Student Fee Advisory Committee
Minutes
Winter Quarter Week 4
Friday, February 3, 2023
Student Services Center 300
Fridays, 3:00-5:00 P.M.
1. Call to Order
   a. Called to order at 3:05 PM
2. Roll Call
a. Present: Monet, Gina, Vossvi, Lanchi, Will, Steven, Chase, Yongqi,
b. Excused: Chris, Divyanshi
c. Unexcused: Jose, Bryan,
d. * = voting members, voting members present =
3. Approval of Week 3Minutes
a. Motion: Steven
b. Second: Gina
c. Results
i. Yay: 6
ii. Nay: 0
iii. Abstain: 1
4. New Business
a. Chase: Going through all of the proposals, asking questions about them. Goal is to come up with document about what SFAC wants.

A1. social justice and holistic support innovation avg score:3.7/14
Will: Sounds like a very thorough proposal, covers a lot of bases. Addresses low population of black population. Makes people in the arts feel more valued. Prioritizes basic needs.
Chase: How many have heard of Oasis food bank? 4 people. Throwing more money at it, will it get more use?
Lanchi: 3 programs with very different, well defined purposes. Other proposals less defined, this one tells you exactly what they want. Same question: How many students actually know about this resource? Use money to do marketing.
Chase: likes that it uses students as ambassadors.

A2. Step into UCSD avg score:5/14
Monet: Specific proposal intended for big chunk of students. Helps new students transition, focuses on equity. Not only helps first years but also transfers.
Steven: How does it differ from other programs on campus? Can it collaborate with other programs?
Chase: similar to what RCC Transfer rep would do. Set up events, etc. What gaps were left in proposal?
Gina: Impactful program, purpose of step is to engage all transfers, but posters don't necessarily engage transfers and isn't unique. How would you get incoming transfers to see it is beneficial for them.

Chase: Not many people thinking about school over summer, most people won't focus on it. You apply to college, don't really think about it until September.

Steven: People do the bridge program, helped a lot. Might be different for transfers, coming in as an older student. Harder to meet people, might be more willing to come in during the summer.

Chase: anecdotally, transfer friends are more academically motivated.

Guy in blue sweatshirt: Chunky timeline is helped by having different jumping on points, but no elaboration.

A3: CASP attention and retention program. Avg score: 5.4

John: STE: Short Term Exception: Student who works smaller number of hours, doesn't have to go through longer recruitment period. Gets paid hourly wage, doesn't enjoy some benefits, can only work <=1000 hours. Used in CASP as a proof of concept, show that it has positive benefits, if it is successful and gets funded next year, could come to campus and get budget allocation. CASP could grow by one FTE, another department could shrink by FTE. (Full Time Employee.)

Steven: Pretty impactful, helps people struggling in school and helping them succeed, helping people leave who weren't doing the best.

Lanchi: question about number of students it will actually impact: Only for CASP scholars? Already quite committed, would program actually be helpful?

Chase: CASP has 1,200 scholars. How many at risk of dropping out or failing?
Why stagger the hours? If studying, don't have time to go to someone for administrative things.

A4: Undergraduate research. Avg: 5.6

Chase: URH programming.

Ben: Think it is cool because we are a research institution and connecting undergrads to profs, PhDs good for everyone involved. Premed people want anything they can get. Increasing the amount of undergrads is a good thing, and proposal looks like a one time thing, then evaluation.

Chase: See any problems? Is it a good use of student resources?

Blue sweatshirt: Question how effective hiring an evaluator is. If $40,000 went to creating more research opportunities would be better

Apple laptop girl: what is final research implementation?

Chase: why do we need this? Will outside evaluator be unbiased? They are paid, will tell you what you want to hear. Why do you need our help on this? What's the plan? Not convinced they need our money.

Gina: Agree it is interesting, but its mostly just an assessment rather than implementation. When would implementation of programs occur? What are the next steps?

Chase: Big thing they're not getting at: Campus wants to do more research. Do professors? Labs cost resources to professors, grad students. More undergrads should do research.

John: Couple of requests around assessment. Chase is asking good questions. You would expect assessment to be built in in allocation, everyone should be doing assessment. Pretty sure URH is doing some assessment. University goes through accreditation program every few years. Question of value on student experience is fair, whoever gets assigned should ask questions about what assessments are already done.

