# Student Fee Review Board

# Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2015

1. Call to order

Lance LiPuma called to order the regular meeting of the SFRB at 5:11PM on April 13, 2015 at the LSC Room 304/306.

1. Roll Call

Lance LiPuma conducted a roll call.

Lance: Is there any gallery input? [There is none]. We will now move into presentations.

1. Presentations

* UFFAB
  + Presenter: Sam Laffey.
  + This is the current membership of UFFAB, there are representatives from every college except for Natural Sciences, which is their own fault. We also have two at large members and multiple associates. The mission of UFFAB is self-explanatory: we fund large capital projects like the Computer Science building; and we do small cash-funded projects (for example, remodeling classrooms like Plant Sci 101, flipped classrooms, stuff like that). Small things under a million dollars or so. We have seven (7) funding rules. The most important ones are 1) how it benefits the university as a whole, and so we prioritize a number of people it affects and 2)how it enhances the academic and overall feeling of this university. Those are the main two.

So this is the total cash-funded projects the board has elected to fund this year, of a total of $600,000. As you may remember from last spring we expected $400,000 of cash projects to be allocated, but an increase in enrollment and in credit hours made it so we got a nice and healthy increase. We can do $600,000 and still have $460,000 as a rollover for next year. We would have $500,000 to $700,000 to allocate next year, which we can do a lot with.

So here is the first project: atmospheric science teaching lab. We received a request from the department chair saying that they don’t have the capacity to do things anymore, and that they were willing to put in a large chunk of money. They wanted us to fund the first phase of a three (3) phase project. This is also the second best program in the country for atmospheric science, the only one better is UC Berkley. It’s on the foothills campus so we prioritize that, note that it’s on the North end of the foothills campus.

Next is Wagar 262, the board funds a remodel, this is the forth- or fifty-worse ranked facilities in the whole general assignment classroom system. The cost of that was $160,000 roughly. Next is Microbiology 101A, this is for $230,000. It is another remodel project. After that is Visual Arts- they originally came to us with three (3) proposals and we decided to fund the one of them fully. We funded the $35,000 for a metal smithing remodel, due to concerns about safety. The next one is $77,000 for the Johnson 222 flipped classroom project. That is a dual contribution project: half of it is UFFAB and there is a likely hope that central admin will pay for the other half. This is the phase one (1) of the project.

Up next we have Wagar Lobby Furniture, costing only $7,000, to provide furniture for the upper floor of Wagar because there is no place for the students to sit. There are some issues with the fire code, and this project will not be funded unless those issues are taken care of, but according to our CSU Code Officer these are easy to fix. We also received a request for a College of Business Graduate School study space. Graduate MBA program presented to us that they don’t have anywhere to study in Rockwell or Rockwell West, so the college donated the room and furniture but we are paying for chairs/table/projector. It will be an eight (8) person conference room exclusively for graduate students.

Shepardson computer labs is next. The initial request was $167,000 to remodel three (3) computer labs. While we didn’t have enough money to fund the entire thing, we did contribute $34,000 towards the project in hopes that the college and central administration can contribute some money. If not used within a year, the money will return to UFFAB’s balance.

* + We heard fifteen (15) project proposals this semester and fourteen (14) were legitimized. We base the legitimacy off of the seven (7) criteria.
  + Questions:

1. Jason: What happens if they [the requests] get voted down? You rank them A/B/C/D, what happens if they don’t get it?   
   *Answer: Everyone has the option to resubmit.*
2. Rioux: So I’m looking at the Visual Arts, Wagar, and College of Business grad student furniture, and these all seem very specialized in terms of majors and colleges. Why did you feel it was appropriate for UFFAB to fund that instead of that Colleges’ own fees funding it?   
   *Answer: They submitted the requests, the board thought there was merit in the projects, and we had the money to do it. That was the reason why. That is the case with virtually all the projects we have.*
3. Brandon: Could you speak to me a little bit more about co-sponsorships and how the board takes that into account?   
   *Answer: They are encouraged but there is no specific place in the bylaws requiring it. Some projects have more than fifty (50) percent, but some have none. It really depends on the projects, the board tends to weigh projects with co-sponsorship as a higher ranking. This fee is a specialized fee to maintain and have these cash-funded projects, which is why we can fund whatever we want regardless of co-sponsorship.*

Brandon: And can you partially fund?   
*Answer: Yes.*

1. Duane: Regarding Shepardson computer labs, you said you are dumping the rest of your budget towards it?   
   *Yes.*

Duane: And you were hoping the rest of the money would come from other sources?   
*Answer: The board and our advisors felt it was likely that it could fall under specific grants, and central administration has a pot of money to distribute at the beginning of next semester that facilities has control of. Whether or not it gets funded, I don’t know.*

*Steve H: Hi, I’m the Facilities Director of UFFAB. I’m clarifying on that: the $34,000 accomplishes the primary cooling placement. This project looks like it might make the list for further projects.*

Duane: So to clarify, if the rest of the funding isn’t paid for by other sources, UFFAB will still have the AC system paid for? *Steve: Yes. We don’t transfer any money out of the UFFAB account until matching funds are contributed, so it’s fiscally responsible and the money allocated will be used for the projects indicated.*

* ASCSU
  + Presenter: Taylor Albaugh [Vice President Elect], Jason Sydoriak [President Elect], Andrew Bondi [Associate Senator ASCSU, SFRB Board Member], Ryan [Director of Finance, ASCSU]
  + Jason: Good evening SFRB. President Elect here. We have done a lot of work on the budget—actually, we completely changed the budget. I see most of all of you are from ASCSU, but for those of you who don’t know ASCSU is the voice for students. We also control the student fees, and that is what this comes down to. During our campaigning, we said we didn’t want to raise student fees unless we looked at the budget and maximized the current budget that we have. And that’s what we did.

