

Student Fee Advisory Committee

2015-2016 Academic Year

Meeting #1

Friday, December 04, 2015

8:30AM, USU 205

Members Present: Carmen Taylor (chair), Kathleen Engberg, Jordan Eres, Marianne Hata, Miriam Hernandez, Birane Ndiaye, Jose Salazar, Sharon Taylor

Members Absent: William Griswold, Wendy Lewis, Ashutosh Subhaschandra Pandey, Norbert Schurer

Staff Attendees: Nancy Eckhous, Veronica Hernandez, Travis Tamasese, Tami Williams

Guests: Ben Brown, Angela Girard, Mary Ann Takemoto

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Vice President Carmen Taylor, chair of the committee, called the meeting to order at 8:34AM and welcomed committee members. Committee members introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** The committee reviewed the minutes of the April 10, 2015 meeting. Minutes were approved as is (7-0-0).

8:38 Veronica Hernandez & Jose Salazar arrive.

3. **CSU Fee Overview and Policies:** All committee members were given a copy of Executive Order 1102 and asked to take a few minutes to review it. Carmen Taylor noted that there were only changes made to the first 3 pages. The remaining pages are from our old policy; Executive Order 1054.
4. **Student Health Services/Division of Student Affairs:** Maryanne Takemoto presented a PowerPoint requesting an increase in the Student Health Services fee and the Facility Fee. The current Health Services fee is \$45/semester; \$90/academic year. The Facility fee is \$3/semester; \$6/academic year. There have been no adjustments in the fee level since 2005. The \$90 fee established in 2005 would need to be adjusted to \$110 to simply hold the same value in 2015. There has been an increase in labor costs, risk management costs, and medications and supplies since 2005. Our current fee of \$90/year is lowest among all 23 CSU campuses. The average Health fee is \$259/year; average Facility fee is \$19/year. SHS fee includes coverage of general office visits, urgent care, x-ray services, laboratory services, Pharmacy, health promotion & education, sports medicine, reproductive care, and case manager. In the most recent survey a majority of students reported being extremely satisfied with services. Top two reasons for using SHS services are convenience and low cost. A fee increase would cover maintaining current level of staffing and services, Optometry clinic, increase in mental health services, increase in wellness/health promotion, and specialty clinics. The proposed fee increase is \$40/semester or

\$80/year. The increase will be phased in over 3 years. The total health fee after year 3 will be \$85/semester or \$170/year. Facility fee increase will be from \$3 to \$5/semester or \$10/year. This is still below mean health fee of \$259/year in the CSU system.

Sharon Taylor asked if we currently give any general fund money to the health center cost. Takemoto stated that no, we are self-supported. Sharon Taylor asked if there is a way for students to opt out of the SHS fee. Takemoto said that this is mandatory fee and students do not have the option to opt out of it. Sharon Taylor says that adding all these services drives up the fee rate and believes there should be an option of a basic fee and then additional services fee that a student may choose to opt out of. Carmen Taylor says this is a great suggestion and that the CSU system have often discussed this at the vice president meetings. Carmen Taylor also stated that the students with medical insurance having the option of opting out of the SHS fee has also been discussed. The need for consistency in the Executive Orders were challenged, therefore, a resolution has not been found at this time and is something that continues to be discussed. Salazar strongly believes having an optional SHS fee and billing private insurance is important and would like to take to the state board. Carmen Taylor said that is definitely something Salazar can proceed with but it will not help with short term fees. Coordination of billing private insurance companies is a challenge and would take time to set up. Engberg asked if there are other ways to receive funding like grants. Takemoto stated that we do certainly look at grants and we have had some grants in the past but typically grants are for special projects and not for basic medical services.

Sharon Taylor asked what the process is to proceed. Eckhous explained that the committee will need to make a decision if we should move forward with the fee increase. If it is decided to move forward then a referendum for the student body to vote will need to take place. Eckhous did state that it is allowable, if the President deems, that alternative consultation is a better way to go than a student fee referendum. Eckhous said that there are some pretty high bars to meet in order to make that judgement. Eckhous said that there are some new requirements in the current executive order that do require more of a financial analysis and review by the Chief Financial Officer before the committee can make the decision of moving forward or not with a referendum. Eckhous asked if Takemoto has meet with her student health advisory committee yet. Takemoto said yes they have meet and although it was not a formal vote, it was recommended to move forward with the committees support. Carmen Taylor states that referendums are typically held in February but she thinks there is still enough time to push it back if it is needed. Eckhous said the difficulty is that fall registration begins in early April and that it would be tight if the referendum date were to be pushed back. Sharon Taylor says that we don't access fees in April so as long as we have language that clearly states that fees may change we should be okay. Eckhous says she believes that a fee increase is required to be in place before registration begins. Eckhous will research to find out for sure. Salazar states that he thinks if we are to move forward with the referendum that we should further discuss having different SHS fee options. Carmen Taylor asked that Takemoto do an analysis of what would be a required fee in order to continue with just our current services offered and then what it would cost to add additional services.

5. **Adjournment:**-The meeting adjourned at 9:32AM.