

Student Fee Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:03 AM

Location: USU 205

Attendees:

Praveen Soni, Neil Hultgren, Alvin Tu, Rico Ovalles, Suzie Payne, Veronica Hernandez, Milton Ordonez, Jeremy Ramos, Sara Cason, Marianne Hata, Teresa Falcon, Mitali Jain, Anthony Saucedo

Chair: Beth Lesen

1. Welcome

Chair Beth Lesen opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved without objections.

3. College of the Arts Fee Proposals

Presenter: Chanel Acker, ASM, College of the Arts

a. Art Metals/Jewelry Fee

Proposed increase from \$45 to \$80.

Justification: Bulk purchasing and educator discounts reduce individual costs from \$718 to \$80.

Blacksmithing materials separated due to differing needs.

b. Printmaking Fee

Presenter: Jesse Harris.

Inks and solvents have nearly doubled in price.

Bulk purchasing through Art Supply Warehouse in Westminster.

Teresa inquired about out-of-pocket costs; Jesse noted most consumables are covered, with minor exceptions (e.g., \$36 for paper).

c. Life Model Fee

Presenter: Julia.

Proposed increase to \$150.

Life models are essential for instruction; current compensation is not competitive.

Models now hired as staff, not independent contractors.

Discussion included hiring process, pay rates (\$32 at CSULB vs. \$35–\$40 at other institutions), and curriculum restructuring plans.

d. Art Education Fee

Presenter: Brian Trimble.

Proposed \$5 increase; fees unchanged for over a decade.

Materials provided to simulate real-world classroom environments.

Out-of-pocket costs would be ~\$190 per class without the fee.

Online students to receive art kits.

No expected out-of-pocket costs for students.

e. Instrumental Rental Fee

Fee has not been raised in 20 years.

CSULB rates remain below market and peer institutions.

f. Late/Cancellation Fee & Student Practice Facilities Fee

Also unchanged for 20 years.

g. Recital Hall Rental Fee

Two tiers: simple and complex setup.

\$50 per semester, not per rental.

Neil questioned why this isn't covered by tuition; Chanel clarified it's a single-use space and self-supported.

Alvin asked about debt; Chanel confirmed donor support and no debt.

h. Recital Audio Recording and Multi-camera Livestream Fee

New fee to support enhanced performance documentation.

i. Blacksmithing Materials Fee

Separated from Art Metals/Jewelry.

Individual cost: \$828; university bulk cost: \$101.

j. Photography Fee

Addressing imbalance in lab fees vs. student out-of-pocket costs.

New facilities and environmentally conscious practices.

Fee supports majors and minors (55 majors, 25–28 minors).

Discussion Points

Course fees should be reviewed more frequently (not every 20 years).

Course fees (not user fees) are eligible for Financial Aid.

No objections to any proposals except one abstention.

Vote Outcome:

All fee proposals passed with one abstention.

Recommendation to proceed with implementation.

4. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.