Steven: Mainly focusing on how to get more students involved in research, but seems like problem is not enough labs and too many students trying to get into labs.
Chase: Ask for more money next year to open up new labs. Limit on number of undergrads doing research is number of grad students doing research.

A5: Graduate and transfer student series. Avg score: 6.2
Chase: Have you seen trend in how we are evaluating?
Apple laptop girl: more detailed ones are ranked higher.
Chase: make sure we're doing our sampling right. As we go into less detailed ones, number of questions should be growing. Should be expectation of, you don't give us much detail, you will be grilled on it.
Steven: Liked it because it was focused on group that doesn't get as much focus, harder to make friends. Also had a pretty cheap per student (7$/student) cost. 4,000 students is good chunk of student population.
Lanchi: Issue is it seems very general. Has guiding parameters, but not seeing connection between them. Anyone could have given this proposal.
Chase: Just gave buzzwords. Very general. Give us specifics. What kind of concerts, attendance incentives?
Gina: Liked it. Something that is a good use of money. Yes it is vague but if they give specifics on what they were doing it'd be easier to understand. Need to market it well. Lot of grad students live off campus, so how would they market themselves to get folks on campus.
Ben: Only grad program.
Chase: grad students pay a lot in student fees, historically underrepresented.
Lanchi: Are there supposed to be grad student reps?
Ben: There should be 3, there is 1 on the way
Chase: equity score. Sounds like filler. What does it mean, how did it get that data? Grad students are very diverse, come from different backgrounds. How do you encompass all of that group? What grad student groups have you already reached out to? Expect more detail.
John: Try to make it a low effort opportunity in the beginning. Applications may be low quality in the beginning, encourage SFAC not to be too prejudiced about outcome of that process. Ask that it is kept short, don't want them to get too hammered.

A6 iTable. avg score: 6.4
Ben: does it apply to undergrads, or all international students? Lot of grads are international.
Gina: iTable is important, this proposal requests short term staff to support program, but if they don't already have an employee doing this job, they probably have someone doing something similar. Need to elaborate a little more.
Chase: what are consequences if this doesn't get passed.
Will: reminded him a little of issues URH proposal had, begs the question how does hiring a new person better serve the students?

A7 restorative justice program. avg score: 6.8

Will: Thought of it as similar class as CASP program. How do we deal with people who aren't doing what they're supposed to? Like the idea of not being punitive, how do we prevent it from happening in the future?

Chase: Believes it is what the center for student involvement does, how does this program differ?

Monetl: Has operated in the past with volunteer model, why are they moving from volunteer to pay?

Will: Are they using restorative justice in all cases, or only some.

A14: Jump to bottom: Student center mural. Avg score: 11.6

Lanchi: ranked it last because they talked about a bunch of other departments on campus they worked with, how they already had a bunch of money invested. Why do they need SFAC?

Monet: Idea of a mural doesn't seem needed. Don't know how much of a sense of belonging a mural will provide.

Will: Doesn't see what it accomplishes. Just something you look at. Reminds him of cities who were trying to beautify, but just slap a mural somewhere. Doesn't know why student services money is going to it.

Chase: devil's advocate. Student services fees do go to buildings. Not completely out of the blue. What would you ask them to get more information?

Ben: Why do you need us? What makes this special project? How will it go to improving student experience in a concrete way?

Chase: Is it going to be student made mural, or bring in outside people? Or visual arts class? Would much rather a student get paid then someone outside.

Ben: How much say will SFAC or students have in making of mural? Will we just be throwing money into black hole?

A13: esports music festival. Avg score: 10.1

Chase: Not a big Gamer but thought it was kind of fun.

Monet: Thought it was cool opportunity because we don't have anything like it. If we had to fund something more on the fun side, it would be cool. Didn't rank it high because other proposals were better.

Chase: loves that it promotes nongamer apparel in point 7.

Gina: Ranked it lowest. Thinks it could be fun. If you're into esports and music it would be good, doesn't think it's worth $50,000. Wants to ask: if it is pilot phase for bigger music festival wants to know what they have done so far. Would there be gambling in event?

