

**Services and Activities Fee Committee
Minutes
May 11, 2011**

Meeting called to order: Megan Hammond, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Agenda: Removed “Policy Changes” addressed at last meeting. Agenda approved.

Attendance:

Student Members: Brad Nelson, James Rae, Megan Hammond, Ivana Trottman, Ian White, Andrew Williams, and Michael Wittenbrink.

Professors and Professional Staff: Jack Baker, John Bowen, Ed Day, Kay Kenison, Scott Robinson, Emily Spoor, and Wendy Williams.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from May 4, 2011: Michael Wittenbrink moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Brad Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Supplemental or Base Funding Requests - Presentations: None.

Supplemental or Base funding requests to be voted on: None

New Business: None

Other Business:

S&A Fee Discussion:

James Rae would like the S&A fee increased to 14% providing enough money to continue to fund services and provide for supplemental requests next year. The 14% increase would provide stable funding and could be re-evaluated in a couple of years. It should be noted that S&A increase can only go as high as tuition is increased by the Board of Trustees. Several others were concerned raising the fee as high as 14% and thought a lower fee would be more prudent in these troubled economic times. Also a concern with cuts to each provider’s budget would probably affect student employees first. The 14% increase would provide a large surplus to roll-over to next year and would not show fiscal responsibility.

MOTION: Michael Wittenbrink made a motion for a 10% S&A fee increase for the next year. Brad Nelson seconded. Motion failed.

Discussion on how serious the budget problem is and that the providers are not immune from budget cuts. It is suggested to cut each provider 1 – 2% across the board.

MOTION: Michael Wittenbrink made a motion for an increase of 10% S&A fee and 2% cut to providers across the board. Ivana Trottman seconded. Motion failed.

MOTION: Brad Nelson made a motion to increase the S&A fee to 12%. Ian White seconded. Motion carried (4 yes, 2 no)

Amended Motion: Michael Wittenbrink amended the motion to add a 1% cut in funding to the S&A recipients. Brad Nelson did not accept the amended motion.

MOTION: Michael Wittenbrink made a motion to cut 1% to all base funding recipients. Ivana Trotman seconded. Motion carried. (4 yes and 2 no)

It was noted that providers have seen cuts to their budgets by not receiving the proposed 3% increase and also the cost of doing business is higher and the minimum wage has increased in addition to their buying power has been going down.

The committee discussed the \$860,000 administrative fee being charged to the S&A. This fee will need to be approved and the recommendations for the budget change for S&A will need to be approved by the Board of Trustees.

MOTION: Ian White made a motion to reject the assessed administrative fee (market basket) as presented and move to dispute resolution. Motion carried. (All in favor.)

S&A will invite the administration to the next meeting to discuss the assessed administrative fee.

MOTION: Ian White made a motion to remove the freeze for supplemental requests. Andrew Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Because of the discussion with the administration at next week's meeting and the need for an accounting on the flex budget, supplemental requests will be held for one week. Supplemental requests will need to be processed through the flex budget for the remainder of the year because of the timing of the Board of Trustee meeting.

Emily Spoor: Emily had only 11 new responses this week. She thought she would summarize the results so far and resend the mass email again to see if she could get more responses. She also plans on reporting the responses for planning purposes for the next year's committee.

Announcements: Red Curtain Review is coming up on May 20-22 and will feature a number of the performers going on the international tour this summer.

Schedule of Next Meeting: May 18, 2011.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.