

Associated Students of the Colorado School of Mines
Senate
March 22, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- Brenden Swensen, ASCSM President
- Quorum met with 18 votes and President present

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from March 1, 2012
 - Minutes approval by acclamation

Guest Speaker

- Dan Fox
 - Thank you for having us back
 - Will turn it over to Jen
 - Initially when they ran the analysis they calculated what they thought they needed
 - With our input they made adjustments
 - Had asked for a range from 65 to 81
 - Had planned to get state funded deferred maintenance
 - Traditionals need improvement
 - Health services
 - Range of 45 55
 - Re did the numbers
 - Rec
 - \$55.50
 - Health
 - \$25.30
 - Less than what they originally asked for why the difference
 - Accounting practices have recently changed
 - Auxiliary monies are now being shared across more things
 - It used to just be them
 - The biggest difference
 - They went off of a level funded bond
 - It was actually a declining
 - Will see a drop in the next three years
 - They have remedied that mistake
 - They actually get funding for the dental plan and they did not account for that originally
 - Rec center fee
 - They made an assumption for the number of students
 - For the fees they based it off of actual student enrollment this year

- Assumed a 2% growth on facilities rentals
- 3% growth on memberships
- For expenses
 - they account for half of the salaries of the three workers
 - director of intermural sports and director of rec center were paid entirely by us
 - student workers
 - assumed 5% growth of those expenses
 - utilities
 - was bases on last years numbers
 - calculated two different ways
 - took a 5% assumption based on last years
 - maintenance
 - it depends on how much work has to be done on the building
 - the trend is not consistent
 - the estimated 10% growth
 - direct expenditures
 - computers, paper etc
 - deferred maintenance
 - they had given us a range
 - rather than account for the deferred maintenance
 - when the bond payment drops they want us to allow us to use that money for a deferred maintenance
- Question
 - Can the deferred maintenance money be used for other things
 - No it has to be used for that
 - Why the bond decrease
 - With the refinance the principle payments are high the first few years and drops off
- There is a cool green graph showing the payback period projecting breaking even in 2015
- In 2017 they start making money
- In 2021 they will have paid off the deficit
- Question
 - What it the deferred maintenance 10% of
 - The expenditures
 - When looking at the cost of the whole thing they are asking for about 1% for deferred

maintenance, which is low, nominally around 2-3 %

- They have been running at a deficit for a while
 - That is not the case with the health center
 - They know what the salaries will be
 - The bond payment is treated differently
 - They have it start out low and then have them increase at the end after they start making money so they will be able to cover it
 - Then there is a confusing health service graph
- Questions
 - Why is the dental not increasing
 - The enrollment is not going up
 - And it is completely optional
 - It has gone up and down irregularly
 - Are they negotiating for money from other places, is this out only hope
 - The only other option is the auxiliary fund
 - It would not be right for them to take from other non-student funded sources on campus
 - they don't want to overburden the students
 - there only other option would be to cut services
 - would start with reduced hours of operation
 - auxiliary is not just housing but is the largest source
 - the climbing wall is a good example
 - if they do not have a deferred maintenance budget they won't have the money to do things they want
 - the climbing wall needs lights to have longer hours of operation
 - if we do go through with the fee increase, what guarantee do we have that the hours won't be cut in the future
 - his word is the only guarantee that he can give
 - he would like to see the hours expanded
 - he cannot promise that it would never have to be cut
 - but this is the best option to make sure that that doesn't happen
 - they will not cut the hours unless they are in some dire need

- is there any consideration on proactive maintenance
 - they have accounted for annual maintenance
 - the equipment that was wearing down
 - for example HVAC
 - that is exactly what we are here for today
 - in 4 years when they are making a
 - the definitions of the fee is governed by CCHE
 - it is not to Dans discretion what the money can be spent on and there for not to the discretion of any future person in his position
- move to discuss the fee increase
 - moved and seconded
 - Wants to see the optimal increase in the fee for the rec center but not for the health center
 - That is not what they are asking for at the moment
 - We do reserve the right to edit them if we see fit but they have done much more research on what they
 - What would be cut from the health service center if we don't pass the fee
 - Not sure what could be cut because there are parts of the fee that have to be paid
- Move to limit discussion to 8:15
 - Seconded
 - How will we let people know the health center is available
 - They will have to do some marketing
 - The rec center is currently leasing the equipment used to buy out right
 - This option is more cost effective for replacing the equipment
 - Dan would be surprised if someone changed the plan
 - It doesn't save us money, it just spreads it out and lets us get better equipment
 - Will there be a fee increase to the campus residence
 - No they will use the money that is not then spent on the rec enter to renovate the traditionals

- One a year
 - The last time they were worked on was '97
 - The fee will increase but only based on utilities and etc.
 - With the tuition increasing 9% for the last three years, and the Green center needing replacement. This is not a big fee increase but they do add up
 - How have they taken into account the faculty portion of the fees
 - They do expect some people to drop their membership because of the fee increase, but that has taken into account
 - The grad students are concerned about the overhead for research projects
 - Would they get more money to compensate for more money being used by the school
 - Every time the tuition goes up the grant has to go up to over it
 - Need to keep in mind that if the student keep picking up the fees instead of the state or what not, we will eventually be paying for everything
- Would like to move to extend discussion
 - Passed
 - We want to keep our campus looking good for future generation of students so we should make sure that the traditionals can get the work they need
 - For the slippery slope argument for paying for everything on campus, the rec center has reasonable fee for a gym membership
 - It is slightly above the average gym membership locally
 - It is nice and more accessible
 - Has a pool
 - It is also not just a gym it has the ORC, Classes, and other things. The health center here is also great, it would be a shame to limit the services
 - There are other sources of income for the rec center

- You get what you pay for, if you want better services you need to be willing to pay for it
 - Education is a business and by coming here we recognize that this is a good school and if there was no rec center the attendance may go down
 - Loves the rec center and the wellness center but he hopes that the increases doesn't keep people coming in
 - It needs to be paid for regardless of what we do and we don't want to put an unfair burden on the freshman
 - Doesn't want to see it go up later like it is going up now
 - The vote now will not have an effect on whether they need money
 - The school should look for alternatives because we don't want to be pushed to pay for everything
 - Doesn't think that the school would look for other sources from the result of this vote, they would just raise tuition or something along those lines
- End discussion at 8:30
- Entertain a motion to amend the resolution
 - Moved
 - Vote on the word changes
 - Vote by acclamation
 - Any other amendments proposed?
- Entertain a motion to correct the rec center fees
 - Moved, seconded
 - Would like someone to double check the number
 - Amendments passed by acclamation
- ASCSM all in favor
 - 19
 - 3
 - Majority
- GSA
 - 9
 - 2

Adjournment
8:40 pm

Next Meeting

4 5, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

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ASCSM