

**FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 9, 2004**

Members Present:

Jason Spencer, Co-Chair	Associated Students President
Annette Powell	Associated Students Senator of Bus. & Econ.
Chris Fadeff	Associated Students Vice-President of Finance
Jessica Jones	Associated Students Representative At-Large
Nadir Vissanjy	Student Union Representative
Melanie Dreisbach	Chair of Academic Senate
Gregory Roberts	Senate Student Affairs Comm. Representative

Members Absent:

Cheryl Moore	Staff Representative
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Staff Present:

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair	Committee Staff, AVP for Academic Resources
Sue Hardisty	Support Staff, Academic Affairs

Staff Absent:

Larry Furukawa-Schlereth	Committee Staff, VP for Administration & Finance
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Guests:

Ryan Fetzer	ASI Senator of School of Education
James Reilly	ASI Speaker of the Senate
Erik Dickson	ASI Executive Director
Brad Mumaw	Associated Students Executive Vice President

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

Electronically Prior to the Meeting:

Minutes of November 18, 2004  
Agenda  
Associated Students Fee Increase Proposal

At the Meeting:

All of above (hard copy)  
Copies of Applications for IRA Eligibility from:

- Queer Studies Lecture Series
- Imagery Estate Winery Lecture Series
- Zephyr: The Hutchins Art & Literary Journal
- Galbreath Wildlands Preserve
- Women's Lacrosse Club

**MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Approval of 11/18/04 Minutes
- II. Associated Students Fee Increase Proposal
- III. Review of Proposals For Eligibility
- IV. Spring Meeting Schedule
- V. Adjourn

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair, convened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

I. **Approve minutes of November 18, 2004**

It was **Moved, Second, and Passed** (unanimously) to adopt the minutes of November 18, 2004 as presented.

II. **Associated Students Fee Increase Proposal**

Pierce began by asking committee members to briefly introduce themselves to the three guests who attended to formally submit the proposal for fee increase. The guests then introduced themselves as Ryan Fetzer, Associated Students Inc. (ASI) Senator of School of Education, James Reilly, ASI Speaker of the Senate, and Erik Dickson, Associated Director of ASI.

James began in newspaper journalism style by addressing the Who, What, When, Where and Why of the proposal. The Who was the ASI - the represented voice of the students, the What and When is the proposal to increase semester fees of \$60 by \$5 per year for four years beginning with academic year 2005-2006. After proposed increases, the fee would be \$80 in 2008-09. Where is, of course, at SSU, and Why is because of the following:

1. SSU is becoming more of a residential campus, creating the need for more diverse programs and services to meet the educational and developmental needs of the SSU student population;
2. The SSU student population is becoming more traditionally aged, and consequently student needs and interests are changing;
3. Increased operating expenses are pulling funds away from current programs and services, preventing expansion of these important programs and services, and inhibiting ASI's ability to offer new programs and services to meet the changing needs of the students.

Without this fee increase, ASI support of clubs and organization will decrease. Ryan added that more money is necessary in order to increase co-curriculum at SSU.

Dreisbach asked how they arrived at the \$5.00 increase per year figure. Reilly answered that they followed a formula that has been used in the past utilizing student growth projections and then agreeing on a figure that would meet favorably with the majority of the student population while providing enough to cover the projected increases in operating expenses and program expansion or development.

Vissanjy asked for more information on possible new programs. Reilly answered that while the proposal mentioned a few programs of interest to current students, such as Safe Rides and a legal service, the actual program offerings would depend on the needs and interests of the students at the time. They were not proposing to develop any specific new programs, but were projecting the need for more funds based on the changing demographic of the student population. Dickson added that some of the current programs, such as JUMP, that ASI supports are in need of expansion, and that a fee increase could assist with that.

Roberts asked if the presenters thought a "fee fear" existed among students. Reilly responded that out of all the students polled, most approved of a fee increase and he felt strongly that if taken to a vote, the student body would support it.

Dreisbach asked how our fees compare with other campuses. Dickson said we are currently 7<sup>th</sup> in the system and this increase would move us up to around 4<sup>th</sup>, assuming other campuses remain the same.

At this point, Pierce confirmed there were no more questions for the presenters and thanked them for coming.

