# Student Fee Review Board

# Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2015

1. Call to order

Lance LiPuma called to order the regular meeting of the SFRB at 5:10PM on March 23, 2015 at the LSC 304/306.

1. Roll Call

Lance LiPuma conducted a roll call.

Lance: We will now move into presentations.

1. Presentations

* Off-Campus Life
  + Presenters: Jeannie Ortega [Director]; Nancy Rhodes [Admin Assistant]
  + Jeanie: We are here representing Off Campus Life in our student fee request for FY16. We ended up switching our date from early February to now, in March, and two of our staff members are in a conference. We have back-to-back presentations, starting with OCL and moving into Ram Ride accordingly. Lindsey Mason [Program Coordinator] will join us via conference call at that time.

So, a quick overview of office and what we do. We have a structure where we report to Jody Donovan [Dean of Students]. We have six (6) student staff who work in OCL and I like to show that Lindsey Mason also helps support nine (9) of Ram Ride staff as well. We serve a lot of different kinds of students and individuals. In terms of who we serve, we go from freshmen all the way up to the community and neighbors; we have graduate students, international students, faculty and staff who benefit from our presence. They all have needs around services that we provide. Housing is a base level kind of need. When you think of Maslow’s hierarchy it’s the basic need of shelter and safety. We help provide one of those basic needs. We have a breadth of services to offer—multiple educational opportunities throughout the year; outreach for students and CSU; lots of resources in our office and our website, to be as accessible as we can be; a lot of connecting and supporting; newsletters; communicating, whether that is via display cases and newspapers, or via social media. The communication aspect is us trying to educate what the experience of living on-campus is like. We have representation in multiple ways on many committees on-campus and off-campus.

Before we get into budget, I want to focus on key points that I want you to remember. You have a revised budget. The numbers didn’t change, just the Power Point changed in our accomplishment list that had some duplications. So the spreadsheet you have currently should represent the same numbers. We have two spreadsheets: a clean one and one that has comments and explains more in detail about why those numbers are in flux. In reference to the focal points, the Mandatory Fiscal Increase is equivalent to seven (7) cents for Fall/Spring and four (4) cents for Summer. Our Revenue line will be an increase in Self-Generated that has to do with sponsorships we have been testing out for past two (2) to three (3) years. We have trends on who is participating and interested, and we are folding those numbers into our budget with consistency. We want to be conservative in our budget.

Also, we see a decrease in Other Revenues line. This is due to the unexpected redistribution of our Program Coordinator salaries, taken off of OCL in full and split between OCL and Ram Ride. Ram Ride used to give us a credit up in our Revenue line, and then the full amount of our program coordinator came out of our Salary line. HR let us do that last year but they do not let us do that this year. It has to be salary to salary. So now fifty (50) percent comes out of Ram Ride and the other out of OCL in the Salary line. So as a result we unintentionally overestimated for this fiscal year that we would be covering that full amount. So there will be a decrease in the Salary line. So that line changes to have some new salary being compensated in OCL and Ram Ride. In particular, my salary for the last couple of years has been supplemented through the fund balance of OCL, so when I accepted Ram Ride as a responsibility I had a salary amount that was attached to that. It was more than just the base line that I was receiving. But now we have about fifteen (15) percent of the base coming out of Ram Ride. It will look clearer when you see the actual numbers.

Additionally, we were requesting last year for the Admin Assistant to move to an Admin Pro position. It was a standard thing that was happening across campus. It ended up not being accepted as an Admin Pro position and wanted to stay classified, so HR classified it to a different level that required a different amount of pay. We have been holding funds back to cover expenses to when we returned after renovation [of the LSC] and now we are starting to spend that. We are a small office and our budget is small compared to the LSC or Rec Center, so a thousand (1000) dollar adjustment has way more of a percentage change in that far column than a thousand (1000) in the Rec Center. Sometimes the percentages look shocking but in reality they are smaller numbers.

* + Let’s move to actual budgeting. I am not going to go over everything. I will be working off the Box One (1) that has the colored boxes. The first boxes show what we are asking for in terms of the Mandatory Fiscal Increase of seven (7) cents in Fall/Spring and four (4) cents in Summer. That equates in Box C to $2650. Box D and Box E refer to adjustments in the Revenue line going up and down a bit. Box G, as you can see, is the $2651 of the exact dollar amount we are in need of to cover the Mandatory from FY15 to FY16. With that I am going to stop and let you absorb anything or clarify what is written. Both Nancy and I can jump in to answer questions.
  + Questions:

