SFAC Fall Meeting #3

10/16/15 10:00AM-11:00AM SSC 300

Call to Order

Present: Paul Tchir, Jackie Markt-Maloney, Melissa Patel, Mihiri Ukuwela, Andrew Thai, Ei Lin Chong, Crystal Inacay, Akshay Tangutur, Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Sylvia Lepe-Askari, John Hughes

Absent: Ellen Kim, Negin Mokhtari, Norienne Saign, Ivan Evans

Approval of Fall Quarter Meeting 2 Minutes Motion by Mukanth, second by Mihiri

Constituency Presentation Updates and Reports

- 1. Marshall
 - a. The food pantry is still on the mind of students and is still of concern
 - b. Student health services
 - c. Proposed that we have a form on the website for people to go to SFAC's website and type in a complaint/concern anonymously, rather than sending it through an email
- 2. Revelle
 - a. Campus wide commuter lockers
 - i. Price Center has commuter lockers
 - b. Coffee vending machines, school supply vending machines (like those in Geisel)
 - c. More solar powered bench chargers
 - d. Transportation for the holidays from San Diego to the LA airport

Town Hall Wrap-Up

- 1. Roughly 18-20 attendees
- 2. Have two sessions in the future for people that come in late
- 3. Parking passes not directly involved with parking passes, but the campus is looking for creative solutions
- 4. Transparency making the allocations that SFAC makes more accessible by adding reports on the websites, using statistics on student fee funded units that received the most
- 5. What did the \$48 increase fund? divided equally between return to aid, student mental health services, and critical student affairs
- 6. FTE's funded by AS aren't spending the equivalent amount of time they are being paid for on AS work
 - a. Ultimately it's a conversation they need to have with the staff members
 - b. It used to be funded by SFAC, and AS took it on when SFAC couldn't afford to fund them
- 7. More support for ADA on campus
- 8. Food insecurity more developments happening on campus, college councils looking to fund the food pantry this year, once it runs out they need sustainable funding,

- a. Alumni outreach for donations to support the food pantry shows there's progress at all levels to look for different solutions
- 9. Criticism about perceived steps that UCSD is taking towards sustainability and reducing its footprint on campus
 - a. Concern that there's been discussion about sustainability, but as a campus no forward steps have been taken
 - b. Students want to get involved in sustainability but they need more opportunities/resources
- 10. Career services, especially for international students
 - a. Concern that there weren't a lot of useful and productive services offered for students outside of professional societies
 - b. The services should be more accessible and widely promoted
 - c. Societies provide a networking tool and programs put on to meet and connect with people in the industry hope to provide the same to those not in societies
 - i. Compared to being in a society and not being in one, there was a sense of job insecurity
- 11. Student sexual health awareness of services on campus, information about the different facets of sexual health
 - a. There's not much advertising or awareness about sexual health on campus and the services that are provided
- 12. Increased publicity for SFAC throughout the year if students were aware of how much influence we have, there would be more interest in SFAC and more input
- 13. Next town hall: using the Student Events Insider, creating the FaceBook event a week earlier

Student Fee Funded Unit Presentations

- 1. The upcoming meetings will be devoted to presentations, two half hour presentations every week
- 2. Start thinking about questions to ask the different units
 - a. i.e. If they had a large chunk of money, what would they want to do? Look at their long term goals and big projects, new creative ideas that they might have. Seeing how their ideas may merge with others
- 3. Discussion:
 - UCSD leaning towards being polytechnic, less of a university that balances STEM with humanities and social sciences
 - a. The allocation of resources is lopsided, with resources for humanities and social sciences declining every year
 - b. Adopt a deliberate strategy: when we have discretionary calls to make, go out of the way to promote something; policy of favoring humanities and social sciences over STEM
 - c. Create a push back at every level to promote humanities and social sciences
 - d. This has been a problem in the past with the student voice noting that the Career Services Center wasn't providing enough services for those in the humanities and social sciences compared to those in STEM fields

Call for Participation – CSF Fall Quarter Meeting, November 13-15 at UC Berkeley

Adjournment

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