If you look at the student fees, you will notice that part time on campus is changed to $1.17, that’s to put it more on line with historical trends. And then also, moving further down, you’ll noticed that Self-Generated Revenue is $13,000 that’s been sitting there for a decade.

Andrew: So the Self-Generated Revenue, was because ASCSU used to sell some stuff and charge for I-ball, and that’s been sitting in the account for ten (10) years, but it’s been looking like we get $13,000 each year but we don’t. So we have moved it to the general fund.

Jason: If you look at other revenue, there is $1,000 there—that is sponsorship from other department here on campus. The general administrative costs have a significant change for salary/benefits, because we have raised salaries in the cabinet because we want to be competitive and invest in people. We want to make it an actual place to focus on their job. So that’s why we significantly changed the salaries. Salary line also represents the three (3) percent mandatory increase for the administrative assistant in ASCSU, our only staff classified professional. So you see a change in materials/supplies, and then the other operating expenses, because we found pockets of money that weren’t used and reallocated them to appropriate places. We figured out annual operating costs of the departments and have them slightly more than that. That also includes other materials and supplies in terms of technology that we haven’t been using.

Andrew: There is in Other Operating Expenses an oversight of contracts, for the Rocky Mountain Student Media Corporation contract they needed a two (2) percent mandatory increase and that is the other $10,937 is on that line. However, those two (2) numbers don’t add to $12,000 because we absorbed over $800 into the operating budget as a whole. ASCSU has had a good fund balance in the past due to administration not being able to spend all their allocated money that year. In recent years we have spent into that really heavily, so the line down beneath shows our expected “rollover”. In other costs, travel went down by $75,000 because the motor pool cost for Ram Ride was being double allocated, so we cleaned that up and moved things around appropriately.

* + Jason: The Mandatory Fiscal Increase is all that we are asking for.
  + Questions:

1. Lance: Can you give us a penny-by-penny of where the twenty-five (25) cent mandatory increase will go?   
   *Jason: So it’s on the fiscal note, it’s the salary increase to the administrative assistant.*
2. How much is that exactly?   
   *Jason: We don’t have those numbers but we can get it to you*.
3. You are aware of the five (5) dollar decrease to the budget. Please help me explain those numbers.   
   *Jason: We are just going to let it happen, we don’t want to take advantage of having a New Resource Request. We don’t think that is genuine. With all the allocations that Bondi has been able to do, we have been able to do without a fee increase.*
4. Brandon: I’m still kind of curious as to why we are seeing such a huge reduction in materials/supplies. What has that paid for in the past?   
   *Ryan: Materials/Supplies is the department budgets, office supplies, course evaluations, and $25,000 for BSOF.*

Brandon: I guess I’m just curious as to… would it pay for things like Grill the Buffs?   
*Andrew: So Grill the Buffs was only $8,500, and there is an additional $20,000 for those events being put on. Most of the ASCSU sponsored events are not things we are paying into, it’s more of us coordinating other groups to have the events. ASCSU provides volunteers or engagement.*

1. Conner: Help me understand the fifteen (15) approved for travel/materials, it is reduced a lot. How did you manage to get those numbers cut so much?   
   *Andrew: The Fiscal Note specifically mentions that about 65k was due to Ram Ride motor pool, and is in the Ram Ride expenses in the contractual area. Also there was a trip to DC not done this year, and just general savings with the other costs of traveling.*
2. Jason: You said you double allocated the Ram Ride. I’m not seeing where that money went after you reallocated it.   
   *Jason: No, it* was *double allocated. It went into Other Operating Expenses and the salary increase initiative for the employees inside of ASCSU.*
3. Laffey: How can you justify lowering our fund balance, which is deficit spending?   
   *Andrew: ASCSU has a tendency to just spend into it. That is a projection based on the amount we expect to see come in at the end of the year, but we don’t entirely know how much that fund balance is going to be. $23,119 is the amount we are spending out of it, past years is $83,000 of $44,000 to do that. We expect this administration to not spend all of their money.*
4. Laffey: How can you justify removing the student course surveys?   
   *Answer: They aren’t being removed. They are being taken from senate general and put into department of academics.*
5. Nick: I move to extend Question and Answer by five (5) minutes. [Seconded]. [Passes aye vote.] First off, I would like to say that it’s interesting you were able to tighten up the budget, thanks for that. Besides increasing the twenty-five (25) cent mandatory, did you feel you didn’t need more to accomplish the initiatives?   
   *Jason: A lot of them are in the budget already and we have reserves, there will be specific reserves to each department of $500, and if they break through that there is the executive reserve to be utilized with the approval of the SBC [Senate Budgetary Committee].*

