

**FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 6, 2005**

Members Present:

Nadir Vissanjy, Co-Chair	Associated Students President
Matthew Lanza	Associated Students Senator of Bus. & Econ.
Steven Campbell	Associated Students Vice-President of Finance
Jessica Jones	Associated Students Representative At-Large
Elizabeth Stanny	Chair of Academic Senate
JC Abajian	Student Union Representative

Members Absent

Cheryl Moore	Staff Representative
Gregory Roberts	Senate Student Affairs Comm. Representative

Staff Present:

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair	Committee Staff, AVP for Academic Resources
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Staff Absent:

Larry Furukawa-Schlereth	Committee Staff, VP for Administration & Finance
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MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

- Agenda
- Minutes of September 29, 2005
- Draft Application for IRA Eligibility
- Criteria for Defining a Program as an Instructionally Related Activity

MEETING AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes of 9/29/05
- II. Discussion of IRA Eligibility Criteria
- III. Review of IRA Eligibility Application
- IV. Adjourn

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair, convened the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

I. **Approval of Minutes**

Since the minutes had not been distributed prior to the meeting, the committee spent a few minutes reviewing them. By consensus the minutes were approved as presented JC Abajian abstained.

II. **Discussion of IRA Eligibility Criteria**

Katie began by explaining that there are two things which guide IRA eligibility: (1) Education Code Section 89230 and (2) SSU's "Criteria for Defining a Program as an Instructionally Related Activity",

developed and implemented last year by the FAC last year. Each fall, the FAC puts out a call to the campus for IRA eligibility applications. Programs will examine the *Education Code* and the *Criteria for Defining a Program as an Instructionally Related Activity* to determine their eligibility.

Last year, some club team sports wished to apply for IRA eligibility but since they were not tied to a course, they were considered ineligible. It seemed to them to be unfair that only club teams who were tied to a class, such as Men's Lacrosse, were eligible to apply for IRA funding. Some club teams such as Women's Lacrosse and Crew tried to become tied to a class with no success.

Katie now brings this issue, carried over from last year, to FAC for a decision. The committee debated the instructional relatedness of club sports versus clubs in general and discussed revising the campus criteria in a way that would allow club sports to be eligible while still adhering to the Ed. Code requirements. The committee asked how other campuses handle club sports and Katie reported that two campuses offer funding for club teams without the requirement of class relation but under the umbrella of recreational sports. Several committee members emphasized that the program must be academically and integrally related to a course. JC expressed concern that opening up eligibility to all clubs would reduce funding available for activities directly supporting classes. Elizabeth suggested developing a ranking system which would raise the level of clubs applying. To address the issue of teams being tied to a class, Matt suggested Women's Lacrosse could try to get a Women's and Gender Studies class association versus a Kinesiology class. Steve expressed concern about future funding requests of the Finance Committee if club sports were IRA eligible. Members wondered if a credit course could be established that would allow all club teams to be associated with it. Elizabeth commented that creating a credit course is a very long and involved process. From the discussion, there emerged a consensus to not amend SSU's criteria for IRA eligibility.

III. Review of IRA Eligibility Application

Katie distributed an updated Eligibility Application for the committee's review. Katie pointed out the changes and explained the reasons for them. The deadline to submit applications was moved up to November 11 so the committee would have time to review them at the November 17 meeting. An earlier deadline also allows time for follow-up questions arising from the review. Nadir commented that the wording "not to exceed 2 pages" doesn't address the committee's concerns from last year that the proposal was too brief. Pierce suggested revising the instruction to read "thoroughly describe..." to encourage applicants not to be too brief. Elizabeth suggested, and the committee agreed, to identify the final appropriate signature requirement as that of the "School Dean or Vice President of SAEM". Suggestions were endorsed by the committee and the application will be revised accordingly

Meeting adjourned: 1:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Hardisty