

Student Tech Fee Council Minutes

January 27, 2022
Via Teams @ 9am

Present: Bea Padilla, Jared Gogel, Jaycob Mace, Nik Simurdak, Alejandra Cruz-Martinez, Chris Schedler, and Julio Espinola

Absent: Ginny Tomlinson, Niranjan Malla, Phuong Nguyen

Guests: Stacy Swayze and Arturo Torres

Minutes: Bea Padilla

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by the chair, Nik Simurdak.

Presentations

Arturo Torres from the Department of Registrar presented to the council regarding his request to have the council fund a software called College Scheduler in the amount of \$27,075. The council has paid this software for the last 2 years but wanted Arturo to present some usage data. This software helps students create schedules, they input their classes and other activities and it creates multiple schedules for students choose from. Academic advisors are also starting to use this, to help students select courses. Arturo mentioned peak usage was before the pandemic, but the software already has 1,189 users for January 2022 and the month is not even over yet, this indicates that usage will be higher than last year.

The council agrees this is important for students, but they would like to advertise this more. Nik mentioned that this would be helpful for transfer students, Arturo agreed and would like to work with the council on future advertising. Chris Schedler mentioned he should work with John Mounsey to promote this at orientation in a digital way. Its unfortunate that this is a virtual service that wasn't used as much during the pandemic when everything was online.

MOTION: To fund the College Scheduler Software for the Registrar department.
MADE BY: Nik Simurdak. **SECOND:** Chris Schedler. **VOTE:** All in favor, motion carries.

Wepa Update

Bea talked to Wepa and we can reduce the number of kiosks on campus, however that would increase the monthly lease payments from \$99 to \$199. This would not save the council money unless they reduced the number of kiosks to less than 15, which is not ideal. The council would like to meet with Wepa but would like to reach out to students about the kiosks first. A decision needs to be made by April or early May.

The council would like to put out the survey on Instagram the week of February 14th, most likely Friday the 18th. Alejandra is going to check which day of the week would be the most effective to post on. The council is going to finalize Wepa questions next meeting (2/3).

Meeting adjourned at 9:42am.

Voting

Alejandra Cruz-Martinez
Jaycob Mace
Jared Gogel
Julio Espinola
Phuong Nguyen
Bausav Malla
Nik Simurdak
Chris Schedler

Non-Voting

Ginny Tomlinson
Bea Padilla