

**FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**March 7, 2007**

Members Present

Nadir Vissanjy, Co-Chair	Associated Students President
Cheryl Moore	Staff Representative
Katie Burroughs	Student at Large
Stephen Tristan Kelley	Senator for Undeclared Students
Elaine McDonald-Newman	Faculty Chair, Academic Senate
Stella Sedletskaaya	Associated Students V.P. of Finance Designee
Paula Hammett	Academic Senate Student Affairs Committee Liaison

Members Absent

JC Abajian	Student at Large
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Staff Present:

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair	Committee Staff, AVP for Academic Resources
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Guests for Relevant Portions of the Meeting

Dr. Nancy Lyons	Professor of Theatre Arts
Dr. Liz Close	Chair of the Nursing Department
Dr. Katharyn Crabbe	Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Mgmt

**MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Minutes from February 7th meeting
- II. Fee proposals
  - A. THAR 300 - Nancy Lyons
  - B. Nursing 480 - Liz Close
  - C. Judicial Fee - Katharyn Crabbe
- III. User and Mandatory Fees for Summer 2007 – Katharyn Crabbe
- IV. Plans for IRA week-end

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED**

Via email:

- Agenda
- Minutes of 2/7/07
- Proposal for Judicial Affairs Fee

At meeting:

- Theatre 300 Proposal for fee increase
- Nursing 480 Proposal for new course
- Recommendation for Summer Semester Fees

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair, convened the meeting at 8:04

I. Minutes of 2/7 were approved with the following addition to READ Activity (paragraph 1, page 2): "Eligibility was recommended unanimously with the provision that, in 2009-2010, the program be reviewed for continued eligibility."

II A. Dr. Nancy Lyons referred to her proposal to increase the Theatre 300 course fee to \$120. It is currently \$100. The fee has been unchanged for 15 years and is no longer sufficient to fund admission to the number and variety of performances that both faculty and students wish to include in the scope of the course. Specifically, students desire to include a Broadway-style musical among the performances they attend and at current admission prices that is not possible. FAC members questioned if the \$20 increase would be adequate. Dr. Lyons indicated that, with careful shopping and group rates, it should be sufficient. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to recommend the proposed increase.

II B. Dr. Liz Close presented a proposal to charge a \$10 course fee that would be used for modest honoraria and reimbursement of travel expenses for guest speakers in Human Sexuality, Nursing 480. This is a popular upper-

division, GE elective, which is always fully enrolled. Dr. Close said that the speakers present a variety of topics relating to health, sexuality and society. Her proposal explains that many speakers travel from the Bay Area at considerable expense, and without adequate reimbursement many speakers would not be available. These lectures could not be replicated by SSU faculty due to the personal, direct-experience nature of the material the guest speakers present. Lecturers of this kind are not available in any off-campus venue. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to recommend the proposed fee.

IIC. Dr. Katharyn Crabbe presented a proposal for a Judicial Affairs fee of \$50 to be applied when a breach of the Student Code of Conduct requires that a case be heard by the university's student conduct administrators. The fee would apply to cases involving drug and/or alcohol abuse, physical violence and/or harassment, and damage to property. The fee would not be required if the hearing process determined a student to be innocent of the violation. Dr. Crabbe also explained that the proposed fee would not apply to incidents, such as noise violations, that are typically resolved through interviews with Residential Life personnel. If implemented, the fee would be collected through direct charge to student accounts. The funds collected would be placed in a trust fund to provide educational programming targeted at those students engaging in problematic behavior. For example, funding might be used for educational programs on drug/alcohol abuse, for group counseling programs, or to purchase relevant library materials.

In response to a question, Dr. Crabbe said she did not think the fee would be a deterrent to Code violations. She also explained that, if the fee is approved, there would be an information campaign to make students aware of the new fee and how to avoid it. She mentioned that the University of Boulder uses this fee model and finds it constructive.

Since the committee could not decide on a recommendation, Dr. Crabbe was asked to provide additional information at the March 14 meeting. Open questions are:

- Do other CSU's have a similar fee?
- Would the possibility of a \$50 fee cause a hold and be an obstacle to student registration?

III. K. Pierce distributed "Mandatory Fees for Summer Semester" (prepared by Dr. Crabbe), a recommendation and rationale for fees to be charged to summer students for Associated Students, Inc., Consolidated Services, Health Center Facilities, Health Services, IRA, and Sonoma Student Union Corporation. SSU's move to the state-supported YRO model requires that we take up the question of applicability and appropriate level of mandatory fees. The student health center will change from a fee-for-service model used in previous summers, to an academic-year service model. The Student Union will be open to enrolled students with no additional fee. Members agreed that for some fees, it seemed sensible to charge the same rate as in the academic year, but questioned the rationale for other fees, specifically Health Services, IRA, and Sonoma Student Union Corporation. It was suggested that fees should be prorated, since the summer term is considerably shorter than fall and spring. At the conclusion of the available time, several questions remained:

- How have other YRO campuses handled mandatory fees?
- Would students enrolled for one summer session would be eligible to receive services throughout the summer?
- How would a mix of pro-rated and AY fees work?
- Will fees at these rates discourage students from taking summer courses?

Dr. Crabbe explained that the university is on a tight schedule to announce the Summer '07 course offerings and fees because students need to make their summer plans. In addition websites and computer systems need to be programmed with the correct fee information. Since her division requires the information by March 14, an additional meeting of the FAC will be held from 8:00-9:30 on March 14 to continue discussion of this issue and also the proposed Judicial Fee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52.

Respectfully submitted

Katie Pierce