

**Biological Science Student Fees Committee
Minutes for March 4, 2009**

Undergraduate Students Present:

Katie Berger
Ben Capper
Fed Ghali
Ember Jensen
Mike Pyle
Guy Shani
Zarchy Sturbaum

Graduate Students Present:

Jonathan Henzel - non voting
James Kelley
Anniken Lydon
Nick Nesbitt - non voting
Johanna Weston

Faculty Present:

Dr. Mark Moline

The March 4, 2009 BIO – Student Fees Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm.

Minutes

The 02/18/2009 Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Several corrections and changes were made to the Minutes before being approved.

2009-2010 Draft Budget

Since the last SFC Meeting, Dean Bailey told Dr. Moline to draft a budget for \$100,000. This amount, due to Cal Poly's budget crisis, is less than a quarter of the current year's BIO CBF budget. Dr. Moline spoke at the BIO Department meeting informing the faculty of some of BIO-SFC's tentative budget plans, e.g. limited to no funds allotted for equipment and class field trips. Dr. Moline informed us that faculty are particularly vocal to continue funding Student – Faculty Interactions, because it directly impacts the amount of time they can spend with students.

After an in-depth discussion, BIO-SFC motioned to approve and approved the following tentative budget for 2009-2010.

Undergraduate Research	25,000
Graduate Research	15,000
Grader Support	10,000
Equipment	20,000
Computer Lab	10,000
Collections	10,000
Class Supplies	10,000
Class Field Trips	0
TOTAL	100,000

The Undergraduate Research item will be limited to \$500 per undergraduate student, and the Graduate Research item will be limited to \$1000 per graduate student. This is 50% decrease from the current student allotment of College Based Fees. We decided this was a necessary change in order to retain the maximum impact of students. Students have received more than the new allotment will not be required to return funds. Students will still be allowed to petition for extra funding.

The Student-Faculty Interaction will be eliminated and renamed as Grader Support. This clarifies how these funds are to be allocated. To continue maximum impact of the funds, there will be a \$1000 limit per faculty member.

A limited amount of funded are allocated to Equipment. During this meeting, it was called to the attention of BIO-SFC that BIO 361 has a serious deficiency in lab equipment. Since BIO 361 is a high priority class, BIO-SFC wants to earmark the \$20,000 for BIO 361 equipment.

The Computer Lab is another maximum impact and highly visual part of the BIO Department. The allocated funds will be sufficient to continue the current Computer Lab. BIO-SFC suggests in order to cut printer costs to set PowerPoint slides to print 4 or 6 slides per page. The Collections will also be sufficiently funded to maintain current conditions.

The Class Supplies item, like every other item, will be scaled back. BIO-SFC is allocating \$10,000 with the intention of those funds being directed towards upper division labs.

BIO-SFC decided that the funds are not available to allocate to Class Field Trips. There will need to be a cut in class field trips until the budget improves.

Guy Shani volunteered to write the budget proposal for the next meeting. The next meeting will be Monday April 6, 2009 at 6pm.

Adjournment

The March 4, 2009 BIO-SFC Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.