Apple laptop girl: We have esports center on campus which is part of rec who has lots of extra money. If they reach out to rec they could probably get money.

Chase: amount of stuff that esports gets from corporate is large.

Ben: They were reaching out for corporate sponsor. Also playing devil's advocate, it is for a group who don't go to many events. SFAC usually doesn't fund fun things. Innovative in that it is unique. Came out of nowhere.

Chase: fun events play a part in retention.

A12: Triton fest winter expansion. Avg score: 9.4
Gina: rated it high. Asian night market was really fun.
Ben: Allegedly the night market was popular enough that all food was sold out.
Lanchi: Liked it but they do a terrible job planning. Library walk is too small for it, tell organizations to prepare more food.
Gina: likes the program. Thinks it is worth funding.
Girl in dark blue: Food was overpriced.
Will: This was a thing last year?
Chase: Yes. arguably the year before as well. Very similar proposals.
Ben: questions so far: how does it look like in timeline of implementation.

A11 (tied with A12). CASP physical office proposal. Avg score: 9.4
Chase: Do you think this is going to help the student population?
Will: Where is this office? Added to questions.
: Is CASP only open to incoming students? If it is, only open to high school kids, no international students.
John: Mostly partner schools at underserved communities. If you're a grad from one of those schools accepted into UCSD, eligible for CASP. $10,000 scholarship. Program largely attracts 1,200 students on cohort basis. 300/year. Stay with program through time at UCSD, benefit from tutoring, other programs.
Ben: Only for California residents.
Margaret: No specific application, just applying to UCs and automatically get into program.
Chase: Back to idea of office. 50-70 unique visits a week. Office provides microwave, refreshments, printing. Need money for new furniture.
Will: feels like an internal expenditure.
Lanchi: Has been to CASP office. Curious if it is more similar to commuter center style, or is it go in, grab refreshments, leave?
John: CASP moved recently, now floor 2 of center hall. Shares large space with Oasis. If you went to any student center in the last few years, they probably weren't that busy. Does serve as community center and tutoring center. Can't speak to how busy they are.
John: In old office, it was full for its size, but it was small which is why they were moved.
Chase: is this replacement furniture, or additional furniture? What do they specifically want?
John: have to ask about the old couch they have an attachment to. Have to find out story about the couch

A10: Student Center Mural 11.6
Chase: Is it similar to other mural one?
Ben: Difference: more specific, cheaper.
Chase: It'll be on fifth floor of student services building. Has never been to fifth floor.
Gina: Interesting place to put it. Could be a better place to put it. Likes it more than other mural. Wants to see what kind of counter narrative they want to establish. Also, will it be a student artist or contract? Why fifth floor?
Ben: Art committee has no say

Lanchi: Proposal says they're going to hire a muralist. How well will it represent undocumented students at UCSD?
Will: Likes most of details, but thinks it is a little wasteful to put it where not many people will ever see it. Would love to put it where other mural is going to be.]
John: Putting mural projects together is a good idea, should suggest that. Not all programs have to be all or nothing; can give some programs part of their ask.

A9: 8th college games 8.1
Chase: is this unolympics? How is it fundamentally different from unolympics? Walked past unolympics this year, not that many people there. Is there enough interest on campus for two of these?
Will: Thinks their target of 20,000 students is insanely optimistic.
Ben: Don't get that many people at graduation.
Gina: Thinks it is unolympics minus student council. Agrees 20,000 students is optimistic. Think because it's only $2.50/student that's good, but not hugely important.
Ben: On budget sheet, says "on this new (to this generation) event." Did this event happen before our time?
John: question for the proposers. In the past have had college bowl competitions. Ask organizers and see what they say.

Chase: Closing remarks?
Lanchi: Why choose North Face for SFAC jackets and not something thinner?
Chase: previous chair and vice chair decided. They are very warm.
Gina: When do we start interviewing? Can we get hoodies instead of bucket hats.
Chase: Interviewing soon. Wanted to get general idea of where everyone stands. As soon as we get full list of contact info, send to subcommittee chairs.
John: Get contact info early next week at the latest

Ben: Need to go through one more proposal at start of next meeting.

5. Announcements
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6. Adjournment
    a. Adjourned at 4:58 PM.