

SFAC Winter Meeting #2
1/15/16 2:00PM-4:00PM
Price Center East Governance Chambers

Call to Order

Present: Paul Tchir, Jackie Markt-Maloney, Ei Lin Chong, Crystal Inacay, Akshay Tangutur, Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Negin Mokhtari, Norienne Saign, Ivan Evans, John Laxa

Absent: Chad Mackie, Mihiri Ukuwela, Ellen Kim, Andrew Thai, Sylvia Lepe-Askari, John Hughes

Approval of Winter Quarter Meeting 1 Minutes

Motion by Mukanth, second by Akshay

Winter Quarter 2016 SFAC Recommendations Discussion

- 1) Discussion of proposed dyads with the intention of defining goals and future SFAC processes
- 2) Administrative dyad
 - a) Create a framework for where Student Services Fee funds are allocated and how SFAC can procedurally review existing allocations
 - b) How can we free up some funds if needed to temporary funds
- 3) Allocative dyad
 - a) Should funds be reallocated to allow for new temporary allocations?
- 4) Deep dive dyad
 - a) Creating a deep dive procedure that can be institutionalized and replicated each year
 - b) How many issues should be addressed? Is there any immediate need that can be addressed?
- 5) Discussion about potential changes to proposed dyads
- 6) Mukanth: there could be inefficiency created by lack of communication between allocative and administrative dyads if they are separately reaching out to other UC campuses and SFACs
- 7) Mukanth makes a motion to combine the allocative and administrative dyads for communication and efficiency
 - a) Second by Ivan
 - b) Objection by Akshay for the sake of more discussion
- 8) Combining allocative and administrative dyads could be too much for SFAC to take on, especially considering the limited time and ability to access this information
- 9) Objection withdrawn, motion carries.
- 10) Discussion on deep dive dyad, considering the changes made to the other dyad, shall be continued at next week's meeting and over the Google Doc

Identifying Priority Areas for Winter 2016 Recommendations

- a. Akshay: Student health should be reviewed every year until students are satisfied
- b. Negin: Consider ArtPower and subsidies for concerts and events
- c. Mukanth: Community, engagement of campus community issues
- d. Chad: Transportation issues, CAPS
- e. Paul: How many issues should we tackle? What do we want the dyad process to look like?
- f. Mukanth: Student Health and Wellbeing would be better analyzed by the bodies who are already analyzing it
- g. Jackie: Has anyone else seen Career Services arise as a student priority?
- h. Mukanth: They have promising new initiatives, but PR is their biggest need now
- i. Chad: Student Health and CAPS are well known and the campus knows it should be improved, so our input is unlikely to provide useful information
- j. Paul: Transparency could be handled by the administrative dyad, so I would feel comfortable removing it from the deep dive dyad
- k. Mukanth: SSF-funded units should be encouraged to put metrics on their website; transparency should be integrated into administrative & allocative and deep dive dyads
- l. Jackie: How can this be used systematically to inform future decisions? Alternatively, we could pre-set a couple units and leave one spot open for top student priority
- m. Chad: I like having two pre-set and one determined by student priority, such as information from town hall
- n. Mukanth: It should be based on student priorities for the year
- o. Paul: Alternatively, we could have a more formalized process for unit presentations, i.e. they come in with a completed set of questions including financial data and effects of SSF allocations
- p. Chad: Would units keep coming in during Fall Quarter?
- q. Sylvia: Are we looking at units or priorities?
- r. Paul: Could be either
- s. Straw poll shows preference for choosing priorities each year rather than rotating units to deep dive on a cycle
- t. Ivan: The two ideas can be complimentary
- u. Sylvia: We could have a retreat where we get to know SFAC, learn about SSF context, learn about units so the new committee has a better understanding of the context for the committee
- v. Jackie: Could take place in the last five weeks of Spring with the new member training
- w. Paul: It is more likely that this will be possible next year because we have been working on formalizing SFAC procedures. Any other priorities?
- x. Crystal: Where would the money for AS support staff come from? Would we be taking money from other important student services in our decisions?
- y. Paul: Could come from other sources if not us, it does not seem like an SFAC priority at this time

- z. Mukanth: Thank you to the VCSA for grad student travel grants. If there was a concern that administration and SFAC thinks is important to students, we would find the money for it from appropriate sources.
- aa. Negin: It could take a small amount of time for a dyad to discuss student success & retention in relation to Summer Bridge
- bb. Jackie: A lot of these topics fit under the umbrella category of Student Life, either as a unit or as a general theme
- cc. Norienne: Fitness could be included in student life in general
- dd. Chad: The concern of support for students with disabilities could also be categorized under student life, but how should we define it?
- ee. Paul: Jackie has a more literal interpretation, but I could see it as more of a category of programs that affect nonacademic student experience. In general, it looks like there is general support for looking into student life.
- ff. Mukanth: The Writing Center would benefit from PR support, issues with access
- gg. Ivan: Clarified with Mukanth that it is more an issue of awareness
- hh. Paul: Access issues during finals reported by a constituent
- ii. Norienne: Now the Writing Center has support for grad students, maybe that's why grad students had less awareness
- jj. Paul: We could strike the Writing Center, but add awareness and publicity for existing services as a priority

Adjournment

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