Student Fee Referenda Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2011

Members present: Mark Lucia, Claudia Covello, Walter Wong, DD Fanner-White, Judi Sui, Jodie Rouse, Vishalli Loomba, Marilyn Stager, Olivier Bouan, Bahar Navab, Phillipe Marchand, Julia Joung
Members absent: Fabrizio Mejia, AJ D’Asaro
Guests: Tomer Ovadia and team from Daily Cal; Seamus Wilmot from Parking & Transportation
Recorder: Laura McBride

1. Daily Cal referendum
Editor-in-Chief Tomer Ovadia and other Daily Californian representatives presented the first version of their potential referendum – “Vitalizing Online Information and Community Exchange (VOICE).”
- Goal is to bring students together through communications
- Potential for students to increase mediums to communicate
- $5 per student per semester (with 33% return to aid)
- Funds would potentially be used for 30+ student publications to develop/improve their online offerings
- Going through petition process (not ASUC senate approval) to put referendum on ASUC ballot
- Fee could support scholarships/stipends for certain students to work at Daily Cal

SFRC Feedback/Questions/Recommendations
- Should be an unrestricted fee, don’t limit use of funds
- Use existing oversight committees or even out representatives on oversight committee
- Need an incentive for grad students to vote for this
- Recommend including fixed escalations over proposed term of fee
- Summer students’ benefit?
- Projected budget breakdowns within Daily Cal, more communications with the 30+ student publication groups & get projected budget breakdowns for all
- If students are funding this fee, Daily Cal might no longer be seen as an independent publication; what does that mean for the Daily Cal
- CSF would like to have a seat on the committee
- Specify which students would pay fee - only students on campus (i.e. not EAP students)? Make it clear

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

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

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