

Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: January 30, 2026

Location: BH-249

Members Present

- Sonny Ciampa
- Shelton King
- Kim Nguyen
- Khalid Albazi
- Asleiram Hernandez-Rodriguez
- Jaydee Phung
- Jasmine Forbes
- Marianne Hata
- Milton Ordonez
- Brian Katz
- Chano Rios
- Nathan Truong
- Veronica Hernandez
- Dave Whitney
- Miles Nevin
- Kara Perkins

1. Welcome

Kara Perkins, AVP, Budget & Administration

- Committee members introduced themselves.
- Kara provided an overview of **CPI (Consumer Price Index)** and **HEPI (Higher Education Price Index)** and their relevance to student fee adjustments.

2. Information Item: Student Health Services CPI adjustment

Damian Zavala, AVP, Health & Wellness

Damian Zavala presented an informational update regarding the Student Health Services CPI adjustment.

Key points included:

- A proposed \$4 increase per CPI adjustment.
- Dental services are expected to launch in the spring.
- A vending machine outside of Student Health Services is being implemented to improve access when SHS is closed.

Sonny Ciampa recommended the inclusion of free menstrual products.

Brian Katz asked how misuse would be prevented if products were free.

Damian explained that access would be managed via student ID swipe, with limits on the quantity dispensed per day. He noted that this initiative is currently in development.

3. **Information Item: Athletics Student Fee HEPI adjustment**

Katie Burd, Senior Associate Athletic Director, Financial Operations

Katie Burd presented an informational item regarding the Athletics Student Fee HEPI adjustment.

Highlights included:

- A proposed \$2 increase per semester.
- The goal is to maintain a stable and equitable athletics program.
- Continued emphasis on student-athlete wellbeing.
- Athletics-related costs have increased between 5% and 30%.
- The request is intended to offset inflationary pressures.

Jaydee Phung asked where CSULB athletics fees rank within the CSU system.

Katie responded that CSULB remains on the lower end compared to other CSU campuses.

4. **Fee Requests:**

School of Art/COTA: FEA Insurance

Presenters:

- David Waldman, Chair, Cinematic Arts
- Chanel Patrick, ASM, College of the Arts (COTA)

The committee reviewed a fee request related to **FEA Insurance** for the School of Art/COTA.

Key discussion points:

- The request represents a re-allocation of funding.
- The program previously relied on lottery funding, which is no longer available.
- Presenters provided a recap of the request previously discussed at the November 2025 SFAC meeting.
- The proposal aims to lower out-of-pocket costs for students.
- Approximately 876 students would be impacted.
- A comparison was made to USC, which serves a similar number of students at a significantly higher cost.
- The proposed fee is \$96 per semester.
- The fee would be charged only once, applied to the first applicable course.

Committee discussion included:

- Brian Katz expressed concern that the cost should be a campus or administrative expense rather than a student fee.
- Marianne Hata clarified that the fee is not administrative in nature.
- Kim Nguyen asked how students would be informed of the fee.
- Brian Katz noted that similar programs advise students in advance.
- Marianne Hata explained that a footnote is added when students add the course to their cart, notifying them of the fee.

Vote

- **11 in favor**
- **2 opposed**

Outcome: The fee request **passed**.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at **9:50 a.m.**