1. Clayton: You briefly spoke about sponsorships. Will you elaborate? Who are they?   
   *Sure. We looked at some other models around the U.S. of housing fairs, like the one we do here in the spring. There are some other universities where the event is sponsored by some of the bigger complexes. We looked into that and created various levels of sponsorship, and with that sponsorship level they would get certain kinds of opportunities. We looked at all the ways a vendor or housing place could advertise and we tried to package them together. For example, an ad in a handbook or website, some social media names or logos on posters, pushed out in social media. So we grouped a bunch of ways that we could help advertise and we have gotten some steady interest over the last three (3) years. We think it is something we can maintain. It was an unexpected initiative and we are fortunate as an office that we have the ability to do self-generated revenue. Not all offices have that opportunity, and we wanted to utilize it to not impact student fees as much as possible.*

* **Ram Ride**
  + Presenters: Sara Williams [Director, Ram Ride]; Lindsay Mason [Program Coordinator, Off Campus Life]; Jeannie Ortega [Director, Off Campus Life]; Lance LiPuma [VP, ASCSU]
  + Lance: So I’ve been poking this idea around with you recently. If you were in Senate last week, you already heard me talk about this. My goal is to have a discussion around the reestablishment of Ram Ride’s fee. I want it to be separate from OCL in terms of an account, but administered by the Director of Ram Ride and OCL. Sam Guinn [President, ASCSU] planned to be here, but she was called into work and was unable to come in. She has been integral in this process. However, I believe I can cover the points that she would have made.
  + Sara: I think most of you have heard this from presentations at Senate, but our mission at Ram Ride is “to provide free, safe, nonjudgmental rides home for CSU students.” We ride nineteen (19) vehicles on Friday nights, which is the largest “fleet” in the nation. We work with over three thousand (3000) volunteers over the course of an academic year, and they are the ones operating the fleet. We kind of consider them as part of our organization. They are supported by our staff: we have five (5) nightly Operations Coordinators and there are three (3) Management positions. Managers focus on directive tasks and the others work on more varied things. There are two (2) staff members on each of the nights we operate. We are really lucky to have some great support in the form of ASCSU and the CSU Admin. We also have a Ram Ride Advisory Board that we meet with several times a semester. Because of all the great support, we have been able to accomplish quite a lot in the eleven (11) years that we have been running. We have had over five hundred thousand (500,000) rides home, which means five hundred thousand (500,000) students getting home safe. We have about five hundred (500) rides every weekend, which equates to about 1,500 student users each weekend. We mentioned earlier that we have three thousand (3000) volunteers over the academic year. That is about one hundred and twelve (112) volunteers every weekend. We have also given over sixty thousand (60,000) dollars back to student organizations in the last academic year. Other things we have done: the implementation of new dispatch system, which has led to a sixty (60) percent increase in ridership; we launched a new website; and we have better staff/volunteer training. We now have one hundred (100) percent of our volunteer spots filled before the ride night that they are needed, and we have a ninety-one (91) percent show-up rate. In FY13, it was only a seventy-five (75) percent show-up rate. We also now send out a weekly volunteer survey, of which we have over six hundred and fifty (650) responses so far. Of those, ninety-six (96) percent have said they enjoyed the volunteering experience and ninety-nine (99) percent say Ram Ride is a valued service. We have also had a four hundred (400) percent increase in restaurant sponsorship; we now have twenty-four (24) that are giving us donations for food to give the volunteers. It places less pressure on sponsors and creates a great amount of variety for volunteers. We are also planning to release the mobile app soon.
  + Lance: So you’ve seen the purpose and service and how many students do use Ram Ride. Fantastic student fee. So we want to keep it going and suggest a redistribution. Many fee areas originated in ASCSU, grew too large, and got kicked out of the nest. With MOU coming up, it’s either kick Ram Ride out of ASCSU completely, or put it off for another year. It puts us in a predicament. I want to go over why we would redistribute. Firstly, it would allow us to have formal, long-term support of the program via the guidance from OCL. A student director would be able to have that kind of support, professional and institutionalized, and know that OCL has their back. The biggest reason to redistribute is consistency, and oversight by and accountability to SFRB. It [Ram Ride] needs to have more oversight by this board. We need to ask questions like “How are students using this?” and “Is it appropriate? Are the funds being used in the right way?” You are the stewards of that so you should have a larger input than you do currently. It also creates a sustainable budget and ability for program growth; there is a high turnover rate in Ram Ride and ASCSU and it would benefit the students to not have that. It would also be less complicated for future ASCSU administrations. We always say, “What could be the next new Ram Ride?” so it allows ASCSU to have space for new innovations.

So the focus for the budget presentation—the biggest thing right now *isn’t* creating a seventeenth fee funded area. We would open up a new account, the fees would be collected in an account that isn’t ASCSU or OCL, but it wouldn’t be its own fee area. The money that ASCSU has contracted out is about five (5) dollars for Fall/Spring and $3.27 for Summer. So that is the number that we would like to reduce the ASCSU fee and redistribute it to a Ram Ride account. So it’s not creating a new area, it is just a reallocation. For FY16, the Ram Ride would have an additional thirty (30) cent increase on top of that five (5) dollars. It would be a separate vote on the board.