Nick: So to clarify, no one initiative was line itemed a certain amount?   
*Andrew: Correct. We projected everything out, and if there wasn’t anything specifically budgeted out in went into the reserve under the executive discretionary fund.   
Jason: It’s showing that our admin won’t go rampant and spend way more. That’s the goal, it’s another check.*

1. [Gallery yielded to]. Will: To clarify, with the double Ram Ride that has now been fixed, does that mean that money is existing now in ASCSU with no name on it?   
   *Ryan: Yes.*
2. Clayton: On the budget, where is the senate budget and where is that denomination?   
   *Answer: It’s under Materials/Supplies, like all other operating departments. We don’t have exact amount being allocated, but discretionary went from $5,000 to $500. Overall that’s about the general cost of it. Salaries for SPT and other legislative officers is under the Salaries/Benefit line.*
3. Clayton: So what is the number, not including the Mandatory Increase for Kim, for the increases in salaries there?   
   *Answer: We don’t have those numbers now.   
   Lance: It is $76,000.*

Clayton: Can you bring us a document for that?   
*Taylor: Definitely, we have it all broken down in a way more detailed version.*

1. Sam: Taylor, what would your salary be next year?   
   *Taylor: As it is now, it’s $8,000.*

Sam: But you won’t chair senate.   
*Taylor: Yes, but I will be chairing SFRB and doing Faculty Council and all the initiatives on our platforms going into this. I’m going to be doing just as much work. All the work that would traditionally gone into senate will be put into other initiatives. And on Wednesday I would be more than willing to discuss this in senate as well.*

1. Evan: I would love to see the detailed budget to Senate, can you send it to Lance and send it back to the board?   
   *Answer: Yes we can do that.*
2. Lance: So would you still be within the 10.5% percent allocated for the salary budget in ASCSU?   
   *Answer: Yes.*

* CSU Health Network
  + Presenter: Anne Hudgens [Executive Director of CSU Health Network].
  + I’m bringing you a presentation related to the new Medical Center. The building will be a three (3) story, fully outfitted building, for the fourth floor being able to be built out as additional tenants require.

Lyn: So that’s at the corner of Prospect and College, on the left-hand side.

* + Anne: Our reasons for building a new facility: Hartshorn is fifty (50) years old, counseling in Aylesworth is sixty (60) years old, so both have outlived their mechanical usefulness. The biggest reason is that we have outgrown those buildings. We have had to move some programs to other buildings to accommodate for growth. We’ve been working since 2009 for an integrated philosophy for student health, having counseling and health services working together. Why now? This is a University building and there are some donors who have been interested in being part of this facility and the money is available now, about ten (10) million total. We are also facing rising construction costs, so Mike Rush (university architect) has told us that each month equates to a $300,000 less being available in terms of cost. We have majorly outgrown this space and can achieve a lot in the new building. The integration strategy has medical and counseling teams working together. It is the cutting edge of the future in healthcare, but it’s hard to do when our staff are split between Aylesworth and Hartshorn. So we want to create a team approach for care for students. We will be able to do a lot more with the building designated for the integration. It is a lot more functional. We have also had increased demand for our services, as I mentioned in the last presentation. We serve about fifty-two (52) percent of students in the Medical Clinic, and the average number of times a student sees us per year is six (6) times.

First floor: UC Health Clinic for Occupational Health, which is a clinic for Faculty/Staff. Part of a cultural shift to try and enhance our availability for all of the campus community. The Center for Healthy Aging is being given by the Columbine Health System and is a collaboration with CHHS, and is dedicated to doing research about the aging process. The Pharmacy is ours, the CSU Health Network’s, and is our big revenue generator and that will only increase over time. Second floor: medical services (women’s clinic and psychiatry), then administration and patient business support, and a full-service lab. Third floor: counseling services, specialty counseling, dental, classroom/ multi-purpose space, and health education/prevention services would be located here. Also adding group workshop space. We also have a place for bike commuters on the first floor. We also have better space for students. Up in Health Education and Prevention Services, we want a meditation space, and we are also locating the office for the Center for Mindfulness up there. That is our primary strategy related to stress.

So our primary strategy for increasing revenue is to engage in electronically billing health insurance, since all CSU students are required to carry it. Eighty-five (85) percent of our students fall within one (1) of six (6) top insurance agencies. Right now, we are not in-network so we can’t process the billings, which is the single largest complaint from students and parents. That also helps offset the increase in student fees.

* + Questions:

1. Clayton: So I have a question concerning the billing of insurance. How does that work? Is everyone billed, or only when you use the facility?   
   *Answer: Only when you use it. Instead of printing off the form for you to fill out and having you send to your insurance carriers, we would do that for you. So there will be less forced engagement for reimbursement.*
2. Jason: The plan for the first floor and urgent care, is that for anyone?   
   *Answer: Anyone in the Fort Collins community, it’s an open access clinic. It’s super cost effective because staff members also won’t have to drive as far.*
3. Jason: And how will Urgent Care be billed to students?   
   *Answer: They would engage with the insurance company as well. It gives students more options on evenings and weekends.*
4. Yohana: You were speaking about the insurance accommodations, and you mentioned those top six (6). But how will you build in health insurances for low socioeconomic status students, systems like Medicaid/Medicare, into the system?  
   *Answer: That’s our thorniest issue right now. We want to be Medicaid providers but currently we can’t be selective about who we see so if we did that we would have to see all the Medicaid population, including non-students. So we want to have collaboration among the universities in Colorado, which would actually cost the state of Colorado less to buy the student health insurance policy than it does to subsidize Medicaid. Our insurance consultant thinks we are a year or two (2) away from that and we will need legislative processes to do that, but my bet is still on it. What happens right now is that we ask students to make a decision if they want to use the services at the Health Network or if they want us to refer them out to Medicaid providers. It’s very complicated and we are very concerned about and dedicated to still providing access.*
5. Conner: What is the bond payment going to be?   
   *Answer: We don’t completely know the information for that. We are currently in the process of getting the building bonded. So the actual payment of that cannot be presented now, it will probably be early/mid next fall that we can give you that info.*
6. Conner: Can you foresee any administrative costs increasing due to the direct billing?   
   *Answer: We have been able to work internally to switch resources around. For example we are using an external transcription service instead of using ours, etc. So we are planning for it.*
7. Duane: I saw that your top six (6) providers had TriCare on there. Is there going to be any other collaboration with the VA for increased health benefits for student veterans? And if you are a non-student veteran, can you use the benefits at the facility as well?   
   *Answer: As a non-student, you couldn’t use the student health network but you could use the UC Clinic with your benefits. We already have a lot of collaborations with the VA including a program where we have a VA psychologist/psychiatrist imbedded in our facility. We are very interested in serving veteran needs.*
8. Brandon: Touch a little more on relationship with CU Health and Columbine.   
   *Answer: the building is a CSU Building, but they are contributing money and will be tenants in the building. Aka they will pay rent.*
9. Brandon: Can you touch on what it is you are asking for today?   
   *Answer: We are looking for an acknowledgement from the board that we are looking towards moving to this new medical facility and that next year’s SFRB will be looking very closely at that.*

* Ram Ride
  + Presenter: Lance LiPuma [Vice President, Senate; Chair, SFRB], Sara Williams [Executive Director of RR], Lindsey Mason [Program Coordinator for Ram Ride].
  + Lance: This is official statement we received from OGC. [Reads Official Audit, Reference Presentation]. The auditor does not recommend further review.
  + Sara: We are here today to represent our budget. We want to start with some data we collected to address previous concerns.

Lindsey: We sent a survey out to all students that have fundraised with Ram Ride in the past academic year. Over nine (9) out of (10) students stated they disagreed with SRFB’s desire to cut the fundraising options that Ram Ride currently offers. Eight (8) out of (10) stated that their desire to volunteer with Ram Ride would decreased if the fundraising options were to be cut, and almost eight (8) out of (10) stated their registered student organization would not be able to support their efforts without Ram Ride’s fundraising opportunities. We have a video to show you with testimonials and more quotes. [Shows video]. We hope that eases some of the concerns about that.

* + Here is a more detailed breakdown of our budget. [Reference Handout]
  + Questions:

1. Rioux: What was the wording on that survey that you showed the results for?   
   *Answer: The questions are the worded in the same way the answer was stated in the video.*

Rioux: So you didn’t put forward any suggested numbers? You just said “lower” or “desire to cut”, and negatively worded like that?   
*Answer: We didn’t know what the dollar amount was, so we didn’t want to make that decision.*

1. Andrei: What is the sample size?   
   *Answer: It was sent out to 1100 students, we had 196 respondents so an eighteen (18) percent return.*
2. Conner: Where were the testimonials from? The only respondents in the video were Best Buddies?   
   *Answer: The people in the video are Best Buddies members, but the quotes are from the survey in general.*
3. Clayton: Line forty-one (41) for computers and tablet replacement— how old do they have to be before you replace them and what do you replace them with?   
   *Answer: For the Tablets, we only replace them if they are broken. For computers, we base that off of recommendations from IT, and is a three (3) year cycle.*

Clayton: So what are the computers being used?   
*Answer: We have six (6) dispatch and one (1) main “director” computer for the person who oversees the others. Those are… three (3) or four (4) Nook HP computers, and the rest are normal HP desktops.*

1. Clayton: And the software, is it on the computer or internet based?   
   *Answer: It is on the computer.*
2. Nick: Thank you for putting this together. I saw on line fifty (50) you said that in FY14 you had defective car toppers, so do we have functioning car toppers now?   
   *Answer: Yes.*
3. Ryan: So the average volunteer spends how many hours per night working?   
   *Answer: Seven (7) to nine (9) depending.*
4. Katrina: So I’m currently looking at the Ram Ride app released a week ago. Under your profile, it says charge time, referring to when payment will be made. Can you help me understand why that is there? I thought Ram Ride was free.  
   *Answer: So Mobile Knowledge, who we are using, doesn’t typically work with Safe Ride Systems. We are the first to work with them. That is just a leftover from the system they based it off of, we want to assure you that there is no fee. So thank you for alerting us to that, we will make sure to remove that and get rid of all confusion on the issue. The app will not actually ever charge you. That was an oversight on our part to have that still be in there, we will get it removed ASAP.*
5. Sam: Have you gathered any other empirical data besides from the three (3) question survey, and did it include write-on responses?   
   *Answer: It was a seven (7) question survey that included places for comments, outside of that we didn’t collect any data.*
6. Rioux: What were the four (4) other questions?   
   *Answer: One was, “What programs or events did the funds from Ram Ride go towards,” and “What other impactful fundraising opportunities have they taken advantage of on campus?”*
7. Andrew: Out of curiosity, I know some nights you don’t have all your volunteers show up. How does that impact how much you give the organization?   
   *Answer: If they don’t have all thirty (30) members, they can only receive half at the max, and that’s if they brought twenty-seven (27) to twenty-nine (29). But we have a sliding scale. They need to be bring seventy-five (75) percent of the members to be paid at all.*
8. Andrew [In gallery, yielded to by Evan]: And how many have had that less than seventy-five (75) percent happen?   
   *Answer: Less than ten (10) groups, I would say.*
9. Will Maher [In gallery, yielded to by Evan]: So is there a function set up in place to make sure organizations are getting the respective payment for what they do? For instance, if an organization doesn’t have a SOFA account and doesn’t know that they need one, then do they not get paid?   
   *Answer: We don’t let them sign up if they don’t have the SOFA account.*
10. Dinner- Pizza!
11. Old business

