



Colorado State University
 Alternative Transportation Fee Advisory Board
 Academic Year: 2023-2024

Date of Meeting: 3/25/2024
 Ram's Horn Conference Room
 Recorded by: TH

I. Call to Order – 5:30pm

II. Attendance

Name	Title	Affiliation	Present?
David Wise	Chair	Executive Board	Yes
Zachary Cramton	Vice Chair	Executive Board	Yes
Cady Gebhart	Financials	Executive Board	Yes
Trevor Hale	Secretary	Executive Board	Yes
Haydyn Deason Sofia Hiller	Representative Alt	ASCSU At Large	Yes
Evan Welch	Representative	ASCSU At Large	Yes (late)
Valerie Capone Connor Lay	Representative Representative / Alt	Ag Sciences	Yes
Braden Russell XX	Representative Representative / Alt	Business	No
Rachel Hernandez James O'Brien	Representative Representative / Alt	CVMBS	Yes
Derek Campbell Bryce Anderson	Representative Representative / Alt	Engineering	Yes
Justin Hudson Megan Franke	Representative Representative / Alt	Graduate School	Yes
McAllister Johnson XX	Representative Representative / Alt	HHS	No
Alexandra Zega XX	Representative Representative / Alt	Liberal Arts	Yes
Rachel Jacks Omar Soliman	Representative Representative / Alt	Natural Sciences	Yes
XX XX	Representative Representative / Alt	Undeclared	No
Alex Gibbs Link Warren	Representative Representative / Alt	Warner College	Yes

Has Quorum Been Reached? Yes / No

"Quorum shall consist of seven (7) voting members".

[ATFAB Bylaws, Article V, Section 5](#)

“Voting members shall consist of student members of undergraduate college councils, a student member from the Undeclared Leadership Council, a student member from the Graduate School Council, and two student-at-large members. Associate members shall not have voting rights unless the primary representative from their area of affiliation is not present to vote.”

[ATFAB Bylaws, Article III, Section 1](#)**III. Open Items**

1. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Motion to approve by Secretary, seconded by Vice Chair. Approved by unanimous consent.

IV. New Business

1. Debate/Discussion on ASCSU Shuttle Fee Increase
 - Introduction
 - Notes from Aaron: We have a unique opportunity tonight to increase the transportation fee. We’ve asked for a fee increase twice before for transit reasons. Myself, Jamie and Brian are advisors. We will not contribute any opinion, but try to offer advice and help when we can. It’s your board—by and for students. As for discussion, your leadership hopes that we will hear from every one of you. The exec board will present to SFRB next week, whether you decide to propose the fee increase or not. SFRB will hear our presentation next week, and they will decide on fee increases on April 8th. As for the fee increase itself: this proposal is not a simple infrastructure build. It involves a brand new job created for a human being. Our decision tonight and the structure of the proposal will have an impact on the stability of that person’s job.
 - Structure of debate
 - Member 1: 60 second Point
 - Member 2: counterpoint
 - Member 1: rebuttal
 - Member 3: counterpoint
 - Etc.
 - Member 2: Point
 - Opening points
 - Vice Chair: the project holds a lot of value. It may not impact as many people as other projects, but it fills a needed role on campus. Particularly in the case of the UCA shuttle, it focuses on a group that has been underserved for a while.

