

Student Fee Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025
Kerr Hall #278 or Zoom
1:30 - 3:00 pm

Zoom: <https://ucsc.zoom.us/j/98559266028?pwd=XOXI1eAbHbfVmdgNNgEAcBZ9mM86JT.1>

Present: Marshall, Mel, Cheryl, Trey, Lauren, Wajah, Lisa, Aiden, Lucy, Manel, Katie, Tanisha, Shirley. Quorum is established.

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Members introductions: Name, Pronouns, Year, Major, and Space.
 - b. Order: Cowell, Stevenson, Crown, Merrill, Kresge, Porter, Oakes, RCC, C9, JRL, GSA, GSC, SAB, Provost, SUA, Lisa, Lucy
2. Approval of Agenda & 2/18/25 [Minutes](#)
 - a. No objections to the agenda or minutes. Motion carries.
3. Public Comment
 - a. No one is present for public comment.
4. Announcements & Updates
 - a. CSF Winter @ UC Merced March 7 - 9 (In Person and Zoom Option)
 - b. Member updates
5. Appeals Process
 - a. Appeal form was approved via Google Form vote:
 - i. 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstentions
 - b. Subcommittee formation - who would like to serve on the subcommittee to review appeals?
 - i. Trey, Katie, and Mel, Cheryl will serve on the committee
 - ii. We can add this subcommittee to the By-Laws
6. Meeting Attendance
 - a. [Bylaw changes](#)
 - i. Allow vote by proxy and alternate members
 - ii. We will also add the appeal subcommittee into the bylaws
 - iii. Bylaw changes passed by consent.
7. 2024-2025 Funding Call
 - a. Resources
 - i. [Proposal Folder](#)
 - ii. [Rating Worksheet](#)

- iii. [Absent Member Notes](#)
- b. Current Standing (what remains to review)
 - i. Requested: \$1,445,044.00
 - ii. Available: **\$216,955 (SSF/EMH Combined)**
- c. Proposals to review and discuss this meeting:

33	Men of Color Healing Association	Wayne Akpakpan, Thaddaeus Mammo, Lenora Willids	MOCHA, Office of African, Black, & Caribbean Student Success	\$45,000.00
34	EOP 2nd Year STEM Program	Anum Qadir, Leydi Cortes, Emilia Cline Arellano, Nancy Gonzalez Reyes	Educational Opportunity Programs, STEM Counseling SSE	\$40,000.00
36	Graduate Student Professional Development in Public Speaking with an Emphasis on Grad Slam Participation	Sonya Newlyn	Graduate Division	\$10,000.00
37	SlugMUN (Model United Nations) Yearly Competitions	Vanessa Canchola, Haley Balbuena, Sofia Ulriksen	SlugMUN (Model United Nations)	\$22,700.00
38	Supporting Prospective and First Year Students	Carmen Robinson and Carrie Haber	Science Excellence	\$14,730.00
40	Building a Stronger Welcome: Funding Orientation & Welcome Leaders (OWLs)	College Programs Coordinators: Paola Lopez, Cristina Audas, Monica Ramos, Veronica Shane-Vasquez, Tim Barbour, María Dolores Castillo, James Blaine, and Christian Galliguez	The Activities and Programs Offices of Cowell College, Stevenson College, Crown College, Merrill College, College Nine, College Ten/John Lewis College, Kresge College, Porter College, Oakes College, and Rachel Carson College	\$80,702.00

41	Black Academy & Transfer Prep Partnership	Lenora Willis, Autumn Johnson, Lorato Anderson, Sara Radoff	Black Academy	\$55,000.00
42	African American Mentorship Program	Autumn Johnson	African American Resource & Cultural Center	\$44,309.00
43	EOP End of Year Graduation Ceremony	Roberto Becerra	Educational Opportunities Program (EOP)	\$20,000.00
44	Dia de los Muertos Ceremonia	Xiomara Lopez, Jose Reyes-Olivas, Jailene Tzintzun	El Centro: Chicanx Latinx Resource Center, Quarry Amphitheater	\$35,995.00

- d. 33: [Men of Color Healing Association](#)
 - i. Mel suggests that we fund all of the programming, at \$8105. Mel would like to cover a portion of the employee wages as well, perhaps the peer mentors. There is some agreement from the group about this proposal.
 - ii. This proposal is eligible for EMH
 - iii. Discussion regarding supporting 1 or 2 students.
 - iv. We have not seen a request form this group for several years and it's good to see an organization that hasn't been reliant on SFAC funds.
 - v. Discussion regarding the fund sources in the ABC Student Success budget. Carryforward seems to be reasonable.
 - vi. Lauren suggests two student it
 - vii. \$19,447 for two peer mentors and all of the programming budget.
- e. 34: [EOP 2nd Year STEM Program](#)
 - i. Mel suggests funding the student employees plus benefits at \$7246. If we can fund more, we could include programming, adding (\$4650).
 - ii. Marshall reminds the group that Orientation is considered a core university function by CSF.
 - iii. Note to the awardee: Please do not change the budget template in the future.
 - iv. \$10,896 for student employees, benefits, and programming except food for fall welcome. There is consensus to support.
- f. 36: [Graduate Student Professional Development in Public Speaking with an Emphasis on Grad Slam Participation](#)
 - i. Also known as "Grad Slam"
 - ii. Wahaj explains that he hasn't had personal experience with the program but the proposal itself is well written. The only item that he is concerned about is that \$5,000 seems high for the prizes. We could reduce this.
 - iii. To be consistent with another similar proposal, we could fund the finalist prizes only. Trey asks if we will also fund programming.