* + Jeannie: The salary line includes staff salary increase. I had talked about receiving supplemental funding in my salary for taking on Ram Ride and now it’s formally becoming part of my base, and a part of my time has been equated to that. So that’s essential what that is talking about, you’ll see that reflected in salary line and free amount.

Lance: I would like to add: when Ram Ride transitioned out of ASCSU, the conversation in Student Affairs was asking, “Who should this go to?” A lot of places turned it down, but Jeannie did step up. Many admin and Student Affairs people talk about how she stepped up.

The next one is fund balance. So essentially, this is good housekeeping. The fund balance has shrunk due to a delay in the dispatch system. There are deceptive percent changes, since this has been three (3) semesters since it has been transitioned out it hasn’t had much time to stabilize, have things picked up, and have another organization take it over and go.

* + Sara: So you have the budget breakdown in more detail on the sheet. At Box A in bright yellow, it corresponds to the first three (3) columns, and it shows the converted student fee. As you know Ram Ride just receives a lump sum currently, and that breaks it down and shows what the student fee would be to make that up. So that’s $5.04 for Fall/Spring and $3.27 for Summer, full time. So we are requesting a thirty (30) cent increase for Fall/Spring and twenty (20) cent for Summer; that is associated with a six (6) percent overall increase. And those are associated with mandatory fixed costs, which as we have spoken about is really just equating to salary. Box E: as you can see we had some self-generated revenue in FY15, and then we ended up not having it due to an initiative that we tabled. However we are planning on re-implementing it in the upcoming year. Line twenty-three (23), Box F is the annual grant that we receive, then Box G is the mandatory fixed costs for student and admin pro, and the percent of the OCL Director salary that we already explained. All of the rest of the boxes are self-explanatory, if you have any questions let us know.
  + Questions:

1. Sam: why are you increasing the summer fee when Ram Ride does not operate in the summer?   
   *Sara: We wouldn’t mind not having a summer fee if the Ram Ride fee would be adjusted according.*

*Nancy: It’s how the division of student affairs divides the fees, they do that automatically.*

*Jeannie: And the office might not run at the same capacity but it is still running; we don’t completely shut down. Some of the officers now work all year round.*

*Lyn: Mike and I did an initiative with SFRB last year, it was a student initiative. There was no rhyme or reason on how summer related to the Fall/Spring fee, and we made the determination that the summer fee was going to be sixty-five (65) percent of a regular semester. We applied that across all of the fee-funded areas to have some type of similarity and consistency between the rates.*

*Sam: UFFAB too?*

*Lyn: No, I don’t think UFFAB is affected by it.*

1. Rioux: I have a couple of questions. Could you break down line thirty-nine (39)? Where is that going to?   
   *Sara: Our operating expenses are kind of associated with upkeep of technology, we have a lot including tablets, cell phones, and the dispatch system itself.*

*Nancy: There is also maintenance on the dispatch system.*

*Jeannie: Marketing and promotions as well. It jumped up high this year because Box K was rollover and the contract was not completely met in FY14. We have now spent it, so we have bumped up our operating expenses in FY15. Also, it was included in that line in the student fund raising initiatives.*

*Rioux: So how much goes to which?*

*Jeannie: Sara mentioned that sixty thousand (60,000) goes to student organizations. The rest is broken down in a variety of categories. I can’t think of it on the top of my head but we can get it to you.*

*Rioux: How many student organizations did that get down to? How many volunteered and got money?*

*Lindsey: In this Fiscal Year so far, um, I’m trying to remember the spreadsheet that Sara and I work off of. Give me one second. I have a memory of seeing roughly a line in the nineties (90s) on the sheet, there could be a couple lines for titles and things… I’m going to ballpark seventy-five (75) organizations.*

1. Rioux: How does that grant program work? What is your system?   
   *Sara: There are a couple different levels. A group needs to be registered with a SOFA on-campus, we need at least six (6) people. At that level we pay ten (10) dollars per member for the first time they volunteer, twelve (12) the second time for the academic year, then fifteen (15) but subsequent volunteering. We also offer deals: on Thursday, if a group brings fifteen (15) members they are paid five hundred (500) dollars; if on Friday or Saturday they bring thirty (30) people, we will pay one thousand (1000) dollars.*
2. Nick: I have two (2) questions. To clarify, Ram Ride does not operate during summer so any students over summer cannot call?  
   *Sara: Correct*

Nick: Ok. Second, what is the status of the Ram Ride fleet in terms of looking down the road? Do you feel the number of vehicles handles the demand or do you want to grow it?   
*Sara: We would love to grow it! We want to increase our fundraising since we don’t do very much. We attend the Safe Ride Conference as a staff and get a ton of ideas from that. We are looking forward to doing something like that, because currently I do not think we are meeting demand. Our wait times can sometimes get pretty long towards the end of the night, and the only thing we can do to help that is add more vehicles.*

1. Jeannie: Sara, will you talk about the impact the new app will have?   
   *Sara: Yeah, the app should be able to reduce wait times because it will be able to cancel rides more easily. A large queue of people happens and some people find another ride home or stay at the place and people don’t think to call and cancel. The button on the app makes it easier to just think about pressing it. Ideally those canceling will decrease the time a bit, but at the same time demand might increase because of the app.*

Jason: How often do people cancel on you?

