

## Student Fee Referenda Committee

### Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2011

**Members present:** Mark Lucia, Claudia Covello, Walter Wong, DD Fanner-White, Judi Sui, Jodie Rouse, Vishalli Loomba, Marilyn Stager, Olivier Bouan, Bahar Navab, Phillipe Marchand, Julia Joung

**Members absent:** Fabrizio Mejia, AJ D'Asaro

**Guests:** Tomer Ovadia and team from Daily Cal; Seamus Wilmot from Parking & Transportation

**Recorder:** Laura McBride

#### 1. Daily Cal referendum

Editor-in-Chief Tomer Ovadia and other *Daily Californian* representatives presented the first version of their potential referendum – “Vitalizing Online Information and Community Exchange (VOICE).”

- Goal is to bring students together through communications
  - Potential for students to increase mediums to communicate
  - \$5 per student per semester (with 33% return to aid)
  - Funds would potentially be used for 30+ student publications to develop/improve their online offerings
  - Going through petition process (not ASUC senate approval) to put referendum on ASUC ballot
  - Fee could support scholarships/stipends for certain students to work at Daily Cal
- SFRC Feedback/Questions/Recommendations
- Should be an unrestricted fee, don't limit use of funds
  - Use existing oversight committees or even out representatives on oversight committee
  - Need an incentive for grad students to vote for this
  - Recommend including fixed escalations over proposed term of fee
  - Summer students' benefit?
  - Projected budget breakdowns within Daily Cal, more communications with the 30+ student publication groups & get projected budget breakdowns for all
  - If students are funding this fee, Daily Cal might no longer be seen as an independent publication; what does that mean for the Daily Cal
  - CSF would like to have a seat on the committee
  - Specify which students would pay fee - only students on campus (i.e. not EAP students)?  
Make it clear

#### 2. Class Pass fee renewal

Director of Parking & Transportation Seamus Wilmot presented the potential referendum

- Was previously a department-led referendum, but P&T recommending as student-led for next renewal
- This would be a Spring 2012 referendum for fee renewal that would begin in Fall 2013
- Working on possible plans to incorporate Class Pass into Cal 1 card and include this in the fee--would cost \$10 per new card
- Will go through ASUC Senate approval, not petition process, to place referendum on ASUC ballot

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- Class Pass advisory committee: language not clear
- Referendum language: ASUC election rules place word limit on the ballot for fee proposal
- Advisory committee could have the option of increasing alternate technology fee year to year
- General feeling of inconsistency/unreliability with AC Transit

**Next SFRC Meeting: Tues, Nov. 15, 2011, 11:15am-12:15pm, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Eshleman conference room**