

Student Fee Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 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, Lisa, Lauren, Manel, Tanisha, Aiden, Lucy

Guest: Dan Henderson, Director of TAPS

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 & 2/25/25 [Minutes](#)
 - a. These were not approved because there was not quorum
3. Public Comment
 - a. No public comment
4. Announcements & Updates
 - a. Member updates
 - i. No updates shared
 - b. Updates from Outreach Subcommittee
 - i. Plans for getting pizza from costco and getting speakers
 - ii. Perhaps renting Sammy the Slug? (\$250 dollars for the whole day)
 - c. The CSF Meeting is this weekend at UC Merced. There is a Zoom option
 - i. The meeting is this weekend.
 - ii. Marshall, Mel and Trey will be attending.
 - d. Meeting next week (27 proposals remaining to decide on for first round funding)
 - i. Notes down that we are not on a good track
 - ii. May have to do a Sunday meeting or a couple hours after the main meeting to finish this
 - e. SFAC Merchandise Updates
 - i. Lucy will be trying to expedite the order
 - ii. **No updates as of yet, will try to find out more soon**
 - f. Planning for next quarter
 - i. Meeting Times - [When2Meet](#)
 1. Please fill this out for either classes your already in and classes that your on the waitlist for
 2. Please fill it out by Thursday or as soon as you can
 - ii. Starting summer fee review for FY 25-26

1. Maybe picking a few summer fee units and inviting them
 2. Could be nice to invite some of those people in
 3. So when we review it we have a lot of documentation for it that we can do more of an in depth review
5. Subcommittee Meetings Weekly on Zoom
 - a. [Outreach Committee Tuesday @ 5pm to 6:30pm](#)
 - i. Continuing to plan the Student Fee Summit
 - b. [Audit Committee Wednesday @ 11am to 12:30pm](#)
6. Appeals Subcommittee Update
 - a. [Recommendations](#) (see "Deliberations" tab)
 - b. Feedback from subcommittee members (Trey will present on behalf of the subcommittee)
 - i. Received 5 of the appeals that were submitted
 1. For CAPS Peer Advisor proposal that it was accepted in terms of family related circumstances (Approved by SFAC)
 2. Arts Division it was denied on the basis that they mentioned it was there fault (Approved by SFAC)
 3. For the GSC; the subcommittee could not come to consensus based on information given
 - a. Seems very complicated and like there could have been a procedural error on SFAC's part (Trying to contact two graduate SFAC members)
 - b. They see SFAC as an essential point of funding (this is a bit of a problem given that we have communicated to groups that SFAC is not permanent funding).
 - c. They are very much trying to do something important with these programs and use SFAC as bridge funding
 - i. Motion to accept GSC proposals based on the appeal. Motion passes with the following caveat: Next year, GSC is required to attend an orientation workshop to have a complete application.
7. Redefining Office Hours
 - a. [SFAC Bylaws Changes](#)
 - b. Tabled to a future meeting when we have more time to discuss.
8. 2024-2025 Funding Call (If Time)
 - a. Resources
 - i. [Proposal Folder](#)
 - ii. [Rating Worksheet](#)
 - iii. [Absent Member Notes](#)
 - b. Proposals to review and discuss this meeting:

25	Kresge Presents PRIDE	María Dolores Castillo, Keith Tinoco, Alexandru Wechsler	Kresge College/Kresge Presents PRIDE	\$17,000.00
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26	Minorities and Philosophy Speaker Conference	Somreeta Paul, Charissa Zeigler	Minorities and Philosophy UCSC chapter	\$5,000.00
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27	Supporting Interdisciplinarity and Intersectional Identities: Community-Building through Mentorship in Environmental Studies	Danielle Klawitter, Dr. Flora Lu	Environmental Studies Department Graduate Program	\$5,000.00
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28	The Colleges-Sponsored Writing Center	Jaime Cortez	The Colleges - Sponsored Writing Center	\$75,000.00
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- Responses to questions