*Sara: It happens often. It’s difficult to estimate because it is very different from night to night. Ted, the incoming director, works at night much more recently than I have. Maybe he can elaborate.*

*Ted: I’m a Night Operations Coordinator and on June 1st, I’ll be on as Director after Sara. The wait time can’t be given exactly. Thursday tends to have a shorter wait time, Friday/Saturday have more but it varies from week to week. And we don’t have an average that is representative of the way it actually runs because it varies so much.*

1. Yousef: So the app would be like Uber, in that it has GPS?   
   *Sara: Yes, it is much easier to request a ride and it can locate to where you currently are. If you were unsure of your location you wouldn’t have to figure that out, which can be a bigger problem than you think for some people.*
2. Sam: What is the current status of your proposed endowment?   
   *Sara: The account has reached endowment level. It could be endowed, but it isn’t an endowment account yet because the account was created as an operations account. So we have to ask everyone who has donated to it to ask if they are ok with it switching.*
3. Sam: Currently under the terms of the memorandum with ASCSU, we allocate two installments of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars under two (2) years for very specific purposes. Is the fifty thousand (50.000) included in the fee, making it no longer supplemental funding?  
   *Sara: Yes.*

Sam: What will you be using that for?

*Sara: Salary mostly. We have increased the salary. Chelsea, the previous Director, felt that the amount of responsibility and risk that those on Ram Ride staff take on made a higher salary for the jobs necessary. If there were any funds from that fifty thousand (50,000), it would be allocated to that.*

1. Rioux: Have you considered changing the amount you give student organizations? Have you looked at cost-benefit analysis, if it would increase the amount of time it took to fill volunteer positions?   
   *Sara: The current show-up rate is ninety-one (91) percent, and almost all of that is due to fundraising options we now offer. If we compare with rate for previous years, such as for FY13 it only had a seventy-six (76) percent show rate. That impacted our ability to provide those rides to CSU students. We are already at our peak with the full nineteen (19) vehicles. So running less than that makes the service less effective. So I would say: no it wouldn’t be possible to reduce those amounts and retain those show-up amounts.*

Rioux: So any reduction in cost would impact that, even if the reduction was just a little?

*Jeannie: It would reduce them. And we would have to reduce the size of our fleet. That it turn makes everything slow down and makes it not what it was originally intended to be.*

Rioux: where are the numbers showing this?

*Sara: Well the numbers for large groups, those are gone within the first fifteen (15) to twenty (20) minutes.*

Rioux: So you’re telling me that if you reduced that for even one hundred (100) dollars, it wouldn’t still get filled up within a day or an hour?

*Jeannie: We won’t have the same number of volunteers interested. I think it rolls back. I also think it’s hard when you offer something and then take it back, change your mind; it can leave a bad taste in the mouths of student organizations.*

Rioux: Have you taken any surveys asking the organizations about a monetary reduction?

*Jeannie: No I haven’t.*

1. Dinner— Tacos!

* Small Announcement
  + Lance: I just want to give a follow up to Rioux’s question.

Sara: If we were to pay volunteers minimum wage, which is $8.25, at one hundred (100) volunteers a weekend for twenty-four (24) hours a day, that’s almost six hundred thousand (600,000) in costs. Even if were to cut a small amount off of fundraising, the savings would be less than six thousand (6,000). It’s my opinion that the current benefit we offer isn’t worth cutting.

Lance: It’s not really advantageous to fix something that isn’t broken.

1. Old business

* Interpersonal Violence Safety and Response Fund
  + Ryan: I move to bring up the IVSRF. [Seconded]. I went and talked to Kathy. As a reminder, there were salary savings within the budget that she had not planned for originally. Since then she has received about nine thousand (9,000) dollars in salary savings, I asked her to resubmit the budget. She said she will not, and wants us to line item it. We can’t do that, we are restricted by the bylaws. So we have two options. We can deny the request and force her to come back, or approve what has been asked for so far, and hope in good faith that salary savings would be used for a good cause. She said it will be used for Ref**ram**e campaign.

Lance: To clarify: so this is IVSRF that has been brought up, we can have discussion and debate right now but we are not in a motion to vote, just discuss.

