

SFAC Spring Meeting #8
5/25/16 8:00AM-10:00AM
Student Services Center 400

Call to Order

Present: Paul Tchir, Jackie Markt-Maloney, Ellen Kim, Andrew Thai, Ei Lin Chong, Crystal Inacay, Norienne Saign, John Hughes, Zaid Mansuri, Masood Jalalibidgoli

Absent: Chad Mackie, Akshay Tangutur, Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Negin Mokhtari, Ivan Evans, Sylvia Lepe-Askari

Approval of Spring Quarter Meeting 7 Minutes

Motion by Mukanth, second by Ellen

Spring Quarter CSF Meeting

1. UCSF
2. UC System SFAC Questionnaire
 - a. Distributed to other SFAC's to gain insight on their functions
 - b. Nature of allocations, inflation, food pantry, what units receive SSF funds, limitations, mental health spending
 - i. Each UC had some form of allocations
 - ii. Similar spending regarding mental health
 - iii. Most SFAC's weren't involved in their food pantries
 - c. Sources of revenue: increased enrollment and fees

Charter Discussion

1. Membership
 - a. Creating a requirement for the Chair to have previously served on the committee as a member
 - i. Adding language that could waive this condition if no one is able or willing
 - b. Decision to leave as is
2. Attendance
 - a. Changing language to allow a maximum of two absences instead of three
 - i. Attendance has been a chronic problem for the committee
 - b. Set the expectations of being a good worker
 - i. Possible consequences of failing to meet those expectations, including dismissal from the committee
 - c. Problem of appointing new members to replace those that have been dismissed
3. Memorandum of Understanding
 - a. SFAC's voice hasn't been clearly translated throughout the years, and the MOU serves as a way to convey more clearly what kind of relationship it should be
 - b. Variety of different mechanisms or solutions in which SFAC is involved in different ways

- c. How can we change the MOU to emphasize clear communication but not damage the relationship between VCSA and SFAC?
 - i. In the past, there has been a confirmation of impact and input
 - d. The desire is to have transparency and discussion about what the VCSA is doing to further incorporate student input at his level of authority
 - i. Discuss the input and what restrictions and priorities will be for the incoming year, and what can be done together given these guidelines
 - e. Would you suggest a different format? Desire to have a written approval by the VCSA for the deep dive and review process
 - f. We have verbal affirmation, but there isn't a clear cut perspective into what we're doing internally and the processes behind it
 - g. Looking for a demonstration that it matters
 - i. That a year's worth of work has been beneficial and has had an impact on the campus
 - ii. It's valuable – it shows that SFAC has an actual say
 - iii. How does SFAC not have that now?
 - 1. It seems that there is access and discussion, and trying to make it into a contract puts a damper on a relationship that seemingly already works
 - h. Lack of conversation
 - i. Desire to have this discussion and be a part of the process rather than seeing the end product without having any input
 - ii. Between the Winter and Spring reports, having access allows for a feedback mechanism and robust discussion
 - i. Setting up an institutional understanding that this is what SFAC will do each year, and have a process set up for future years
4. Motion to approve the SFAC Charter amendments by Chad, second by Ellen
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Discussion of Referenda Proposal

- 1. Necessary to have discussion with the VCSA about the proposal
- 2. Historically, SFAC has had the opportunity to be involved in referenda discussion
- 3. Serves as an appendix to the MOU
- 4. The VCSA has the power to approve, can't necessarily "implement" changes
 - a. "Reasonable effort to consider" encompasses all forms of action

Impeachment

- 1. Acting upon the guidelines stated in the charter regarding membership status and attendance
 - a. If a member is absent from more than two meetings in a single quarter of the Committee, the member will forfeit membership status
 - b. Ensure that there is a mechanism that finalizes the decision
- 2. Negin Mokhtari
 - a. Three excused absences, three unexcused absences

- b. By the charter, membership status has been forfeited, unless the committee votes to excuse absences
3. Regarding family emergencies, there is an understanding of communicating that emergencies or other commitments may extend to future meetings
 - a. It's the responsibility of the member to communicate with the Chair
4. Motion to table the matter until the next meeting to discuss circumstances regarding the absence
5. Being absent for more than half of this quarter's meetings doesn't meet the expectations of the committee and the constituents that they serve

Adjournment

Motion by Ellen, second by Jackie

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