29	Academic or Personal use Loaner Laptops & Chargers funding proposal	M Pratt, A Kelkar, M Douglas, A Popkey	na	\$25,329.00
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41	Black Academy & Transfer Prep Partnership	Lenora Willis, Autumn Johnson, Lorato Anderson, Sara Radoff	Black Academy	\$55,000.00
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- Updates from Lucy regarding proposal #41

42	African American Mentorship Program	Autumn Johnson	African American Resource & Cultural Center	\$44,309.00
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- Updates from AARCC Director regarding proposal #42: *At this juncture, given the state of the budgets, we are willing to accept any amount of funding to ensure that our current mentors retain their positions for AY26 to properly plan to sunset the program in AY27 if we are unable to procure stable funding.*

45	QTBIPOC Outreach and Solidarity Internship	delfin bautista	SSE / RCs / Cantu Queer Center	\$28,000.00
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- a. [OTBIPOC Outreach and Solidarity Internship](#)
 - i. Note about how part of the budget is cut off
 - ii. Earmark suggested to fund 2 students for fall, winter and spring: \$11,343

9. Measure 73 Updates

- a. [Questions for Dan](#)
- b. Guest: Dan Henderson, Director of TAPS
- c. [Measure 73 Annual Report](#)
- d. [Slide Deck](#)
 - i. Measure 73 enacted a series of increases to the student transit fee
 - ii. Have been able to increase transit levels and funding reserves to transform to zero emission busses
 - iii. Carry forward was \$5.8 million
 - iv. Anticipated that it will be expensed in later 2025 to early 2026 due to infrastructure and busses
 - v. All expenses are supported by the student transit fee
 - vi. 30 percent of total rides was provided via taps
 - vii. Wanting to optimize the resources to improve service
 - viii. EV busses
 - ix. Retirement and scrapping of older busses
 - x. They have the designs of the EV busses and are designing wraps for said busses
 - xi. Progress is being made on an app to track busses in regards to the person's location
 - xii. Adding cameras for safety and training purposes
 - xiii. Questions
 1. **Q:** TAPS has a program for students to get their CDL license; does TAPS pay for the training **A:**They developed a C class trainee program and learn via on campus buses, will train students and staff to get their CDL.
 2. **Q:** Mentioned that one of the grants was a long shot, why is that? **A:** Because there are a lot of people applying for it, and due to the political environment and uncertainty it might just disappear.
 3. **Q:** Is the grant award spaced over months or years? **A:** It is a one time thing
 4. **Q:** Is TAPS impacted by the campus budget situation? TAPS is fortunate because it is primarily funded by auxiliary funds and the referendum (TAPS is not centrally funded)
 5. **Q:** Are the current buses paid for and are any other buses being affected by tariffs? **A:** Yes they have been impacted due to both fires, tariffs, and different needs elsewhere in the country. Also the buses have not been paid for yet. No invoice until the buses are made and delivered. Mention as well that its a real concern
 6. **Q:** Dan explained that they will try to offer a new app and look for student input. How will students know that there is a new app and is doing a test launch? **A:** There is a story that was released in the

newsletter that will be released to websites and physical bus stops. (in meeting placed a link to a interest form) [Live Bus Tracking Beta Test](#)

7. **Q:** Last year they had mentioned they bought buses that came right out the factory and it would take 18 months, any updates? **A:** We are still in the 18 month period, there is hope that it will be here as soon as next year. Takes a long time
 8. **Q:** Did the proposed measure 73 referendum get approved last year? **A:** Not approved as of yet since it was not on the student ballot and did not come to fruition. Dan explains that he is very open to several aspects of the proposal and would welcome the opportunity to work with the authors again.
- xiv. Next week, we will debrief Dan's presentation and develop our recommendations.

10. Adjournment

Upcoming Guests/Topics:

1. Results of 2023-2024 progress reports from awardees
2. Student Fee Summit
 - a. [Google Doc](#)
3. Funding Proposals (tabled from previous meetings)