Andrew: I want to voice my discontent with the SFRB requesting a new budget to be brought forward and having it land on deaf ears. I respect that it takes time to budget, but it should be a grand total of reducing the salary line by so much, or just dropping the student fee and increasing the amount of other generated revenue. It is not something that is incredibly difficult for her to do. I find that disrespectful because it’s not that hard to do.

Rioux: I agree with previous speaker. If she wants a no vote, then let’s give her a no vote.

Point of info [unknown speaker]: Wouldn’t that mean mandatory gets passed?

Lance: The nine thousand (9,000) is coming from the New Resource Request so the Mandatory is not considered under contention. We would just go into discussion and debate on that, and write a fiscal note.

* + Scott: It sounds like the mandatory is not contentious, so can I make a motion to go into mandatory?

Nick: The nine thousand (9,000) is only on the New Resource Request.

Scott: Then I’ll make a motion to move into voting on the mandatory increase. [Seconded]

Lance: Any discussion and debate on the motion to vote?

Scott: All the contention is around the New Resource Request so I think it’s best to just get the Mandatory out of the way.

Andrew: Comparing the two (2) budgets between Mandatory and New Resource Request, there’s only a $6,500 increase in salary/benefits, which means it’s more than just the salary line but also being reallocated in other locations. So I actually think it is part of the Mandatory. And if it’s part of the Mandatory, and we don’t have a clear answer, I personally do not feel comfortable voting.

Lance: Any more discussion and debate? All in favor of moving to a vote please raise your placards.

Andrew: Point of Information. Is this a vote to vote or it is the vote on the Mandatory?

Lance: A vote to vote. So we are voting to take a vote. [Takes count, numbers differ.] Division has been called for. [Takes roll call vote.] With a vote of 5-11, that does not pass. Entering back into discussion and debate for IVSRF.

* + Andrew: I would like to offer to the board, maybe make a formal motion. I see that Ryan has had multiple conversations with the Director and it has come to the point that the chair of the SFRB needs to have a conversation with the head. I don’t want to make Lance go to Kathy, but I want to ask Ryan if he would like to have Lance’s support.

Ryan: I would enjoy having Lance giving her a push in the right direction. I gave her (2) two weeks’ notice, and I didn’t hear back from her until three (3) hours before this meeting. I felt like I gave her an adequate amount of time. So it’s been difficult.

Lance: I don’t need a formal motion, I’ll be glad to help you out on that.

* + Andrew: I move to table the IPVS. [Seconded].

Lance: Any discussion and debate? [No discussion and debate]. We will now move into a vote. [Passed with Aye vote.]

* Sam: I move to add a vote on the PVM cap for the UFFAB student fee onto the agenda. [Seconded].
  + Sam: I apologize for not getting this on the agenda more aggressively.

Lance: That is my mistake, I dropped the ball on that one. I apologize.

* + Brandon: Point of information. I felt like that was just a presentation to us and that was the direction UFFAB was going?

Sam: It was a presentation, but there was more to it than that. We want you to know why we did it but because of the current bylaw structure you must approve this.

Brandon: So why won’t this happen with UFFAB presentation?

Sam: This needs to happen very soon, because it affects the amount of money we can balance for about eighty thousand (80,000).

Rioux: So if we wanted to change something on there somehow, would you have time to bring back a new proposal?

Sam: Nope, it would have to be pushed back. We are moving into our two (2) week funding project stage. It’s going to be at least two (2) two (2)-hour meetings, and the board is not being to be very happy. We would be open to suggestions but that will throw the timeline totally out of whack, it’s not practical from my viewpoint of the Vice Chair. I would urge a yes or no vote, but a vote.

Lance: Point of Order. We are in discussion and debate about adding it to the agenda, so that is not germane. Moving back into discussion and debate on adding it to the agenda. [There is no discussion and debate]. We will move into a roll call vote. [Takes Roll Call Vote]. It is now passed.

* PVM Cap for UFFAB
  + Sam: I move to open discussion and debate on the PVM Cap for UFFAB [Seconded]. I’m personally in favor of this, we have spent a lot of time on it, particularly two (2) weeks ago. It needs to be decided tonight. I strongly urge a vote, whatever we do.

Rioux: I was wondering why the eighteen (18) credit fee cap is for PVM students only and not an eighteen (18) credit cap for everyone?

Sam: We considered that. Simply it comes down to this: PVM students are required to take this many classes, it is set in stone, and there is no other area on campus like that. That being said, other students can choose to do that. The Mandatory PVM fees/classes are internships and things that don’t even take place on this campus. It’s not practical from our standpoint—that’s just what the deciding factor is. Moreover, doing that [expanding it to include all students] would harm the amount of money we expect to collect from the student fee to the point that we would have to ask for a fee increase.

Lyn: The request came from the PVM students, and the only thing they [UFFAB] were asked to contemplate was if this could be granted to the PVM students. It was for them specifically.

Rioux: If you have the number saying it would significantly affect your revenue, then I’m all for this being just PVM.

