

**California State University, Fullerton**  
**Student Success Initiative Student Fee Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 30, 2016**  
**1:30 – 3:00pm**  
**LH 804**

**Present:** Yanitza Berrios (Co-chair), Berenecea Eanes (Co-chair), Elizabeth Boretz, Manminder Gil, Karina Hernandez, Rachel Lynch, Patrick Ramirez, Gabriel Seden

**Guests:** Lui Amador, Meredith Basil, Yessica De La Torre, Alisa Flowers, Jerry Garcia, Joy Hoffman, Raymond Juanico, Rob Scialdone, Tom Thompson, Vincent Vigil, Elizabeth Zavala-Acevez

- I. Call meeting to order**  
Meeting was called to order at 1:38pm
- II. Approval of minutes**  
Co-chairs asked the committee if any changes needed to be made to the minutes. Minutes were approved.
- III. Fall 2016 SSI Funds collected**  
Raymond Juanico presented the 2016-2017 budget and the quarter one budget updates. Raymond shared that the projected budget for 2016-2017 is \$14,164,326, from which \$7,251,654 was collected for the Fall semester. Raymond reviewed the allocation amounts for each SSI section; allocations are pre-determined based on the agreements made during the founding of the SSI fee. Committee asked what happens to the funds once an objective has been accomplished. Rachel Lynch shared that the distribution of the funds works differently with regards to the SSI objectives related to facilities. For example, in athletics, although the scoreboard may have been installed, the department may have put the money upfront from which they will need to be reimbursed, pay back any loans, and/or continue to maintain the facilities that were installed or refurbished.
- IV. Reporting Format**  
Co-chairs reminded committee that this new presentation format split the section presentations into two meetings, allowing more time for questions. The Expand Library Hours section and the Alumni Student Services section that were scheduled for this meeting, were unable to make it to today and have been moved to the following meeting.
- V. Next Meeting: Friday, February 17, 2016 from 11:30am-1pm**  
Co-chairs shared that the next committee meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2016 and reviewed with the committee the sections that would be presenting today.
- VI. Reports – Section leads**
  - A. Veteran Resource Center – Lui Amador**  
Lui Amador shared that they are now serving well over 300 Veterans when last year there was just a bit over 200. This shows that students are becoming aware of the

resources and utilizing them. Lui explained how student Veterans may have a difficult time transitioning to CSUF and how having a professional staff to help with that makes a huge difference. SSI has allowed for that professional staff to be hired. Lui shared that outreaching to different community colleges is completed for this fall semester but that they will continue to follow up in order to inform and recruit student Veterans. The Titan Wellness program had 54 students attend from which the majority signed up for the program and committed to making a plan. The Senior Exit workshop did not have a high attendance, however Lui explained that the low attendance may be due to the fact that students that don't really understand the purpose of the workshop. Lui also shared that student Veteran leaders presented at NAVPA conference and set the bar for CSUF. Last, Vet Net Ally Trainings that were held this past semester allow for staff and faculty to understand student veterans.

The committee raised a few questions regarding Veteran Resource Center presentation. The first question asked if the Vet Net Ally Training was open to students, from which Lui shared that it is open to students, but the focus is on faculty and staff. Lui shared that a presentation was made to ASI and that the spring workshops are scheduled for February and March. The committee asked how many students were expected to attend and how does the VRC plan to increase attendance for the Senior Exit Workshop? Lui shared that they anticipated 108 graduating student veterans from which only 6 showed up. The VRC plans on offering the workshop at an earlier date with hopes of having students prepare and receive information earlier. The committee asked if the VRC is promoting other Campus activities, from which Lui shared that they are, with a current partnership being with the Career Center. Bringing the services to the VRC has increased attendance.

B. Disability Support Services – Tom Thompson

Tom Thompson shared that they have been able to hire and continue to fund a full-time counselor. Tom provided details on what the counselors do and what their role is. With the 33% increase in the number of students requesting DSS services, (about 18,000 students now), having enough staff members is vital in providing the support needed. Counselors do all the initial contact with students every Fall as well as training, consultation, outreach, and other tasks needed to inform and prepare students and staff. All DSS students have to be seen at least once. More outreach has allowed to identify more students with needs. DSS also conducts training for staff and faculty, from which they have provided 34 trainings with chairs and coordinators from the different colleges. Presentations to ASI leaders and student affairs staff have also been conducted. Some programs that DSS offers to the campus community are DSS Awareness Day, the history exhibit, and a DSS commencement from which they plan to incorporate allies this year. Dr. Eanes added that there are glaring challenges/needs in DSS that need to be addressed and for the campus like CSUF, we do not have the support and resources needed.

