

# Student Fee Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Spring 2025 Week 3

April 17th, 2026

Red Shoe Room | Zoom Meeting

Fridays, 3-5pm

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1. Call to Order
  - a. 3: 01 pm
2. Roll Call: + SFAC 2025-2026 Roster
  - a. Present: 20
  - b. Excused: 0
  - c. Unexcused: 1
3. Approval of Spring Quarter Week 1 Minutes
  - a. Motion: Sonal
  - b. Second: Faziiah
4. New Business:
  - a. CSF Debrief
    - i. “From allocation to accountability”
    - ii. CSF and its significance, 10 UC campuses, we are part of 7.9% core funds, important representation, college system benefits our values
    - iii. Mina Ngyuen was elecetd chair of CSF
    - iv. Is student involvement proportional to the money we put in?
    - v. UCR Auditing System
      1. Budget Call Submission
      2. Mid Year Review
      3. Year End Audit
      4. Allocation Decision
    - vi. Organizing for Change - UCSA (UC Student Association)
      1. People want to be heard, 1:1 with the 80/20 rule
      2. People want to be on the winning team
        - a. Showing off the work SFAC has done in the past. Increased visibility / involvement
      3. Make people aware of the power they have
      4. Alter dynamics of power
        - a. Equal playing field, being a part of the change
    - vii. Facilitating conversations to be inclusive
    - viii. Nov - May is when advocacy is the most important
    - ix. \$56 Billion UC wide budget
      1. 7.9% tuition and fees
    - x. “Allocation without verification is incomplete”
    - xi. Each campus has a different version of SFAC, some do recurring grants.
  - b. Final Proposal Ranking
    - i. Matthew: 8th College Proposal = \$6,000
    - ii. Lana: Agree, do not want to defund other proposals, decrease spirit night (focus more on tickets than merch)

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- iii. Nitin: Does not believe 8th should get funding, 7th got denied in the past. 8th College grant only supports 8th students.
- iv. Jay: Muir was also not very fond on 8th grant, Muir was interested in craft center funding
- v. Sonal: Warren is against 8th college grant funding as well. Much rather fund craft centers. Maybe more funding for student legal services to hire more staff.
- vi. Carina: SFAC is one time funding, 8th college proposal is underbaked.
- vii. Bill: Craft center, because the money is used for initial equipment, does not make sense to fund partially
- viii. Nicole: Would agree limited funding, 5k, for 8th College, print making, try to fund fully if defending spirit night enrichment grant, increase funding to student legal services
- ix. Faziah: print making craft center, long term investment, however there is an additional cost for students putting barriers up for students.
- x. Lucia: 8th College Grant, 5k would go to one single student, does not seem equitable. Giving grants for separate grants is not the best idea. No real oversight. Craft center print making, historic roots that supports students' diverse needs.
- xi. Sabrina: Agrees with Lucia, full funding for print making, pays for student workers, want to make sure it is impactful
- xii. Mo: If print making is funded, it will take some time.
- xiii. Mina: Clarification, funding is planned and will be spent within the year.
- xiv. Sabrina: Agrees with student legal services proposals, but they lacked ideas of what the students would do.
- xv. Carina: Print making, did not stick out because students would need to pay on top the grant that SFAC is providing.
- xvi. Greeshma: If we don't use all funding, where does it go?
  - 1. Mina: Carries over to the next year pool.
  - 2. Greeshma: Not funding either print making or 8th college grant, would rather save it.
- xvii. Sofia: Agrees with Greeshma
- xviii. Sonal: \$70 dollars per month vs \$80 rec classes, somewhat comparable.
- xix. Annie: Printmaking is normally expensive, craft centers are non-profit so money is being circulated. The 8th College grant sets a slippery slope.
- xx. Mina: Temperature check, would you rather partially fund 8th college grant with taking money out of spirit night enrichment
- xxi. Print making?
  - 1. 7 students wanted to partially
- xxii. Not fund either
  - 1. 10 students agreed
- xxiii. Sonal: What if we partially fund spirit night less and give money to print making? If we wanted to fund print making, why wasn't it ranked higher? If we want to fully fund it, where would we get the money from?
- xxiv. Faziah: Partially funding print making might impact the integrity of the grant