* + Jason: You talk about other students choosing this; technically aren’t PVM students choosing to be in that degree? They’re choosing it above the other majors.

Sam: Er, yes, it is in a way. Anyone could conceivably graduate in three (3) years, it’s a choice you’re making to do that. Does that answer your question or clarify?

Jason: I understand that most of their credits aren’t on CSU, but it’s still their choice to choose that major.

Sam: We didn’t consider that honestly. We considered the major as a whole.

Jason: And why do you do eighteen (18) instead of twenty-one (21) credits?

Sam: It’s what they requested. We considered other things, but we chose eighteen (18) because that’s what they wanted and that was the general consensus of the board. A few people wanted twenty-one (21), but the main argument was that eighteen (18) was what they wanted. We considered twelve (12) and fifteen (15) as well, but that became too much money.

* + Nick: I move to take a vote on the PVM Cap. [Seconded]

Lance: We will not move into discussion and debate concerning taking a vote on the PVM Cap. [No discussion and debate]. We will now move into a vote on the vote. [Passes with aye vote]. We will now take a roll call vote. [Takes Roll Call Vote]. With a vote of 16-1 that does pass.

* Campus Rec Center – Mandatory
  + Nick: I move to vote on Campus Rec Center – Mandatory. [Seconded]. They are requesting reasonable increases considering their situation and that they are an auxiliary, and they presented us with plenty of info, and they have maintenance needs and future planning, I see no need to not approve.

Lance: Any other discussion and debate? [No other discussion and debate]. We will now move into a roll call vote. [Takes roll call vote.] Unanimous vote: that passes.

* SLiCE – Mandatory
  + Nick: I move to vote on the SLiCE Mandatory. [Seconded]. Again I think it’s reasonable, so I do declare we vote on it. I yield.

Lance: Is there any other discussion and debate? [No other discussion and debate]. I declare we take a vote. [Roll call vote]. I declare that passed.

* Lance: before we jump into the New Resource Request for SLiCE, Pam asked me to inform the board that she wants us to hold off the vote until she and her liaison can be here.
  + Andrew: I move to take a straw poll. Can I see who all here was not in favor of passing the New Resource Request for SLiCE? [No one raises hand]. So I see no reason to not take it tonight.
  + Scott: I make that a formal motion to vote on the SLiCE New Resource Request.
* SLiCE – New Resource Request
  + Motion above by Scott.
  + Rioux: I’m not totally comfortable with this yet. I want to get some more information and input from constituents. I would like to get more information from student orgs.

Jon: I want to respect the wishes of the director.

Sam: I echo previous.

* + Scott: I withdraw my motion.
  + Scott: I move to table the SLiCE New Resource Request until next week.

Lance: Is there any discussion and debate on tabling the vote? [There is none.] All in favor to table the SLiCE New Resource Request until next week, say aye. Aye, unanimous.

* University Center of the Arts – Mandatory
  + Sam: I move to open discussion and debate for the UCA Mandatory. [Seconded]. I think the Mandatory is non-contentious andshould be moved out of the way.

Nick: Point of Information: Did we confirm that Walt and the UCA would come back?

Lance: Yes, he couldn’t come back tonight but we are making arrangements.

Andrew: In response to previous speaker about the Mandatory being non-contention, I would argue it is contentious. One of our jobs is to make sure an adequate presentation and explanation of the fee area occurs. The numbers are there but I would like more of an explanation and breakdown. While we might not vote no on it, it would be in the best interest of students to actually pay attention.

* + Brandon: Walt sent me the exact numbers of how many people attended the UCA productions within the past year. 24,871 attended. Of that, 17,840 were presumably community members, and only about 6,000 were dedicated student tickets. Then there are other programs that I know everyone here is more concerned with. Mainly, they gave out about just shy of 1,600 free tickets to theatre performances on Thursday. Other than that it has a breakdown by every department per semester so let me know if you need more information.

Touching on what people had issues with last week: at the end of the day, the shows that are put on are put on by the students in the dept. Which, for better or for worse, is traditionally white students. From what I heard, they weren’t comfortable acting out other cultures that they don’t know much about. For that reason I feel the argument that the UCA isn’t doing enough in terms of diversity isn’t warranted. I mean… I don’t want to offend anyone. But they just cater to who goes to the performances and who wants to make them and perform in them.

* + Kelsey: Well I did talk to some people about the increase and some people who are in the UCA, in various majors none of which were theatre, a couple vocal majors actually. They did not like the increase, because it didn’t – it would not, um, the increase would not go to all students and benefit everyone. They thought it wasn’t warranted and don’t want to spend their fees on that. They didn’t know many people who went to theatre presentations.
  + Sam: I move to vote on the Mandatory Fiscal Increase for the UCA.

Lance: We will now move into discussion and debate on voting. [No discussion and debate]. All in favor of taking a vote to vote on the UCA Mandatory, please say aye. [Nay is louder, not passed.] That is defeated.

