

Student Fee Advisory Committee

October 27, 2023 @ 9am

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In attendance: Beth Lesen, Marianne Hata, Milton Ordonez, Neil Hultgren, Praveen Soni, Rico Ovaless, Mitali Jain, Jeremy Ramos, Sarah Kasem, Teresa Falcon. Anthony Saucedo attended as support staff.

1. Welcome

Beth Lesen, Chair

Beth Lesen began the meeting at 9am and welcomed the committee to the first meeting of the academic year. Beth asked everyone present to introduce themselves. She also provided a review of the purpose of the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Graduate Enrollment Deposit Fee

Dr. Dina Perrone

Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

Dr. Dina Perrone presented the Graduate Enrollment Deposit Fee. With increased interest in graduate programs, the enrollment deposit (proposed to be \$150) allows additional options for the campus to admit applicants, increase yield, and effectively manage enrollments. The enrollment deposit is a key indicator as to whether an admitted applicant plans to enroll, permitting effective enrollment management. For those that apply, accept, and pay the enrollment deposit, the deposit will be applied to their tuition. This nonrefundable enrollment deposit will follow the same guidelines as that of undergraduate deposit. With this deposit fee, CSULB will join its Southern California sister campuses (CSUF and SDSU), while having an enrollment deposit lower than those campuses, lower than the maximum allowed by the C.O., and lower than the median of all CSU graduate enrollment deposits.

Mitali asked about how the deposit would be applied. Dina reiterated that it goes directly to tuition. Milton expressed that he felt the proposed deposit is too low and felt that a higher amount will yield higher commitment. Others felt the \$150 deposit was reasonable.



Neil inquired about the waitlisted students. Dina mentioned that they will have a much better chance of getting in. Teresa asked whether this fee would go up alongside tuition increases. It was expressed that this proposed deposit fee would remain at \$150.

After discussion, the committee agreed to the proposed deposit fee of \$150, which will be directly applied to tuition.

Beth explained that this was a Category IV request, and our campus president is delegated authority for the establishment, oversight and adjustment, and will accept our feedback for consideration.

4. **Adjournment**

Beth thanked the committee for their work and adjourned the meeting at 9:55am.