CAPS

(Counselling and Psychological Services)
Overview

Need

Current resources

Proposed solution

Funding models (traditional)

Funding models (innovative)
The Need

15% increase in students seeking appointments this year

82-107 students on waitlist in a given week

Figure 1: Increasing Number of Students at CAPS (S. Prieto-Welch, 2015)
Current Resources

$43,400 from student fees (SFAB) - funding ProtoCall system, launched in December

17.6 clinicians

- Understaffed
  - 8 fewer clinicians than International Association of Counseling Services guidelines
  - OSU has added 15 over last few years to 25 total

Students are largely satisfied with quality of care

Students are dissatisfied with long wait
The Proposed Solution

Add eight clinicians

- Will meet IASC guidelines
- Will reduce wait time (goal: 1 week)

Total cost: $682,200

- $367,200 for 4 upper-level PhDs
- $297,000 for 4 entry-level PhDs
- $18,000 for conferences, office furniture, and supplies
Funding Models (Traditional)

Student life funding request ("traditional")

Submitted by Dr. McCuskey

Continued student fee support

Will not be able to support all of the CAPS need

May not fit the purpose of student fee
Funding Models (Innovative!)

Outside donation allocation

UMD: $5 million over 10 years from Pepsico

Collaboration between development office and PSG

Similar to EL scholarship collaboration

Alcohol sales allocation

UMD: $500,000 annually from sales at sporting events

“1 confiscated fake, 1 potentially related student conduct incident, no increase in DUIs”

UMD Pres. Wallace Loh believes the program has been successful
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2012-2013 - Applied for and received $136,000/year over 3 years from student fee

Subject to review each year

End of SFAB allocation is this summer

Need a permanent funding solution
Current Resources

1 director and 4 student workers

Does not process cases involving the university as a party

Does not process student vs. student cases

1164 unique meetings with students (71% undergrad)

43% criminal cases

32% landlord-tenant disputes

300 students surveyed

100% would recommend to peers
Current Resources

Purdue: lowest funding level in Big Ten ($136,000/yr)

Median is $624,000

All Big Ten schools have SLS

All but Purdue treat their staff as university employees

Current SLS director is not a Purdue employee and is thus more costly (higher benefits and malpractice insurance costs)
Funding Models (Traditional)

University fully absorbs cost

Continue to use student fee as sole funding source

  Uncertainty makes it hard to retain staff/directors

  Hard to make long-term decisions

  More expensive (higher benefits costs)

Hybrid partnership between university and student fee

  Recommended by SLS task force
Funding Models (Innovative!)

Student Services Fee

- Reallocate some of student fee ($4) to directly fund SLS
- Reduce student activity fee by $4 to offset - no new cost to students
- More efficient for SLS - allows for long-term planning
- Absorbing director as Purdue employee may also save money (lower benefits costs)

SSF may also be used to fund CAPS, CARE, other student services
Questions?

Thank you!