* UCA Mandatory and New Resource Request
  + Scott: I move to table both the University Center of the Arts Mandatory and University Center of the Arts New Resource Request. [Seconded].

Andrew: Point of information. Do we have a better idea of when Walt and UCA will be capable of coming back?

Brandon: No not yet.

Lance: Is there any more discussion and debate? [No more discussion and debate.] We will now move into a vote. All in favor of tabling, say aye. Aye passes unanimously.

1. New Business

* OCL – Mandatory
  + Rioux: I move to pass the OCL Mandatory. [Seconded]. Their budget is very well laid-out, we know where everything is going, I see no reason not to vote on it tonight.

Lance: Is there any other discussion and debate? [No further discussion and debate.] We will now move into a vote to vote on the OCL Mandatory. All in favor of voting to vote, say aye. [Aye unanimous.] That passes. We will now enter discussion and debate on the OCL Mandatory. Any discussion and debate? [There is none.] We will now move into a roll call vote. [Takes Roll Call Vote]. Unanimous vote: that passes.

* Ram Ride
  + Andrew: I Move to open discussion and debate on splitting Ram Ride out of ASCSU and into Off-Campus Life. [Seconded]. So I’ve been here since the very beginning of this transition, and the first presentations that have come up with it all to this point. There have been some bumps, but that being said, this is probably one of the cleanest transitions I have seen. There was a little bit of a bump in terms of oversight and the amount of reporting there was between Ram Ride and ASCSU. That has me a little bit concerned but in hindsight you can’t do anything about that. The information they presented tonight and in Senate was very well-done. There is an initiative in Senate, a resolution, to try and get the student body opinion on this. I would like to wait until we get the student body opinion on it. I would like to move it out, and that should be the discussion we have tonight: not what the fee is going to be, but how or whether we should move it.

Scott: I agree. I support the transition: it’s natural for these programs to transition out of ASCSU. I would also favor tabling it until we actually see the student support on this.

Jason: I would be in support of tabling it only because I’ve never used Ram Ride and never heard anything about it. I would like to talk to students about it.

* + Brandon: Just from what I have heard from students from paying the organizations to do this, everyone that I have talked to has said they don’t know why that should be paid for by student fees. But those people have benefited directly from it. It is out of student pockets to begin with.

Sam: I also have concerns. I have talked to people who have never heard of Ram Ride. There are a lot of people who have concerns how this currently works. I have personal concerns about the five hundred thousand (50,000) they bring up. If we are paying students a lot more money to do this, then I don’t see what the point is. I also have deep reservations about how much we are paying the student organizations; it used to be volunteering if I recall correctly. I have deep reservations.

Connor: Pretty much every sport club at the Rec Center uses this volunteering, and it does go back to the students. While it doesn’t seem like there is a lot of analysis as to how much is being paid, it’s important to look at the fact that it is going back to students.

Rioux: I was happy to hear that with a small amount of reduction, they could save about six thousand (6,000) dollars. So if they came back to us with the slightly reduced and more fiscally responsible plan, there wouldn’t need to be that much of the Mandatory Increase. It’s a great service, but it needs to have a hard look at how much is paid.

Kelsey: So it’s important to give back to student orgs, but I think we need to have a tabling event about how much money should go back to them. We have no records of if they would still volunteer their time if the money was decreased. So I think we should have the tabling event.

* + Nick: I guess I’m more focused on whether or not I feel comfortable charging summer students for Ram Ride when they can’t utilize it, even if it’s not a large amount.

Lance: That is not within our power. That is within Student Affairs.

Nick: Whoops. Never mind then.

* + Jon: The money they give back goes to student organizations. They went from a seventy-six (76) percent to ninety-one (91) percent in show up rates. Wait times are going down, community and campus involvement is occurring, and so I see no reason why how much they are giving is irresponsible.
  + Andrew: I have no idea what happened when Ram Events was transitioned out of ASCSU. The last time that something like this happened—I have no historical knowledge of this. I know that inside ASCSU we had direct oversight, and we had a good idea of where the money was going. I would like to have that laid out showing where things are going and the flow. I would request that we see the entire itemized budget, how much is spent and how much is moved. I think that is important for fiscal responsibility. Personally, if the fee isn’t able to be fiscally responsible I would rather see this die than incumbent students. Because of this, I motion that they [Ram Ride] come back with a fully itemized budget to present to SFRB. [Seconded].

Lance: I’ll take care of that.

* + Andrei: Obviously, there is a lot of concern for the one thousand (1,000) the thirty (30) people are allocated. They arbitrarily picked that number because it was a nice round number. They still don’t have numbers to back that up and that bothers me. That’s a lot of money in comparison to their allocated fee of about two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000). They aren’t doing empirical-based research and that is bothersome to me. There are also niche-based organizations that are missing out. The fill time for those slots is gone like that [snaps]; it’s not fair for all student organizations. Not as many student organizations take advantage of it… Er, I’m trying to say few take advantage of it but a lot more could, if they had the chance. The way they came up with the one thousand (1,000) is murky and it bothers me.

