

**FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 7, 2008**

Members Present

Maureen Buckley	Academic Senate Student Affairs Committee Liaison
Tim Wandling	Faculty Chair, Academic Senate
Katie McCormick	Staff Representative, Operations Analyst – Soc Sciences
Danielle Lusebrink	Student-at-Large
Whitney Diver	Associated Students President
Joel Metzger	Associated Students Senator, Social Sciences
J.C. Abajian	Student-at-Large
Tristan Kelley	Associated Students V.P. of Finance

Staff Present

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair	Committee Staff, AVP for Academic Resources
Dennis Goss	Staff Support, Coord. For Academic Resources

Guest Present:

Dr. Eric McGuckin	Director, Hutchins School
Sue Foley	Coordinator, Hutchins School

Peter Phillips	Director, Project Censored
Kate Sims	Coordinator, Project Censored
Bridget Thornton	Grad. Student, Project Censored
Andrew Hobbs	Student, Project Censored

Meeting Agenda

- I. Minutes of February 25, 2008
- II. Fee Increase for LIBS 101, 102, 201 & 202 (4:05 T.C.)
- III. Project Censored IRA Fund Hearing (4:25 T.C.)
- IV. Continue IRA funding deliberations
- V. Club Sports
- VI. 2nd year IRA Reports

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

Meeting Packet:

Agenda, Minutes of February 25, 08, IRA Revenue Projections, IRA Funding Recommendations Worksheet, Email from Rowing Club Advisor

Handouts: Activity list and sample prices from Hutchins to support fee increase. Project Censored supporting documents on the new lecture series and letters from Project Censored Alumni.

Katie Pierce began the meeting at 4:02 moving right into the first agenda item.

- I. Minutes of February 25, following review, Maureen moved to accept the minutes, Danielle seconded, there were no corrections or additions; the minutes were unanimously approved.
- II. Katie Pierce introduced Dr. McGuckin and Sue Foley from Hutchins School of Liberal Arts. Katie explained that they are asking for an increase in existing course fees, which in accordance with E.O. 740, must be reviewed by the FAC. Dr. McGuckin referred to the handout showing a variety of items

that the fees cover. The most expensive has been the increased gas costs for the rented buses. Sue explained that the fee increase for each course would be from \$70 to \$100. This is a maximum amount, and a lower fee could be charged depending on the semester's activities and speakers. Dr. McGuckin went on to explain that the courses are 12 units so that the per unit cost is quite reasonable. The discussion changed to whether the proposed fee was enough. Both Dr. McGuckin and Sue stated that the increase to \$100 would allow them to continue as is but an increase to \$150 would give them breathing room and room for growth over the next few years. Katie Pierce asked if there were any student viewpoints related to the program and the fee increase. JC reported that she really got a lot out of the activities funded through the course fee. She thinks that the activities are worthwhile and that the fee increase was reasonable. At 4:20 Dr. McGuckin and Sue left and the committee continued deliberations. Katie Pierce noted that the focus should be on the originally proposed increase to \$100 and not the mentioned increase to \$150. Joel moved to approve the fee increase to up to \$100. Maureen seconded the motion and the increase was approved unanimously.

- III. Before Project Censored entered, Katie Pierce reiterated to the committee that Project Censored has been given this time to appear before the Committee since they only missed the hearing weekend due to a clerical error. Peter Phillips spoke first about what the project does, including publishing a yearly journal, hosting media related events and participating in radio and TV interviews. Both Peter and Kate Sims also explained the goals of the project and what new items they are adding, especially a new lecture series. Then two students spoke of their experiences with the program and how it had positively shaped their learning experience. Project Censored left at 4:45pm.
- IV. The continuation of IRA deliberations began. Katie Pierce briefly explained the revenue projections sheet. The question arose as to what was meant by bad debts and Katie explained that it was to account for those students who dropped out of classes or had failed to pay. Whitney questioned the funding of the SAFE program, which had been granted a two year funding last year, based on the program purpose and activities. She suggested that next year SAFE's application should be carefully examined as to whether to continue funding the program. Whitney also noted she was still in favor of allocating the remaining available funds to Athletics. Other members echoed the sentiment although no vote was taken.
- V. It was decided before proceeding further that a decision should be made about whether to allow the club teams, who failed to apply, an appeal to submit an application for funding. Danielle stated that since they missed the deadline, then they should miss out for the next year. It was asked what the impact would be of not funding them. Joel stated that they would probably have less money for equipment and would compete in fewer events. Katie Pierce added that a second solution would be to open the possibility for applying if extra money came in due to exceeding enrollment targets. Danielle put forth the motion to deny the club sports an appeal to apply at this time but open the possibility if extra funds became available. Joel stated that they should stay with the original plan of not funding them at all for the next year. JC said she would support the motion if there would be an opportunity next year. Tim proposed the idea to split the motion and vote on each part separately. Tim moved to consider funding for the club sports should extra funds become available next fall. JC seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor with 3 opposed. (Maureen had left the meeting by this time.) Danielle then made the motion to deny funding at this time for the club sports. Whitney seconded the motion. The vote was 4 in favor, 1 opposed with Tim and Katie McCormick abstaining. Discussion then continued with the rest of the fund recommendations. Tim briefly brought up concern for funding READ but decided it was more about whether the students should be given credit and was something he would pursue in another form. With time pressing, Joel put forth a motion to allocate to Athletics the remaining available funds, \$28,729, and accept the recommendations previously made for the rest of the programs. Tristan seconded the motion. The vote was all 7 in favor of the motion.
- VI. Review of the IRA second year reports was deferred to the next meeting. The reports were distributed to be read prior to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Goss
Committee Staff Support