# <u>Meeting Summary</u> Mandatory Student Fee Advisory Committee Thursday, October 31, 2019

# 1. Welcome and Minutes

Committee members and attendees introduced themselves. Per the attached attendance list, all eight student members were present, along with all four committee members including a third non-voting member. The Committee reviewed the minutes from October 3, 2019 and no amendments were proposed. The minutes were approved as posted on the website.

# 2. Letter From the Chancellor

Jamie Fernandes read over the letter and the Chancellor's message to remain affordable for students and maintain the current level of fees

# 3. Mandatory Fee Presentations

Staff presented overviews of their respective program areas funded by mandatory fees as follows:

Transportation (Presentation) – Sherry Davidson and Aaron Fowler updated the committee on the status of the Transportation Fee and services funded by the fee. Transportation is not asking for a fee increase this year.

### Questions:

- Q. Is the \$12 potential proposed increase in FY22 mentioned per semester?
- A. Yes, per semester
- Q. Will the construction of the student center and Howey (physics) alter bus routes?
- A. Yes, we are trying to try ways to alleviate it.
- Q. How was the allocation by institute determined?
- A. A survey by those that use it
- Q. Why can't you ask the institute to pay more to offset the students?
- **A.** Auxiliaries cannot use state money to cover student expenses. Per Board of Regent's policy Auxiliary services must be self-funded.
- Q. How did PTS offset lack of fee increase since FY17?
- **A.** Enrollment increases and the revenue generated by those additional students.
- Q. Are the use of electrical vehicles being considered?
- A. Yes, but right now is not cost effective due to infrastructure needs
- Q. Why did personal services increase?
- A. 4 additional night time drivers
- Q. Since Singerette is no longer contracted out is it still an auxiliary
- A. Yes.

Health (Presentation) –Benjamin Holton updated the Committee on the status of the Student Health Fee and services provided by Stamps Health Services. Health is not asking for a fee increase at this time.

# Questions:

**Q**. Do online students pay the fee?

A. No. As a result they do not have access to health services.

Q. Is pet therapy an option for mental health?

**A.** Yes, it already exist in a limited capacity.

**Q.** Is there any tracking of mental health for students outside of 3 hours?

A. There is and we are looking to enhance it

Q. Can a fee increase cover the SHIP rate increase?

**A.** The SHIP rate is a reflection of what the plan pays out for care. Since we don't charge SHIP for visits with a provider, only for prescriptions in the pharmacy and for labs, a fee increase is unlikely to have a significant impact on those expenses going to SHIP and therefore would not affect SHIP rates.

Q. What is causing the uncertainty with the SHIP revenue?

A. It is hard to project participation in the program

Q. How has health initiatives being moved effected the health fee?

**A.** The movement of Health Initiatives from Campus Services to Student Life has not had any effect on the health fee.

# 4. Future Meetings

Meeting III – Thursday November 7th, 2019 – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM WVDC Presenting:

Student Center Operations Campus Recreation Center Operations Athletics

- Meeting IV Thursday November 21st, 2019 11:30 AM 1:30 PM WVDC Votes on fees
- > Alternative Dates

Thursday November 14, 2019 – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM Thursday December 5, 2019 – 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

FISCAL 2020 COMMITTEE	
TO CONSIDER FISCAL 2021 FEES Thursday, October 31, 2019	
<u>Students</u> (8 members)	
Pooja Juvekar, Undergraduate Student Body President (UG)	Present
Divyesh Gutta, Joint VP of Finance (UG)	Present
Emmett Miskell (UG)	Present
Josh Eastwood, Undergraduate Representative (UG)	Present
Narayan Shirolkar, Graduate Student Body President (G)	Present
Lea Harris, Graduate Student Senator (G)	Present
Marc Muehlberg, Graduate Student Senator (G) (Co-Chair, MSFAC)	Present
Chandler Thornhill, Graduate Student Senator (G)	Present
Faculty and Staff (4 members)	
Jamie Fernandes, Exec Dir, Inst. Budget Planning & Administration (Co-	
Chair, MSFAC)	Present
Isabel "Yiny" Lynch, Budget Mgr. (Co-Member w. Jamie Fernandes & does	
not get an additional vote)	Present
Angela Hicks, Asst. Director - Financial Ops., College of Mechanical	
Engineering	Present
Jacqueline Garner – Lecturer, Sheller College of Business	Present
Chris Reaves - Director, Center for Academic Enrichment	Present
Support to Committee:	
Justin White, Institute Finance and Support	

#### Other Students and Staff in Attendance (Partial List):

Barbara Hanschke, James Black, Benjamin Holton, Sherry Davidson, Teisha Young, Aaron Fowler, Tamara Lyons, Leslie Felder, Kasey, Helton, Caroline Dotts, Michael Edwards, Edo Diabaka, Dan Taylor, McCall Henderson