

SFRB Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: 02/04/2025, 4:30 PM

ALVS, Health Network

Quorum met.

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- Call to order by Braxton Dietz.
- Presenting by Ben Schrader, ALVS Director

ALVS PRESENTATION

2. KEY POINTS OF PRESENTATION

- Mission of ALVS is to support adult learners through increased academic achievement and holistic development.
- Everything from tutors and peer advisors.
- There was recently a restructure in staff.
- Some things added in non-mandatory funding was promoting staff.
- Have not asked for an increase since the bond issued.
- The space has been expanded to 18000 square feet and foot traffic has tripled.

I. FEE PROPOSAL

- Mandatory increase \$1.23.
- Non-mandatory increase \$1.69.
- FY26 3% mandatory increase.
- Increasing student employee wages to \$16 per hour.
- Increases for Staff FY25 Department restructure with pay.
- Added new Program Coordinator role.

II. BOND SCHEDULE

- Ideal Option:
 - Bond reduction of \$2.25, \$10 bond.

- Impact on students: \$0.67
- Non-Ideal Option:
 - Impact on students: \$1.23.

3. GENERAL QUESTIONS ASKED / ANSWERED

- Q: Is there a reason you need to go for option 2?
- A: A lot of the way we can spend can be covered with a lower budget, but would decrease the programming offered. Option 2 should be considered.
- Q: Your fund balance is still high; can you spend it?
- A: We are trying to minimize the times we ask for money. Trying to utilize best practices.
- Q: Does this bond schedule warrant a fund increase?
- A: Bond buildings have more risks. We do not know where the University will be in 5 years. It's good to have a fund balance.
- Q: Would these programs still happen without these options?
- A: It will alter how ALVS will look like.

Note: May ask for clarification.

4. DISCUSSION

I. BROAD POINTS

- Current budget is less than it was last year, but still a lot in their fund balance.
- ALVS pays a bond fee and not rent.
- Can come back with a counter for option 2. Non-mandatory increase helps them with programs.
- Can keep spending to a minimum, but they will have to increase more in the future if not approved.
- Suggest a third option fee.
- Have to keep future students in mind for a higher fee increase.

II. HOW PEOPLE MIGHT VOTE

- Belle: in favor of a lower increase.
- Jessica: in favor of a third option.
- Braxton: proposes to vote for the three options discussed, or on a different one.

III. CONCERNS

- Increases without using the existing budget.
- ALVS has a higher fund balance.
- The two options may not be the best for students.

5. VOTING

- For vote of confidence: 9 unanimous.
- Vote on a third proposal: 9 unanimous.

HEALTH NETWORK PRESENTATION

6. KEY POINTS OF PRESENTATION

- Health network has two separate budgets for medical and counseling.
- All enrolled students have full access to a wide range of services regardless of insurance plan.
- High resource, high volume clinic.
- Has Health Education and Prevention Services.
- Has Business Services for health insurance and RamCare Supplement Program.
- Have been keeping in pace with costs through fee increases.
- Spending down fund balance.
- Hit a cap on fund balance.

I. FEE PROPOSAL

- Student fees account for 52.4% of revenue
- Looking for a 3% salary increase for staff, 5% for students.
- Worst case scenario: increase of \$10.
 - Fall/Spring would be \$58.95.
 - Summer would be \$39.62.
- Best case scenario: Might only need a \$3 increase.
- Likely will need \$10 to keep up with the market.

7. GENERAL QUESTIONS ASKED / ANSWERED

- Q: What is the difference between the 10 and 3 dollars increase?

- A: 3 dollars is the mandatory increase, the 10 is to get out of lag happening.
- Q: Is there room for negotiation under the 10 dollars?
- A: Not sure.
- Q: Is the extra 7 dollars for counseling?
- A: It would only go towards counseling.
- Q: Are the one-time expenses spread out?
- A: They may be spread out depending on how vendors turn out for these expenses.
- Q: Where are you sitting with staff right now for counseling?
- A: It is better than the fall, 3 away from ideal staff number.
- Q: Do you see that ideal number going up?
- A: Long term, yes.
- Q: What are other universities doing to keep staff?
- A: Universities such as Texas sometimes gets state funding or other funding options.
- Q: Are there any services that are under-utilized that could help to fund counseling?
- A: We look at that and consider it, there is not a specific service right now that is being removed.

8. DISCUSSION

I. BROAD POINTS

- What students need vs what they want.
- 90% of students pay for it, but only 2% utilize it.
- It can be life and death for some people, need to think about who is using it.
- Health Network can be cheaper and better for students than outside networks.
- We should consider the 10 dollars increase for the need of students.

II. HOW PEOPLE MIGHT VOTE

- Angel: There is clearly a need

III. CONCERNS

- Frustrated with how large the increase is when it has been hard to access services.
- Raising salaries but students will still have a hard time accessing these resources.
- Some services seem to be more under-utilized.
- They are paying current staff more, concern with not hiring more counselors.

9. VOTING

- Vote of confidence: 8

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Braxton Dietz adjourned the meeting, 6:32 PM.

11. NEXT MEETING (02/11/2025)