- Finance: We were presented two scenarios. If we vote yes on this, we might as well decide to include the UCA service to help more students.
 - Liberal Arts: this fills a huge gap in transportation on campus.
 - Warner: it is more cost effective to let UCA students use the shuttle as well. Not including them no would only kick the can down the road. Project limits CO2 emissions. Extra wait time due to high usage is OK because it's still better than the current situation.
 - Natural Science: this is a super good program to help out disabled students and UCA students.
 - Secretary: In support of this program as a dual-use shuttle, as it fills in a gap in transportation needs. I've talked with other students in my college and others, and they feel that the fee increase is quite high, but they think it's a good idea.
 - Grad school: this helps attract more prospective students to the university which provides more fee dollars and is overall just an improvement to the school.
 - Grad school: consensus with everyone else. I'm not familiar with other fee increases in the past or from other groups on campus.
 - Engineering: it's a huge benefit on campus and attracts more students. In support of model one, but it seems that that point is moot.
 - Engineering: in support of model two.
 - ASCSU Evan: it's a good idea. I wasn't here for the other points so I won't say anything else.
 - ASCSU Sofia: it serves a demographic that needs to be served. Its very important that we serve those communities.
 - ASCSU Haydyn: support for model 2. I think this project is representative of ATFAB and our mission.
 - Ag Science: in favor of shuttle because it would help a lot of students.
 - Ag Science: I'm surprised there isn't already a disability shuttle.
 - Clarification: there is a shuttle currently, but its funding will run out eventually without further support.
 - CVMBS: it helps get people to class, which is most important thing for any student.
 - Natural Science: supports CSU mission for equity and inclusion
 - Chair: when combined, both of these services provide a large enough scope for us to justify funding with ATFAB money.
- Open discussion

- Engineering: How stable would this funding be? If there were another pandemic etc. what would happen to the program?
 - Aaron: Any effort for reallocating the funding would have to go through ATFAB
- Finance: if this gets voted in by SFRB, the funding would work similarly to Transfort? It would come directly from the fee pool every semester without impacting our funding of other projects?
 - Aaron: yes. Main difference between this and Transfort is the inflation adjustment. Transfort contract automatically increases by up to 3% annually according to inflation. This proposal has no inflation adjustment. Any movement of this money would require ATFAB action and SFRB approval.
 - Brian: inflation has been factored in to the ASCSU plan
- Vice chair: so the consensus is that this program should exist. Sad fact is that it did and then the money got diverted. This program is important to pilot it out to see what needs to be improved.
- Chair: we have to decide on an option. I think option 2 (mobility and UCA) is more applicable to this board. I'm fully on board with option 2
 - Vice chair: I'll add that there are AUCC classes at UCA that students from every major take
 - Liberal Arts: it's also true that there is no food in the building. Taco Bell is the closest food. No dining hall nearby. Freshman can't get food and make it back in time for class.
 - ASCSU Haydyn: model 2 would not only bring back something that used to exist but also add something new
- Finance: My one sticking point—this is a large fee increase for a small subset of students. Of course, that subset is important and widespread in their needs. I'm just curious about the cost-benefit.
 - Chair: \$3.40 per semester doesn't seem like a lot
 - Engineering: this is also a concern I had but I just realized that with the Clark improvement, classes could be swapped around and impact classroom assignments for everyone.
 - Liberal Arts: the cost-benefit is a good point. I will counterpoint-- would you notice \$6 missing from your bank account? SFRB will ultimately decide if the increase is too much.

- Grad school: the number of students at the UCA will only go up. Having this program will draw students and increase demand naturally. Then it can get more funding in the future.
- Warner: The reason this program exists is because there are people (students with disabilities) who will not be able to use any other mode of transportation that we support here in ATFAB.
- CVMBS: this would affect every single one of us if we get hurt.
- ASCSU Haydyn: are we aware of other fee increases being proposed by other bodies? I think we should think about this in reference to other fee increases to make the best possible argument to SFRB.
 - Brian: There is one more level past SFRB. The Provost has to approve it. They've never vetoed anything, but the University has also asked for 6% budget cuts across the board, so we'll see what happens.
 - Aaron: every student pays \$1300-\$1400 per semester in fees. \$33.65 of that is Transportation. \$3.70 is a drop in the bucket, but also a very large increase for our fee by itself.
- Liberal Arts: Student tuition is also impacted by differential tuition (impacts all students past 60 credits)
- ASCSU Haydyn: Highest proposed fee increase right now is ~\$5 from the rec center. Second is ~\$4 from the health center. Athletics previously proposed a \$5 increase and got denied. Highest proposed fee (by percentage) increase is ~8% by career center. Ours is over 10%.
 - Aaron: we shouldn't use percentage when talking to SFRB. Talking in dollar amounts is more applicable for our fee because its pretty small.
 - Vice chair: we're a pretty small fee, and haven't asked for a fee increase in several years. Braxton sits on SFRB. I'm not saying that he speaks for SFRB, but he probably wouldn't propose this if he didn't think it would pass SFRB. His proposal is also backed by ASCSU.
- Discussion on modifying the plan should SFRB ask for modifications
 - Example from David: combine disability and UCA into one shuttle to cut costs roughly in half