* Ram Ride
  + Nick: Overall I think Ram Ride is a tremendous asset to the community. I think it is a great way to make sure Rams stay safe on the weekend. I’m in favor of moving Ram Ride to its own separate fee area and keeping the fee as proposed.

Rioux: Ram Ride is amazing and I love the idea, but I’m still concerned about the fiscal responsibility of assigning that much money to the student. We can’t trust that survey because it was very negatively worded and gave no numbers to back up the statements they asked. Reducing it by one hundred (100) a night would not kill participation. So I don’t think this is a needed Mandatory Increase, I would love to see something with it more reduced. I like the idea for moving it but I don’t think these are the right numbers.

Yohana: I agree with Rioux on this. Students can find other ways of funding as well. My own student org did Ram Ride in the Fall and had more opportunities from other places through SLiCE in the spring.

[Ryan yields to gallery] Lance: The term that this will be its own fee area is incorrect, so please stop saying that. Secondly, the Student Fee Board asked them to do a survey and the survey was not specified on how it would be worded. They brought back great information to the board for that.

Ryan: I am one hundred percent (100%) for the initiative, I think it is the greatest program ever. The student orgs are also totally dependent on these funds. I think it’s a great balance that they have going on.

[Sam yields to Gallery] Lance: We cannot line item budgets due to the SFRB bylaws.

Sam: Their presentation was a great use of pathos. However that survey was atrocious. That being said, I think this amount of money could stand to be reduced. I would recommend to the board that we recommend to the fee area that they reduce the money given to student organizations.

Andrew: Comment about the number of students showing up to Ram Rode: I know we were shown that they are having an amazing turnout of show-ups, but I find it difficult to believe that the show-up is due to the money hearing that they get so much of their funding cut if the student organization members don’t show up. I think it has to do with the student organizations pushing members who signed up to attend because the sliding scale is so extreme. The second thing I have is a question, so I know that getting thirty (30) students to come out can be daunting especially for smaller student orgs, do you have a rough idea of how many smaller student orgs are utilizing Ram Ride, or is it mostly FSL? *Answer Sara: I would have to look at the sheet to be sure, but based on memory I would say it’s not dominated by FSL, we have a lot of different groups. Less than half are FSL.*

* + Katrina: At the request of Brandon, I have the email that was sent out to registered student organizations regarding the survey. [Reads the email out loud, reference presentation]. So that being said, I think Ram Ride is fundamental and important to this campus and we should support it. But looking at where the survey was directed, I think that the amount of money allocated to supporting these orgs can be reduced. Maybe not by much, just to nine hundred (900) and eight hundred (800). It is still reasonable, but within a more fiscally responsible budget.

[Yield to Will in Gallery]. Will: If we go back to FY14/15, we see that there was the money spent on dispatch, this is line fifty-six (56), and also discussed on line forty-seven (47). One (1) of the difficulties in my mind is that the dispatch system was bought so quickly when the funds weren’t necessarily available.

Lance: You are entirely wrong, yield to her [Lindsey].

Will: I yield to Lindsey.

Lindsey: A dollar amount was given prior to the MOU, so there were already dollars allocated to it.

Will: My question is, was all the budget allocated to it given that the assumption was that the current payment for student orgs would be what it is now?

Lindsey: No increases are being asked to go to anything other than salary, which is a mandatory fee increase. We had seven (7) to eight (8) months to put the FY15 budget, and now we are getting closer and closer to a more aligned budget for FY16. So that’s why there is so much variation here and there. We are eventually going to settle in the middle and not rock as much.

Will: I guess then, the fee increase when the system is in such flux, I think a fee increase and once again adding more to that flux is not necessarily the best option, and maybe things should be figured out with the app before this course of action is taken. I think too much is being done with Ram Ride right now.

* + Yousef: Thank you for being transparent, and for bringing the survey to us. I want to mention that the one thousand (1000) dollar participation award being a sliding scale holds the parties accountable, so in the grand scheme of things that $100 that everyone is caught up on is really minuscule. The dispatch system—we want to help everyone and give everyone a safe ride, I think maximizing the rides and being really efficient is dollars well spent.

Duane: When it comes to the number being kicked around for the fundraising number, even if we go from the low side of the average number of workers, the volunteers are making just over $4.50 per hour. That’s a pretty thankless job. Having them work for even less is kind of asking for a bit. There is already fiscal responsibility with the sliding scale on Ram Ride’s part as well. I would be really careful about trying to whittle that down even further. I would also like to thank Ram Ride for the presentation and survey, I know others have blasted on it but it is the right targeted demographic.