Per the policies guiding FAC in the event of proposals requiring referendum, the committee developed two subcommittees. Membership on both Sub committee “A” and “B” represents a faculty member, a staff member and a student. Committee “A” members are Gregory Roberts, Nadir Vissanjy and Cheryl Moore. They will be working with CFO Larry Schlereth to assess the merits of the fee increase proposal and formulate a recommendation to the President. Committee “B” members are Melanie Dreisbach, Jessica Jones, and Katie Pierce. If the President approves the referendum, Committee “B” will be responsible for creating a voters’ pamphlet and other informational activities. The two committees act independently, with no overlapping membership. FAC members who also have leadership positions with the Associated Students, the organization proposing the fee increase, have recused themselves from participation on either subcommittee.

Fadeff suggested that for future minutes we more clearly identify the Associated Student member affiliation to distinguish those students who are appointed through AS but have no other role, from those students who have a position with AS.

Spencer asked of the appropriateness of having representatives of Associated Students write a statement in favor of the fee increase. Pierce answered that they could write either a Pro or a Con statement and Dreisbach added that they could articulate a con statement.

**Action Taken:**

Vissanjy, as a member of Committee A, will work with Hardisty to schedule a meeting with Larry Schlereth sometime during the second week in January, if possible.

**III. Review of Proposals for Eligibility**

The Committee turned attention to review of five applications for IRA eligibility. In developing the recommendations to the President the Committee was mindful of Education Code section 89230, and the Criteria for IRA Eligibility that was adopted on October 28, 2004.

**Application 1: Queer Studies Lecture Series**

Pierce noted the program is a class but is also open to others.

**Action:** Recommend Eligibility.

**Application 2: Imagery Estate Winery Lecture Series**

Fadeff noted that this program is similar to the ICC series. Roberts shared that 10 – 15 nationally recognized artists come and share their work. It’s a regular 1-credit course, but anyone in the community can participate. The title is due to the program being partially funded by Imagery Estate Winery.

**Action:** Recommend Eligibility.

**Application 3: Zephyr: The Hutchins Art & Literary Journal**

In discussion of this application committee members likened the program to Zaum, the SSU Literary Magazine and the History Journal. To satisfy committee members' curiosity, Pierce obtained a dictionary and looked up the word "Zephyr" which means "A gentle breeze; A light, soft fabric, yarn, or garment".

**Action:** Recommend Eligibility

#### **Application 4: Galbreath Wildlands Preserve**

Acknowledging that the application was received two days late, the committee decided to consider it anyway, since the Galbreath Preserve is a very new program of SSU and the Director, Dr. Cushman, was just recently appointed.

**Action:** Recommend Eligibility.

#### **Application 5: Women's Lacrosse Club**

Pierce recommended deferring debate on this application because the Dean and Athletic Director are still working on course offerings for Fall 05. This was the only application from a club sport, which was surprising given the recent report from AS that others would be interested in applying. Fadeff surmised that they may not have applied because they couldn't get the Chair of Kinesiology to approve the application. The Women's Lacrosse Club application did not, in fact, have the Chair's approval either. Fadeff argued that because the application was incomplete, it should not be considered. Pierce suggested that IRA support of Club Teams is an issue deserving of a broader discussion. She recommended deferring discussion of the application from Women's Lacrosse. She will survey other campuses approach to this issue and Club Team funding in general and will put the issue on the agenda early next semester.

**Action:** After some discussion, the committee agreed that an incomplete application could not be considered. On the question of whether to call for applications from club sports now or to defer until more was known from Kinesiology, the committee decided to contact club sports now, and let them know that the opportunity to apply for eligibility may come later and to look for upcoming announcements about it. The communication could be distributed through the Office of Campus Life.

#### **IV. Spring Schedule**

Pierce suggested polling members to determine preferred meeting time for next semester. Dreisbach's availability is limited to Wednesday and Thursdays, and she said that the current schedule works fine for her. Jones has practice every day from 4:30 – 7:00 pm, so early evenings won't work for her. Committee members will double-check their schedules and see if Wednesdays at noon will work for next semester. Hardisty will check with members not in attendance on their availability.

#### **V. Adjourn**

Pierce adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Hardisty