Task Force on Student Supplemental Costs

Task Force Charge:

In order to codify the recommendations made by the Learning Management Systems Task Force convened last academic year, the Chair of the Academic Senate is convening a new task force to:

- Consider and recommend whether the campus should cover, or make less expensive alternatives available for, required supplemental costs for services and products over and above those educational expenses for which the university bills students directly; specifically, those costs other than registration fees and tuition, and approved Course Materials and Services Fees. These supplemental costs, for which students are required to pay third-party vendors or subscription services in order to participate in certain courses, may include online exam proctoring services (such as ProctorU), iClickers, etc.
- Develop guidelines for oversight and approval of required supplemental costs, including textbooks, other than those Course Materials and Services Fees reviewed and approved by the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC)*. Course Materials and Services Fees include fees for consumable supplies for art and lab courses, for example (a full list is attached). The new guidelines should take into account that requirements and practices of different programs and disciplines are varied and policies may need to be School-specific. The guidelines should also outline how the group(s) charged with oversight and approval of supplemental costs interacts with the work of SFAC, and should clearly describe the role and responsibility of the group(s) that will oversee such supplemental costs.
- Recommend a plan for implementation of the guidelines across campus, taking into account varying School structures.

Task Force Members:

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- Ami Glazer, Professor of Economics and Academic Senate Representative to the Student Fee Advisory Committee
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*SFAC is a campus committee that reviews new and existing Course Materials and Services Fees and makes recommendations to the Provost-Executive Vice Chancellor.