* + Nick: It’s good to be mindful of our purpose and intent as a board. Look at page nine (9) of SFRB bylaws, evaluation criteria. Criteria five (5), which is history and potential for direct student involvement: we have a huge student involvement opportunity via Ram Ride. Another criteria is the ability of an organization to effectively deliver services: Ram Ride is also great in this, they are consistent and reliable.

Rioux: Point of order. Speaker is not referencing current SFRB bylaws.

Nick: Well, anyway. [Laughs in the room]. I think overall criteria is important. Despite not having updated criteria in front of me, the spirit of evaluating a student fee subset area is… I think important, because it allows us to fulfil the purpose of this board and also because we should look at this as a holistic package. It seems like micromanaging the fee area at this point by looking at the single line item. As the audit demonstrated, they are being fiscally responsible. We are caught up on the one thousand (1000) dollars for the student orgs, but that money is going directly to students on this campus. It’s going to your fellow students. They take this money and do good things with it. This is turning around and impacting lives, but also doing things for many organizations across campus that might not have the same networking capabilities. We should not hinder the student orgs in the campus community.

Evan: I think this nitpicking is a minor argument. We are voting to create a Ram Ride account out of ASCSU—

Lance: Once again, it is a reallocation of the fees collected by ASCSU into a separate account that is overseen by Off Campus Life. Creating that account will ensure Ram Ride’s longevity, and I urge that we vote yes on that. That’s the discussion we should be having, not one over a couple thousand dollars.

[Lance is yielded to in Gallery]: Lance: What is in front of you is two (2) votes. One (1) for the redistribution administered by Off Campus Life, and the second for the Mandatory Increase. If you vote no on Mandatory Increase, as purview to the SFRB bylaws it will none the less pass but will have a note to say what you want in the future. Sara, how many student use RR?   
*Sara: We have given over 204,000 rides since 2003, which we estimate to be over 500,000 students taken home safely.*Lance: So unless the board wants to reduce that number by reducing that fee, then they should vote yes on the Ram Ride fee.

* + Clayton: Ram Ride right now is part of the ASCSU fee. So it adheres to the ASCSU constitution and bylaws. So speaking with Mackenzie, in surveys we are not allowed to give incentives to these surveys. She has had problems with this recently. So I have a huge problem with this.

Lance: The survey was administered by OCL. Not Ram Ride.

Clayton: So, the question is, then: do we want to release Ram Ride to allow them to have these further capabilities so that they have more freedom to expand, or do we want them to stay within the ASCSU fee and adhere to our rules? Obviously someone is upset by what I said, can I yield to someone? I need to understand.

[Yield to Yousef]. Youself: I don’t understand why ASCSU would want to keep Ram Ride if in fact Ram Ride is getting so large that it’s helping the student body base. I don’t know where you are going with this.

Clayton: I was confused.

Lance: Jeannie, can you please elaborate for the board why the MOU was created?

Jeannie: Oh man. The MOU was created… we came together and spoke and developed a shared vision of shared roles over these two (2) years with both ASCSU and Off Campus Life, and our goal here was to provide administrative support, not to control, but to provide the structure to hold Ram Ride so it can move forward in the future. Its impact on ASCSU and staff was detrimental to health and grades, we had students going on probation in executive director roles. It was absolutely impacting ASCSU, they were turning to them for volunteers every week. Now we have the capacity to expand and go out and impact so many other groups. The intention is to provide support and consistency.

Brandon: Point of information. We don’t have direct control over that set of money because they are a MOU?

Bondi: The way the MOU functions is that there is a $251,000 line item in the ASCSU general fund that is transferred from ASCSU to OCL for the Ram Ride program. ASCSU had transferred Ram Ride to OCL through the MOU but was still financially supporting it. They are using ASCSU dollars that are given to OCL for Ram Ride, to be utilized and spent within the bounds of the MOU. So they are beyond the bounds of the ASCSU constitution but play within the MOU guidelines, and they have played within the boundaries of the MOU since then.

Clayton: Thank you.

* + Rioux: Going back to the meeting we had with Ram Ride the first time, they expressed to us that reducing it by the amount we want would save about $6,000. The increase they are asking for is over $14,000. That would move it to fifty-five (55) percent of that increase if we took that one hundred (100) dollar per student organization down. It’s ninety (90) percent of the total for having to pay half as much as the Mandatory Increase. I don’t consider this a Mandatory Increase because you could reduce the amount without changing the service to the student orgs. To previous speaker’s point about amount of money earned by each: with how quickly those spots fill up, what we are seeing is the attempt in the market to come to an equilibrium price. Student organizations want this money. Nine hundred (900) dollars they will want just as much as one thousand (1,000) dollars. That said, yes I believe we should move it to a separate fund inside OCL—I mean, administered by OCL.

[Ryan yields to Gallery]. Lance: Yes, this is a Mandatory Increase. Touching the amount given to student orgs is not contained in the discussion we are having currently. However, if you want that to be looked at more closely, that is a different discussion.

