

Student Fee Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
Winter 2026 Week 5
February 6th, 2026
Zoom Meeting
Fridays, 3-5pm

1. Call to Order
 - a. 3:05
2. Roll Call: + SFAC 2025-2026 Roster
 - a. Present: 19
 - b. Excused: 0
 - c. Unexcused: 2
3. Approval of Spring Quarter Week 5 Minutes
 - a. Motion: Faiziah
 - b. Second: Sonal
4. New Business:
 - a. Introductions / Icebreaker
 - b. Score Review
 - i. SFAC members went over the preliminary scoring they did for the innovation grant.
 - c. Preliminary Scoring
 - i. SFAC members went read through proposals, drafted questions, and gave preliminary scores
 - d. Subcommittee assignments
 - i. SFAC Chair went over which committee was assigned each grant/
 - e. Post Interview Scoring
 - i. Committees presented on the Printmaking - Craft Center and Student Assistance - Student Legal Services
 - f. Craft Center Impression for All Debrief
 - i. The interview was on Monday. Presentator was experienced .
 - ii. Student Fee Cost – Reason why there is a second fee is because Craft Center is self funded. Once they get the funding, they do not need anymore from SFAC. The fee will cover the maintenance.
 - iii. Community usage = \$120 dollars a month – Students = \$70 dollars a month
 - iv. If a student has experience in printmaking, they can take an orientation for \$60 dollars to use it, on top of the \$70 dollars.
 - v. \$20 dollars an hour for about 2 hours for usage of the printmakers.
 - vi. Going to be using a craft center room that is empty because craft center items are being moved to the new Marshall craft center.
 - vii. Urgency of funding – grad center does have a print maker, but is very small, does not fit the needs of the students on campus, and only open to graduate students, not enough room
 1. Innovative for undergraduate students, never had anything like this before.
 - viii. Timeline

Student Fee Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

1. Spring quarter start moving, Fall quarter will start with class and enrollment.
- ix. Marketing
 1. Website, newsletter, would have liked to see tabling (a little more active)
 2. Collaborate with the mobile art cart?
- x. Questions?
 1. What was the initial ask for funding? \$66,500 dollars, with \$55,000 going to equipment, rest going to student workers and instructors.
 2. The \$70 dollar fee is supposed to be self-sustaining. Are the funding for the works also self-sustaining? Will be integrated into their already existing programs. These programs pay for the costs.
- xi. Impressions?
 1. Not the best that students have to pay \$70 dollars for a class.
 - a. Hesitant to see actual usage because of the paywall
 2. Marshall council was confused about the double up student fee. Marshall liked the \$20 dollars per hour.
 3. Value and Breath lower because of the large cost associated with the program.
- g. Student Assistance - Student Legal Services
 - i. John Carlos – he has come to SFAC before, this time he is coming because they really need help. Used to have 3 staff, lost the assistant position. Now they have 2 consultants that are handling all legal cases that come their way. Provide legal advice to all students and legal education via RA and others. Serve 700-900 students a year. Have 30-40 workshops per quarter. Students attend multiple workshops normally.
 - ii. Two attorneys handle all the calls, email, students, cases, and more!
 1. During the interview they missed calls (lack of staff)!
 - iii. 3 students, 15 hours a week, so attorneys can do more of the heavy duty stuff.
 - iv. Sentiment was positive for all the programs and the workshops they do.
 1. Students use them for housing documents ect.
 - v. Do NOT CHARGE for services.
 - vi. Want the money by Sept 2026 so they can hire soon.
 - vii. They have had unpaid students in the past, the first time they wanted to hire them.
 1. Did not have a plan for hiring at the moment because this is so new.
 - viii. If not funded, it will continue, but student services will go down. If not funded fully will not help alleviate all the issues.
 - ix. Students will get experience. Students will research legal issues to resolve issues. Because these are legal matters, they are confidential (that's why they cannot be unpaid)
 1. Paid staffers help with the whole department.
 - x. How will they receive funding after this ... they do not know.

Student Fee Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

- xi. Asked them about the training, will be on the spot situational training, if not busy with clients will be given more in-depth training.
- xii. Questions:
 - 1. NA
- xiii. Impression:
 - 1. Important given the current situation. Will impact greatly. Not asking a lot. Help students across the University.
 - 2. Battling inequity by doing workshops, giving free legal advice, and paying students.
 - 3. Understand the situations, but lack structure. Does not seem sustainable.
 - 4. Marketing handled by student volunteers, seems ill equipped for the situation they are in.
 - 5. Maybe lack of structure shows that it is innovative.
 - 6. When we evaluate the priorities for SFAC, we prioritized Basic Needs and support of students.
 - 7. Want to follow up on the hiring structure with John Carlo.
 - 8. Might be hoping for an increase in budget. This is innovative in another way, because student workers are less expensive, this fills a gap. This is new to them.
 - 9. Alumni Association has grants, pointing them in that direction.
 - 10. Can follow the training from the immigration office because they do legal work.
- 5. Housekeeping
 - a. CSF Winter 2026 Meeting at UCSB, evaluating UCOP's practice of "earmarking" SSF dollars, setting a systemwide standing policy on unit reviews (audits). A lot of other SFACs audit after they fund and more!
 - b. Next week's meeting is canceled.
- 6. Adjournment
 - a. 4:57pm