- iv. Lauren suggests funding \$10,000. There is consensus. We will fund any expenses other than prizes for the preliminary rounds.
- g. 37 [SlugMUN \(Model United Nations\) Yearly Competitions](#)
 - i. There are comments regarding how organized this application is.
 - ii. Budget sheet was edited.
 - iii. Lauren suggests funding Harvard and one other trip. Marshall suggests adding UCLA because 24 people can attend.
 - iv. Funding Harvard and UCLA is \$15,015
 - v. Trey agrees. There is consensus.
- h. 38 [Supporting Prospective and First Year Students](#)
 - i. Cheryl suggests funding the student employees for the academic year. Not sure about the food.
 - ii. Marshall suggests food and two mentors. \$10,420.
 - iii. There is consensus.
- i. 40 [Building a Stronger Welcome: Funding Orientation & Welcome Leaders \(OWLs\)](#)
 - i. Marshall explains that he has a lot of issues with this proposal because it doesn't explain how much it costs to subsidize an OWL (dining plan, housing costs).
 - ii. Concern is noted regarding there being no permanent fund source for a function like this.
 - iii. Mel says that students don't receive academic credit for this work.
 - iv. Lisa asks whether the College Student Government Fee could pay for this? Marshall says yes, it currently is subsidizing these expenses. Lisa says that there is almost \$850,000 in the college student government's carry forward.
 - v. The programs offices in the colleges receive college student government fees.
 - vi. Lucy mentions that she appreciates that the ten colleges came together on this and the program is comprehensive. In year's past, not every college had OLs, some were paid and some were not paid, etc.
 - vii. Katie asks what happens if the proposal is not fully funded? Cheryl says that the proposal includes a priority list.
 - viii. We don't want to fund something that is really a permanent need.
 - ix. Lucy suggests inviting the AVC CHES to SFAC for a discussion about OWL's, student government fee, etc.
 - x. Proposal is made to not fund. Mel abstains. There are no objections.
- j. 41 [Black Academy & Transfer Prep Partnership](#)
 - i. Wahaj asks for clarification on what the 17 week period is. Cheryl says that the proposal says that mentors will connect with students in the summer. Mel adds that this is a very popular program and the in-person activities happen a few days before welcome week begins.
 - ii. Lauren suggests two mentors and the dinner, bringing the total to \$30,000, however the proposal says that DSAS may fund the program.
 - iii. Tabled to next week while Lucy checks with the DSAS.
- k. 42 [African American Mentorship Program](#)
 - i. Lauren expresses concern that the proposal said they need all or nothing;

- partial funding is not an option.
- ii. Wahaj asks if we can reach out to the authors to ask about what “pause” the program means. It is somewhat vague. Is there a threshold by which they could offer a minimum program. \$44K seems like a lot for a minimum amount.
- iii. Concern expressed that this will impact student employees.
- iv. Lucy will follow up with the Director to ask about this.
- I. 43 [EOP End of Year Graduation Ceremony](#)
 - i. Lauren points out there is a discrepancy between the budget and the requested amount. \$15,414 in the budget. In the Proposal, the request is for \$20,000.
 - ii. Mel suggests that a priority for her are the graduation stoles. A graduate ceremony is an important milestone meant to celebrate.
 - iii. Cheryl says that last year they had a limit of 150 RSVPs but 279 wanted to attend. They are asking for meals for 200 people.
 - iv. Lauren says that if you expanded line 65 on the budget, the total is **\$18,414**.
 - v. Lauren suggests that we fund \$13,000 for all of the expenses and half of the meals. Mel suggests that funding for food might be secured through other sources.
 - vi. \$13,199 for half of the meals and fully funding all other expenses. No objections.
- m. 44 [Dia de los Muertos Ceremonia](#)
 - i. Trey suggests that advertising may not be the greatest priority.
 - ii. Mel suggests funding at least a baseline for all of production and venue operation \$14,015.60. She would like to cover some of the food and altar expenses as well.
 - iii. Cheryl suggests that we could cover some of the artists and performer fees, as this is a highlight of the program (\$1000 per performance).
 - iv. Katie asks if there are two performances? Mel says the performance fees are for outside performances. There are also student performances.
 - v. Trey says that if we round up to \$15,000 to partially cover one performer or we could fund the student performers.
 - vi. Trey would like to add both student performers, and the \$100 for the prize and award. This would add up to \$15,000. It would be nice to emphasize the student performers. \$14,865.60.
 - vii. \$15,000 for the items above, and anything left over toward recycling costs.
- 8. Subcommittee Meetings Weekly on Zoom
 - a. [Outreach Committee Tuesday @ 5pm to 6:30pm](#)
 - i. Planning the Student Fee Summit
 - ii. Lucy will assign a student intern to help with the event.
 - b. [Audit Committee Wednesday @ 11am to 12:30pm](#)
 - i. Intro Meeting
 - ii. Please join us for the first meeting

9. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm

Upcoming Guests/Topics:

1. March 4, 2025: Dan Henderson, Director of TAPS
2. Results of 2023-2024 progress reports from awardees
3. Student Fee Summit
 - a. [Google Doc](#)