Nick: I’m not sure what types of studies would incentivize them for that yield curve.

Andrew: The best way they could do that is contacting the student orgs that have already volunteered. You could ask them if the reduction amount would reduce their interest in volunteering the next year. The other way to do it is just experimenting. It’s filling up in twenty (20) min, if we drop it can it just be a few hours?

Nick: I think there could be an error, because the information wouldn’t carry quickly enough. They might not know it dropped. There could be a data error there that they may not be able to correct.

Lance: Point of order. Are you yielding to him?

Nick: Yes.

Lance: You have one yield remaining.

Andrew: That idea of data error makes sense. I guess that the thing to look at is to take the best option we can get. Some data is better than none, we would have to take a grain of salt, but we need to test it going forward.

* + Brandon: To correct a previous statement: before they started the one thousand (1,000) reward program, they would pay student fees to do it, and that averaged about five (5) to ten (10) dollars per student per night, with a minimum of six students. That program has been going along. This is just an additional increase form roughly two (2) years ago. Don’t quote me on numbers, because the following is just out of my memory. When they were pushed out of CSU they asked for about eighty thousand (80,000) for a new dispatch system with tablets. They only spent thirty thousand (30,000) of that, and instead of giving it back to ASCSU they spent the remaining fifty thousand (50,000) on this program.

Andrew: When they left out of ASCSU, they ran into a problem with getting volunteers to do it. Before then the director could ask the President and Vice President of Senate to bring people in. They ran into two (2) nights where they couldn’t operate at all. At the time I was concerned about giving them additional money, because it felt more like a marketing flaw since they were dependent on ASCSU to fill the slots when it was emptied. I want to see it rolled back at this point. Just more history.

Brandon: I guess I’m trying to say that my personal view is tainted because it was a misappropriation of funds to begin with. It has benefited CSU, but it is too much of a burden on the students for the service that is provided.

* + Lance: This argument around the sixty thousand (60,000) going back to the student organizations for participation as a volunteer is interesting. People are enthusiastic in saying that it is a volunteer program. But they don’t realize that it is run like a business since they adopted this model, even though they talk about it being a volunteer program. If you want to look at this as a model, we can revisit what was brought up during dinner. There are 112 volunteers/weekend, who work eight (8) hours for three (3) days. If we paid them $8.25, times twenty-seven (27) weekends, then this is just shy of six hundred thousand (600,000) dollars. Would we get that same quality without that? It’s an efficient hybrid between volunteering and business. Previous speakers say it is a burden on students; I would say that the above is more of a burden.

Connor: I worked as volunteer coordinator for Ram Ride in Spring 2013. We didn’t have the one thousand (1,000) dollar incentive at that point, and I still was able to have most nights up to capacity, even when a group would drop. It was more about having a waitlist for volunteer student organizations. We did pay them about ten (10) dollars per head. The one thousand (1,000) ensured the larger organizations stayed, but it did push out the individual volunteers. Let’s say that you and your friend wanted to volunteer for Ram Ride; well, you and a friend would be pushed out by the thirty (30) people. Also: the math is a bit inflated in the estimate. The 112 is individual volunteers per weekend, so it’s about forty-six (46) per night. They would theoretically stay for the whole weekend, so it’s not as if there is a turnover. So your estimate is a higher number than it probably actually is because there wouldn’t be a turnover.

Rioux: The hybrid model is good, but that doesn’t mean it can’t be more efficient. What we would like to know is how efficient could they be?

* + Jon: For sake of time, and because I feel that conversation is becoming rather circular, I would like to move to table this until the resolution has been voted on by the ASCSU senate. [Seconded]. I also have a point of information: is this something that has to be passed at any one time or another?

Lance: Nope.

Jon: Then I believe we can take time on this, and we should get the student voice on it.

Sam: There is a problem with that. The next two weeks after this one, if it doesn’t get passed this week, we don’t really have senate. We have about thirty minute senate sessions because of elections.

* + Jon: I rescind my motion. And instead, I move to table Ram Ride until next week. [Seconded].

Lance: Is there any discussion and debate? [There is none]. All in favor say Aye. [Takes aye/nay vote]. This passes unanimously.

1. Set Up Tabling Event

Lance: What time works for people to set up the tabling event?

Rioux: Do a doodle poll!

Lance: Sending out a doodle poll to figure out when this will be done. Look for the email in your inbox tomorrow.

1. Adjournment

Lance LiPuma adjourned the meeting at 7:24PM.

Minutes submitted by: Michelle Sogge

Minutes approved by: [Name]