C. Diversity Education Initiatives – Joy Hoffman:

Joy Hoffman shared that DIRC is continuing to program in all of its centers. The LGBTQ resource center is new and requires a lot of work. Joy also shared that most

of SSI funding however goes to staffing of student assistants in the centers. Student assistants help keep the centers open and all have the same hours of operation. DIRC provides student assistants more than just office experience, but provides student assistants the opportunity to create, develop, and assist. Joy shared that recent events have caused a lot of issues with regards to staffing. Coordinators do a lot to support students and at this moment, Dreamer students are being highly impacted. The support being provided is more than just support and space issues, but requires action oriented support before the January 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. Issues such as how to bring students back if they're out of the country studying aboard or interning and if folks need to change their name before January 20<sup>th</sup> are a few examples. Joy also shared that thankfully, DIRC is fully staffed.

The committee asked if the centers had the adequate amount of student staff and staff from which Joy shared that they are exploring capacity and needs. Currently the centers are not open on Fridays; dialogue about how many hours folks are working, if students and/or graduate students can help fill gaps, and how to do so in way that doesn't burn out staff. Dr. Eanes shared that she recently met with DIRC and encouraged folks to collaborate and not react to the events that happen. Joy shared that while staff was at a conference, (November 9<sup>th</sup>), support from all over came into the center to support students because of the collaboration that DIRC has made.

D. Diversity Education Initiatives – Alisa Flowers

Alisa Flowers shared that WARC Staff has been trained and about 23 prevention workshops have been provided to the campus community. Currently there is a focus on new students and with Fraternity and Sorority life. WARC held 3 campus wide events in October: Violence Prevention Conference with about 300 attendees, Survivors Speak where folks shared their experiences without having to identify themselves, and Survivors and PTSD, a collaboration with the VRC. A CalWORKs specialist is working to help verify student resources and a new hire will hopefully be on board next year.

Committee asked questions regarding the events and the amount of times they are held per year. Alisa shared that if WARC was to host events held in October, it would probably be during Sexual Assault Awareness Month and in collaboration with the Gender and Women Studies department. Alisa also shared that the Fall seems to have a greater turnout, especially with the alignment of Domestic Violence Prevention month. Committee also asked about Tuffy's closet. Alisa shared that it is located in WARD, is constantly accepting donations, and that a lot of students have been using the Tuffy's Closet, especially for conferences.

E. Diversity Education Initiatives – Meredith Basil (for Vincent Vigil):

Meredith Basil shared that a lot of work is being done around Fraternity and Sorority life, specifically with the leadership aspect in that community. President monthly workshops focus on how to grow the community in positive ways, New Member Orientation had over 300 members in attendance, and the first Emerging Leaders

Retreat was held this Fall. Staff are working to build a community with Fraternity and Sorority Life.

**F. Expand Academic Advising – Elizabeth Boretz**

Elizabeth Boretz shared how academic advisement is tracking first year students who are returning in the fall, leading to over 100 re-enrolled students because of voicemail communication. Other students required further conversation and contact but in sum, the contact with these students is making a difference in the number of students re-enrolling. The Graduate student success center was opened last spring; students are using the resources and paring with faculty mentors. Elizabeth shared how academic advising is working to find a way to integrate the new graduation initiative; there is a steering committee specifically working on the issues related to the graduation initiative and the graduation specialist are measuring which students they should target first and which ones will need more support. All student success centers are open, with the Arts and HSS being the last two to open. Faculty training has been a tremendous support for academic advising, especially with regards to using the advising tools; most notes are being posted by faculty. The retention and graduation specialists are focused on problem solving; students under stress and now dealing with a different kind of stress because of recent events. Elizabeth shared that teams are meeting every 5<sup>th</sup> Friday to talk and be trained on more holistic issues surrounding our students.

**VII. Spring Semester Meetings**

The Co-chairs reviewed the upcoming meetings, currently scheduled for February 17, 2016 from 11:30am-1pm and for April 14, 2016 from 11:30am-1pm. The meetings are subject to change based on student's schedule. If there are any issues, please contact Yessica De La Torre.

**VIII. For the Good of the Order**

Dr. Eanes shared that all the information is on the website and to please share with colleagues. Anything that SSI funds should have the appropriate marketing logo, and if committee recognizes places where that is not the case, please share that ASAP. Committee raised the question of how to share or explain to folks how the allocations were made, specifically when it comes to talking about re-allocating the SSI fee. Dr. Eanes shared that reminding folks about the process and the needs that were identified when the fee was created, was done by students. Committee shared that the allocations reflect the needs of the students, many of which are tied to staff and services. If re allocation was to be considered, this would mean that something that is currently being funded, may not exist after the reallocation. A reallocation, if possible, would make it difficult to maintain student services and resources currently being offered. Dr. Eanes agreed that over the years it will be difficult to express the background work of the SSI fee, thus the need to continue to share the benchmark data; where do we stand with other institutions, then and now?

**IX. Adjournment**

Meeting was called to order at 3:20pm.