defined as a majority of voting members in attendance. Recommendations may be advanced by a vote of the majority of those in attendance. The Committee's recommendations are to be forwarded to the President no later than mid-February of each year.

Central to the success of the Advisory Committee's work is the outreach and communication process. Prior to determining recommendations related to the fiscal priorities, the Committee should encourage all student groups and organizations to develop a list of priorities, as well as create and implement an outreach method to ensure that members of the Cal Poly community have an opportunity to be heard. Such methods should include, but are not limited to, conducting surveys on the Cal Poly Portal and outreach efforts to various advisory groups, each college council, affinity organizations, cultural and ethnic entities, service organizations, academic-related clubs, and students at large.

Committee Purpose and Role

The Committee is to gather input from students as well as Cal Poly leadership about the Student Success Fee-related priorities and needs in their areas, and the university in general, for the subsequent academic year. As the Committee considers the needs, it is to be aware of the prior year funding commitments and the continuing effect of those commitments.

The Committee will meet annually to review these needs to recommend to the President for funding with the revenue from the Student Success Fee. The Committee may rank the ideas for funding in priority order or, in some manner, emphasize key priorities.

Operation of the Committee

Typically, appointments to the Committee will occur during the spring quarter for service in the subsequent academic year. Committee work will occur throughout the academic year but will be focused in the fall quarter in order to provide the maximum lead time for administrators charged with implementing the student success fee.

Student members will be selected from the current ASI Board. In addition, the Academic Senate, Student Affairs, and the Provost will submit recommendations for representatives, respectively. All recommendations will be submitted to the University President for review and consideration for appointment in the selection process. The Committee will provide recommendations to the President on the proposed allocations for the academic year prior to the end of the spring quarter. A new Committee will be constituted by the end of the spring quarter after ASI elections.

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