02/11/13 SACUB Meeting Minutes


- Motion to approve meeting minutes from last meeting. No objections. **Approved.**

- Presentation from UC’s budget office by Jim Plummer
  - A lot is still up in the air since the state legislature must approve the governor’s recommendation
  - UC’s Board of Trustee’s must approve any tuition increase recommended
  - UC’s looking at budget cuts of 4-6%, regardless of tuition increase
  - The tuition increase will be no greater than 2%
  - If there is a 2% increase, SACUB will have an additional $300,000 to allocate
  - If there is a 1% increase, SACUB will have an additional $150,000 to allocate
  - Mr. Plummer will be able to come back before our last meeting with more concrete info

- Presentation from BEARchats by Lauren Clark
  - Learning Assistance Center (LAC) puts on the program
  - Program meant to help domestic and international students via weekly meetings
  - Program assists international students in developing social and communication skills and learning about American culture
  - Creates cross-cultural friendships
  - Created in 2011; current class is 109% larger – 42 current matches
  - 20 domestic students are currently on a waitlist
  - In response to participants request, they created “field trips” – picnics, UC baseball game, dinner and a movie
  - These field trips have been funded by LAC funds, LAC staff member personal funds and collaborations with Bruegger’s Bagels, Fresh Market and the UC ELS Institutes
  - All programs the LAC provides have increase in growth by at least 42% since 2011
  - They’re reducing full-time staff members from 3 to 2 next academic year
  - Students have requested BEARchats to grow
  - They predominately serve undergraduate students, but there are graduate students in the program
  - Their first priority is the staff person – without the staff person the additional funds wouldn’t be able to be used as well
  - **Request: $23,000 permanent:** $18,000 for 50% professional staff person, $1,200 for 20-30 student “field trips”, $1,600 for travel and ticket subsidies, $1,200 for refreshments and recreational activities for bimonthly meetings, $600 for printing fees and $400 for miscellaneous

Discussion:
- We will probably need two different proposals (1% or 2% increase) since the tuition increase won’t be set in stone by our allocations meeting
- The extra staff member at $18,000 might be a little excessive
- Only a third of those survey said more “field trips” would increase their participation

Next meeting will be February 25th at 5pm. The Student Wellness Center and Sustainability will be presenting.