

## **Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 28, 2025**

**Location: USU-306**

### **Attendees:**

- Beth Lesen
- Nathan Truong
- Suzie Payne
- Marianne Hata
- Rico Olivares
- Praveen Soni
- Andre Achacon
- Milton Ordonez
- Alexis Suttle Chermock
- Crystal Abrica
- Payton
- Nicholas Nieto
- Ryan Fischer
- Anthony Saucedo

### **Discussion Points:**

#### **1. Financial Stability for Athletics:**

- Bobby Smitheran emphasized the need for financial stability within Athletics.
- Milton highlighted the significant role of risk management, noting an increase in coverage from \$1 million to \$4 million.

#### **2. Fee Usage and Deficit Concerns:**

- Marianne inquired if the fee was used for scholarships, which Bobby clarified it was not.
- Praveen asked if there would still be a deficit after the fee implementation. Katie mentioned that while the deficit has been reduced, the fee is crucial for achieving financial stability amidst ongoing changes.

#### **3. Cost of Living Considerations:**

- Ryan Fischer considered the fee increase to be small relative to the cost of living.

#### **4. Resource Allocation:**

- Beth stated the goal is to avoid diverting resources from academic programs to support athletics.

#### **5. Changes in Athletics:**



- Praveen asked if changes have been made to Athletics. Beth confirmed changes, including not charging athletics for the use of Pointe and eliminating chargebacks.
- Milton stressed the importance of the wellness aspect.
- Marianne noted that AA has been asked not to charge for advising.
- Milton indicated a general decision to avoid internal billings.
- Beth mentioned that fundraising is the best option moving forward.
- Praveen asked if Athletics has reduced the program. Beth indicated that reducing the program is a possibility, but the goal is to minimize eliminations.

**Vote:**

- **In favor:** 10
- **Oppose:** 0

The meeting concluded at 9:22 AM.