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- xxv. Matthew: Partial funding = less machines.
- xxvi. Faziah: How equitable is this proposal?
- xxvii. Carina: If we are cutting from spirit night, how much are we cutting them? Is that going to the craft center?
- xxviii. Matthew: Not funding the merch, just buying tickets. That would be 30k saved.
- xxix. Bill: Even with cut, would not have enough money for craft center
- xxx. Sofia: Cut spirit night either way, regardless of craft center debate.
- xxxi. Lana: Agree with Sofia. But if we don't fund merch, is it innovative?
- xxxii. Nithin: Confused by the merch. If we get more tickets, do colleges need to buy more merchandise?
- xxxiii. Lucia: Unused merch is used later.
- xxxiv. Lucia: Marshall AAPI SWANA themed housing, feels like SWANA is an after thought.
- xxxv. Provost Carver: SWANA proposal actually came first from a student, 4 years ago, separate ideas that were merged together, could have communicated it better
- xxxvi. Sofia: SWANA LLC, is less developed. But both themed housing are on the same level.
- xxxvii. Reservations against funding Athletics Spirit Night Enrichment, either fully or partially.
- xxxviii. ~100k left after the first 5 proposals that are valued. First 5 proposals = ~118k. First 5 fully funded.
- xxxix. 8 people against culture of care week
  - xl. Out of the rest of the proposals not funded, which one should we move up?
    - 1. Triton flourish
    - 2. Craft Center
  - xli. Have \$111,300 left.
  - xl.ii. Sonal: Triton flourish could be a blog post, could easily be free.
  - xl.iii. Faziah: Partial funding maybe?
  - xl.iv. Triton Flourish has been dropped.
  - xl.v. In between, spirit night, culture of care, and print making.
  - xl.vi. Sofia: On the fence about funding merch and tickets, how did they go from 500-1500 students?
  - xl.vii. Matthew: 700 tickets maybe? Print making can be done with partial funding. I will need more than 30k.
  - xl.viii. Mo: Funding  $\frac{3}{4}$  tickets and some of the merch.
  - xl.ix. Snigdha: When we fund units, they can do whatever they want. Cannot force them to cut merch. This is the same for partial funding.
    - l. Full funding
      - 1. 14 = print making
    - li. Mina: Full print making and what other combination?
    - lii. Matthew: Not funding spirit night at all, move forward with craft center.
    - liii. Full funding for Print making
      - 1. 12 people for

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2. 1 person against
- liv. Faziah: Same concerns as before for print making.
- lv. Final craft center
  1. 14 = print making
- lvi. 44,800 left after funding print making.
  1. Spirit Night = 3
  2. Culture of care = 10
- lvii. Culture of care funding the rest.
- lviii. Jay: Could save money as well.
- lix. Save money
  1. 9 people
- lx. Culture of Care
  1. 7
- lxi. Spirit Night
  1. 0
- lxii. Annie: Is it really feasible to find an extra project? Is it not better to use it now than save it?
- lxiii. Sonal: Really want to fund the culture of care week. It was one of the properties. The training will help students down the line.
- lxiv. Sofia: Agreed. This is innovative.
- lxv. Jay: Would rather save it.
- lxvi. Nithin: If next year is going to be a hard year for finances, we should save it.
- lxvii. Provost Carver: fully funding culture of care instead of printmaking = partial
- lxviii. Carina: Appreciates culture of care week.
- lxix. Matthew: Initially funding against the culture of care, but it is better than other proposals. It is important to prioritize student health and well being. Switch culture of care and print making. So print making is 2k minus.
- lxx. Sonal: Unfair to students who pay the fees and save it. Slippery slope to pay for staff.
- lxxi. Lana: Reconsider how much print making.
- lxxii. Print making or culture of care
  1. 10 - Culture of Care
  2. 6 - Printmaking
- lxxiii. Finally: Fully fund culture of care, printmaking gets 64,300.
- c. Annual report writing to Chancellor
  - i. Due next friday
- d. Charter Edits
- e. Team bonding
  - i. Belmont Park, RSVP right now.
- f. Housekeeping
5. Adjournment
  - a. 4:50

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