- Vice chair: I have concerns that one shuttle would not be enough. However, if we have data that a single shuttle is getting good usage, we could ask for more money later.
- Finance: I agree that combining shuttles would strain its effectiveness. I would lean toward mobility (option 1) rather than UCA.
- Liberal Arts: another option could be reducing operating hours?
 - Brian: it wouldn't reduce costs because the drivers are paid full-time whether or not they work the hours. Good idea though.
- Warner: I think one bus would be the best second option
- Warner: I agree, one bus would be the best option. If it is utilized at full capacity we could go back for more funding.
- Natural science: agree with those points
- Secretary: agree
- Grad school: agree with the one shuttle option. I agree that if we have to pick one it should be the mobility (option 1).
- Engineering: I agree with scaling back to one shuttle. I think we should def readdress next year if its overused
- Engineering: agree
- ASCSU Evan: Agree.
- ASCSU Sofia: If choosing between groups to serve, the system already prioritizes the disabilities.
- ASCSU Haydyn: as far as prioritization. SDC is already putting money in so we should focus on that.
- Ag science: having something is better than nothing. Even if some rides get cancelled with one shuttle, at least some people will get use out of it.
- CVMBS: overuse is a double edged sword because we can use it for justification for more money but it might also ruin the reputation of the service.
- Natural Science: agree with CVMBS
- Open discussion
 - Liberal Arts: if it got to the point where we ask for more money, we can also go to CLA/UCA with data and ask for some

- Nat Science: I don't think there will be negative consequences if there is overuse. People will understand the limitations and want better service.
 - Vice chair: When Transfort reduced hours, people were annoyed. But when they brought it back, people used it and were happy.
 - Chair: I agree that it's better to have something than nothing
 - Aaron: you shouldn't write an SFRB proposal asking for funding contingent on subsequent fee increases next year.

V. Roll Call Votes:

Motion to ... increase student fee by \$3.70 per semester for option 2.			
Motion proposed by ... Liberal arts, seconded by Nat sci			
Name	Title	Affiliation	Vote
David Wise	Chair (tiebreaker)	Executive Board	---
Zachary Cramton	Vice Chair	Executive Board	Yes
Cady Gebhart	Financials	Executive Board	Yes
Trevor Hale	Secretary	Executive Board	Yes
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Evan Welch	Representative	ASCSU At Large	Abstain
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Result	The result of the motion is ... passes		

Motion to ... approve a secondary plan for a fee increase, if the primary plan does not get approved, wherein a fee increase pays for only one shuttle which will service **both** students with a disability and UCA students, according to the 2nd model proposed by ASCSU.

Motion proposed by ... Vice Chair, seconded by Grad School

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Result	The result of the motion is ... passes		

VI. Meeting Adjourned

"All members specified in Article III section 1 shall have one vote. Quorum must be present before a vote can be taken. Votes should be based on funding rules articulated in Article VII. A majority (more than half) of the present voting members must vote in the affirmative for an item to pass, else it fails."

[ATFAB Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1](#)

"In the event of a tie, the Chairperson should break the tie with a vote."

[ATFAB Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 4](#)

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Result	The result of the motion is ...		