* + Andrew: First thing. At a one hundred (100) dollar reduction on Fri/Sat nights, it will be a $8000 increase over the entire semester. That’s only 3.1% of their budget, and 16.5 cents that is being saved. That’s all. I would like to reiterate that the board has seen way bigger increases, and it’s not worth our time and effort to nickel and dime this 16.5 cents. It’s just not. Ram Ride is offering an amazing service here at CSU, and student organizations are benefiting. The amount of money being allocated to the student orgs isn’t going to change in terms of the number of days that student orgs can allocate for student orgs to volunteer. Because the number of days is a fixed amount. It’s not like we will see this increase in the future.

That being said, I move to vote on moving Ram Ride to the ASCSU account to the OCL account. [Seconded]. [Taking a vote on doing Andrew’s motion. That passes unanimously.]

Lance: If you were involved in an ASCSU campaign this election, directly or indirectly, you cannot vote for the ASCSU student fee. You can vote if you ran for a senator position. Not if you were on the election’s committee.

Brandon: Moving into a vote on moving Ram Ride out of ASCSU and into an account that is overseen by Off Campus Life? [Takes roll call vote]. That passes 9-0-15.

* + Andrew: I go back to talking that this is a 16.5 cent issue we are bickering over and it isn’t even part of the Mandatory Increase request. I move to approve OCL’s Ram Ride request. [Seconded].

Lance: As of thirty (30) seconds ago, we now officially have an account labeled Ram Ride under OCL.

Andrew: I move to approve the increase to that.

Brandon: All in favor of entering discussion and debate on this please raise your placards. [Passes].

* + Rioux: So I know there are people not comfy with the budget as it is, that said I’m about to make a motion to undo this question and let them bring it back. I object to the question.

Brandon: So if you want to get against the motion to vote on this, please raise your placards. This requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Opposition wins, that fails. We will now move back into the motion of increasing the Mandatory Increase fee for Ram Ride. [No discussion and debate]. Now moving into a role call vote on approving the Mandatory Fee Increase for the fee collected to the Ram Ride account administered by Off Campus Life.

Duane: Point of information. Do we no longer have to abstain since Ram Ride isn’t part of ASCSU anymore?

Lance: Yes. But if you are part of Off Campus Life you do have to abstain.

[Brandon take roll call vote.] That passes 14-1-9.

* Athletics: Mandatory
  + Andrew: I move to adopt the athletics mandatory fee. [Seconded]. All in favor of moving into Discussion and Debate on the vote? That passes.

Andrew: Let’s expedite this. Athletics has done a great job in fiscal responsibility and Self Generated Revenue. I have confidence in their ability to move forward, and this is a Mandatory Fee Increase anyways so I urge a yes vote.

[No Discussion and Debate.] [Move into a vote on approving the athletics fee.] That passes 14-1-8.

* Interpersonal Violence Safety and Response Fee
  + Andrew: I move to vote on the Interpersonal Violence Safety and Response Fee [Seconded].

Ryan: Lance you were right. Fee amount from last time is not 4.40, instead is 4.25. Here are the updates.

Lance: All in favor of adopting the motion, raise placards. [Takes Vote]. Passes.

Andrew: This fee area has done a great job engaging with us and this is the right budget this time. I urge a yes.

[No more Discussion or Debate]. [Move into a role call vote.] That passes 12-4-8.

* UTFAB Fee
  + Andrew: I move to vote on the on the UTFAB fee. [No dissent.] Only thing I would urge is for them to continue investigating an incremental fee increase instead of a large scale hop. I urge a yes.

[No more Discussion and Debate.] [Move into a role call vote.] That passes unanimously,

* Ram Events
  + Andrew: I move to vote on Ram Events. [Seconded.] [Rioux dissents.] [Placard vote taken.] [Motion still carries.]

Rioux: I want to add the fiscal note to it.

[Andrew rescinds motion.]

* + Rioux: I move to vote that we vote on Ram Events and attach the fiscal note: For approval of funding in the following year, SFRB recommends that Ram Events build in some form of external oversight from ASCSU for better connection to the student voice. Additionally, SFRB recommends that Ram Events earmarks a portion of its budget for homecoming events for CSU students.

Rioux: After the discussions I have had, we determined this would be a way to improve accountability of the fee while still having the benefits of keeping it in the LSC. It just involves having someone with power in ASCSU on the board. I like what we have seen and I think this is the right way to handle it.

Andrew: The fee area director is in full support of this, including with homecoming. I see no reason why there would be a problem. I urge a yes vote.

Evan: I had the privilege to sit down, and as a member of the board I endorsed the resolution concerning this going through Senate, so I urge we vote yes on this.

[No more discussion and debate]. [Role call vote.] Passes 16-2-6.

* UCA New Resource Request
  + Andrew: I move to vote on UCA New Resource Request. [Seconded]. [Sam dissents.] [Placard vote. Motion still carries.]

Andrew: Yeah I think UCA has done a great job being a steward of student fees and being very transparent with all the information we asked for. They took care of all the concerns.

Brandon: I would ask for us to vote on the smaller one and then the larger increase.

Lance: Yes in the email we have two new budgets from them.

Brandon: Any investment we can make into the fine arts is well worth the money. I would like to push the fact that they don’t have nearly enough money in their materials budget to put on events. I think it’s vital we pass the minimal New Resource Request and the maximal one as well.

Evan: We have the budget back on the screen, right now we would vote on the production material. The other one is the production material and fee tickets for all students.

