

Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: April 26, 2024

Location: USU Ballroom B

Attendees:

Suzie Payne, Dave Whitney, Melissa Jo, Anthony Regina, Jeremy Ramos, Theresa Falcon, Marianne Hata, Mitali Jain, Milton Ordonez, Anthony Saucedo, Beth Lesen

1. Welcome

Dr. Beth Lesen opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. David Whitney was introduced as a guest, invited by Praveen, and a potential future SFAC member. Introductions were made around the room.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved by the committee.

3. Fee Proposal: Key FOB Access

Presenter: Dr. Jose Rivera, School of Art/COTA

Dr. Rivera presented the proposal for a Key FOB access fee.

Key fob detectors are installed, but fobs are not yet distributed.

Intended for after-hours and weekend access to buildings, which now close at 10 PM instead of 7 PM.

Approximately 500 students in the School of Art.

Each fob grants access to one building; additional access can be requested.

Access is revoked upon graduation.

Discussion Highlights:

Praveen asked if all students would be charged.

Dr. Rivera clarified that only students who need access would be charged.

Milton noted that services are frequently changing.

Theresa raised concerns about students being charged unnecessarily.

Dr. Rivera confirmed it is an opt-in fee.

Outcome:

Committee expressed relief that the fee is opt-in.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

4. Fee Proposal: Academic Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Presenter: Dr. Ulices Pina, Graduate Studies

CPL policy passed by Academic Senate and approved by President Conoley in 2023.

Launch planned for Fall 2024.

Fee applies only if an evaluation is required.

Assessment tools are being developed.

Fee is charged regardless of pass/fail outcome.

Applicable to GE and major-specific courses.

Pre-screening process in place.

Fee is significantly lower than a regular course.

Discussion Highlights:

Praveen asked about the number of cases and faculty compensation.

Theresa expressed concern about being charged upfront.

Milton noted that upfront charging is standard practice.

Suzie expressed support, especially for military veterans.

Outcome:

Vote: 5 in favor, 2 opposed (Jeremy and Theresa)

5. Informational Item: Housing Fee Increase

Presenter: Dr. Corry Colonna, Housing & Residential Life

Praveen emphasized the importance of gradual and reasonable increases.

Housing fees have been increasing steadily since 2021.

Outcome:

Although not required, a vote was taken.

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.