Andrew: Point of Information. Do we still have quorum?

Lance: We will continue Discussion and Debate, I will do role call prior to moving a vote.

[The two budgets sent in the email are displayed on the screen]

Bondi: The fact that they aren’t coming back with the larger amount for materials shows respect for the students and SFRB.

Lance: [Lance does roll call. Quorum remains.] Seeing no further discussion and debate, we now move into the UCA New Resource Request for production materials only, aka budget number one (1).

[Role call vote is taken.] That passes 15-1-8.

* + Andrew: I move to vote on UCA New Resource Request Number Two (2). [No dissent.] We just gave them the increase for production materials, so we should ensure that all students at CSU can attend productions for free.

Lance: Please explain the dollar amount on the budget.

Brandon: This would be an additional $1.16 on the fee on what we just voted on.

Sam: I am not in favor of this and don’t think the students should be paying for this program.

Rioux: I would go to a lot more UCA productions if it had been free. I went to my first one last weekend and I would have attended a lot more if it didn’t cost money. We are already living on ramen budgets, and I think the cost is part of what is stopping the involvement of the UCA.

Jason: I want to echo previous speaker. We pay a student fee for the Rec Center and not everyone uses that, so this isn’t that different.

Kelsey: I would love to add a Fiscal Note that they would advertise this more than just the UCA students, possibly to student everywhere, that the tickets are now free.

Andrew: I move to amend my motion to include a fiscal note requesting that the UCA improve their marketing reach to the entire student body in regards to their tickets now being free for all shows. [Seconded]. [No Discussion or debate on the motion]. [Vote.] Fiscal note is added to that motion.

Lance: Now moving into a vote for the New Resource Request and Fiscal Note. [Roll call vote taken.] That passes 13-3-abstentions.

* CSU Health Network Fiscal Note
  + Lyn: [Lyn goes over statues of fiscal note on the sheet] [Reference Presentation and Fiscal Note]. The point I am most concerned about is that we are supposed to consult you about any potential fee increases, so the potential of the CSU Health Network fee being impacted by this building makes it our responsibility to give you a heads up as early as possible. I would like the fiscal note down here to be approved.

Andrew: I talked to Anne briefly, she mentioned the tim schedule for bonding has shifted, hence why we are seeing this note. Can you elaborate on bonding timeline?

Lyn: I’m unclear about it. Initially I thought it was June, but I learned this week that there are some hindrances. It doesn’t mean we won’t do it in June, but it means I am unsure. I don’t want bond resources out there if we can’t move them forward, I’m waiting for additional information. That’s why I only want the fiscal note on record. I will update you if anything comes up.

Jason: I remember when we first got this, you gave us a max dollar amount. With the bonds not entirely being sure, is that max no longer the same?

Lyn: The max I quoted you off of that was based on assumptions of issuing those bonds at a particular interest rate and construct of a building. We always overestimate when we estimate bond payments. So that rate I had given to you before is absolutely the max of what we would see out there.

Lance: We will now move into discussion and debate on the motion to adopt the fiscal note.

Andrew: Director Hudgens showed that there is a need for the new building and that it will go over a solid pace the next few years. This note is more or less advising the SFRB next year, not obligating them. I see no reason why we shouldn’t just vote yes on this immediately.

Lance: Seeing no more Discussion and Debate. Moving into a vote. With a vote of 13-2-abstentions, that passes.

1. New Business

* UFFAB Fee
  + Rioux: I move to vote on the UFFAB fee. [Andrew dissents.] [Placard vote.] That motion carries.

Andrew: Point of Information. How can we pass it if we don’t have constituent input?

Rioux: Point of Information. Isn’t this a zero (0) dollar increase?

Lance: Yes, it is a zero (0) dollar increase.

Lance now entering discussion and debate.

Rioux: Well I just said it. This is zero (0) dollar increase. I am confident that they went through their processes. It’s a zero (0) dollar increase, they are doing their job: I urge a yes vote.

Sam: Point of Information. If the vote for this fee is yes tonight, will you sign that document and give it to me?

Lance: Yes. Seeing no other discussion and debate. Moving into a roll call vote. [Roll call voted on]. Unanimously passes.

* Adjournment Request
  + Sam: I move to adjourn the meeting. [Dissent from Bondi.] [Roll call vote.] With a vote of 3-14, that fails.
* Closing New Business
  + Evan: I move to close New Business and move to announcements. [Seconded]. [No Discussion or Debate]. [Vote Taken].

Lance: That passes.

1. Announcements

* Tabling Events 4/14 (Plaza), 4/15 (Flea Market), and 4/17 (Flea Market)
  + Lance: I’ve registered us for these. Since I had to readjust all the material I had planned, I don’t think we should do the tabling event for tomorrow. We will be in the flea market ones. I will be emailing and proving documents at the table as well. Both days from 10AM-1PM.
  + Brandon: Also bring binders.
* Potential Dinner
  + Brandon: Monday the 27th, we will use this time to go out to dinner somewhere on Mike and Lyn’s dime. So we will keep everyone informed on that.

Bondi: Can I request it is the same restaurant we went to last time?

Mike: We will take multiple suggestions.

1. Adjournment

Lance LiPuma adjourned the meeting at 8:17PM.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Sogge

Minutes approved by: [Name]