



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, January 26th, 2018

9:00am

YU460

Members: *Present:* Daniel Gallegos (Student Enhancement Fund Facilitator); Grace Heller (Student at-large); Julia Phillips (Student at-large); Jose Rios-Sanchez (AS Business Director).
Absent: (ESC Representative); (AS Club Representative); Chris Sowers (AS Club Business Director).

Advisor: Raquel Wilson (Finance Manager)

Secretary: Chrissa Browder-Fong (Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

Guests:

Motions:

- SEF -18-W-3** Approval of meeting minutes from 12/8/17 and 1/19/18. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-4 Denial of Nayomi Fandis' request for SEF funding. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-5 Approval of \$359.76 for Darby Finnegan in reimbursement. *Passed.*

Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION SEF-18-W-3 By Gallegos

To approve meeting minutes from 12/8/17 and 1/19/18.

Second: Heller Vote: 3-0-1 Action: Passed

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Approval or Disapproval of Nayomi Landis' Application

Daniel Gallegos stated that SEF has \$25,684 left because \$4,180 transferred over from last year. Gallegos stated that Nayomi Fandis has requested funding for a student teaching internship in Mt. Vernon. Fandis is asking for gas money funding of \$340 because it is a full time internship. Gallegos told Fandis that her request is not outside the bounds for SEF funding but it is not a conventional funding request. Fandis has already started the internship, it stated January 3 and ends March 15. Grace Heller asked if Fandis is receiving credits for this internship. Gallegos stated that Fandis would not be getting credits for the internship though it is through Woodring College. Gallegos stated that he discussed this request with Chris Sowers, Sowers stated that since it is not an event (it is an ongoing internship), they would implicitly agree to fund students that are pursuing internships. Fandis stated that the internship is open to all Woodring College students but she mentioned that she does not have an income currently. Julia Phillips stated that if they do fund Fandis, other people that are doing internships might also come here for funding. Gallegos stated that he would be fine with not funding Fandis because they would be setting the precedent for SEF to fund all applications like this. Gallegos clarified that the internship is unpaid. Heller stated that they could discuss doing it on a case-by-case basis but she does not know whether the SEF should be funding someone's commute. Heller would propose funding \$150 if they were to fund Fandis but she is fine not funding any. Jose Rios-Sanchez stated that he does not think they should fund Fandis because the internship program should be compensating Fandis for travel

costs. Rios-Sanchez added that the SEF is primarily for one-time events and when Landis agreed to the internship, they agreed to the commute to Mt. Vernon.

*MOTION SEF-18- W-4 By Gallegos
To deny Nayomi Landis' request for SEFfunding.*

Second: Heller Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Approval or Disapproval of Darby Finnegan's Reimbursement Application

Gallegos noted that he knows Darby Finnegan personally but he does not think that will influence his interpretation of the application but he could abstain from voting. Gallegos stated that Finnegan attended the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology conference and presented her research at the event. She is requesting \$561 dollars for all the categories in reimbursement. Heller stated that she would not want to fund per diem. Gallegos agreed that he does not feel comfortable funding \$127 for per diem. Gallegos stated that he thought it would be reasonable to fund transportation and registration. Without per diem it would total \$434. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that Finnegan is an individual representing Western at the event. For academic/educational value, there is overall agreement. For positive change to student communities, there is overall neutral to agreement. For visible impact to Western, there is overall neutral to agreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that Finnegan has a strong application overall. Gallegos stated that Finnegan stated that she would be happy with any amount of funding. Heller stated that she would be comfortable funding transportation and registration, which would total about \$360.

*MOTION SEF-18- W-5 By Gallegos
To approve \$359.76for Darby Finnegan in reimbursement.*

Second: Heller Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

C. Begin Reviewing Elizabeth Rice's Reimbursement Application

Gallegos stated that Elizabeth Rice is requesting over \$750 so they cannot vote today. She attended three events that relate to marketing and writing development. Gallegos stated that he put all her information into one budget form since she has already paid for everything and noted that Rice is requesting reimbursement. Gallegos stated that she is requesting a total of \$1,245. The registration for each event was \$365. Gallegos stated that all the events are one day long and they are all through the same company (SVC Seattle). Gallegos stated that they are non-credit bearing classes through the school. Gallegos stated that Rice has been to three of these events before and have helped inform her on how to lead the Student Marketing Association. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual applicant representing Western at the event. For academic/educational value, there is overall neutral to agreement. Gallegos stated that since she has been to three in the past, he wondered how specialized and useful each event is. For positive change to student communities, there is overall neutral to agreement. Gallegos stated that it would be a small impact but there could be an impact within the marketing group. For visible impact to Western, there is overall disagreement. For personal development, there is disagreement because these would be her fourth, fifth and sixth time going. For professional agreement, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that Rice has a neutral application but there was agreement for professional development. Gallegos stated that this is quite a weak application. Rice barely qualifies for

SEF funding. Heller stated that the main reason for the application being weak is that Rice has already attended so many. Heller stated that she would be willing to fund transportation but she would not want to fund any registration. Rios-Sanchez stated that he is leaning against funding but they could check to see if any of the events could provide any value back to Western. He stated that if they can find one that could, they could fund that one in particular. Gallegos thought that would be a good idea. There is a lot of personal and professional development but they want to focus on bringing some of that information back to Western. Rios-Sanchez wondered if the Student Marketing Association is an AS club. Gallegos stated that SMA is an AS club. Rios-Sanchez wondered whether the club or the department are providing any funding. He stated that some clubs do get funding from the AS but this event might be too expensive. It depends on whether she is going to the event for the club or just for herself. Gallegos stated that Rice framed it as personally beneficial not beneficial for the club overall. Heller added that it does not seem like it is beneficial for networking. Phillips also wondered why the registration was so expensive for only a one-day event. She wondered if they could find a breakdown of the cost. Gallegos stated that it is an enrichment course that is not credit bearing. Heller wondered how Rice found out about the event. If a professor recommended it, Heller would be more comfortable funding it. Gallegos stated that he thought the committee should determine if they are going to give Rice any funding. Gallegos stated that he is comfortable funding the registration for one event or just transportation. Rios-Sanchez stated that he is still leaning against funding but at most, he would fund one event or transportation. Heller stated that she is leaning against funding. Gallegos stated that the reason why he is in favor of some funding is that these are unique opportunities but added that it barely qualifies for SEF funding on the rubric. Heller stated that one of the issues was that they were neutral on positive change to student communities, but if they look through the events and find one that would be more beneficial to student communities, they could solely fund that event. Gallegos stated that they could look at each of the course outlines to determine whether one could have a larger influence on student communities. One is on general writing strategies; one is specifically about digital marketing; one is on customer journeys. Gallegos thought the digital marketing has the most professional development because it seems to teach skills.

D. Looking Ahead

Gallegos stated that he has received five new applicants and they have \$47,000 in requests for the school year so far.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. ADJOURN

Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 9:44am.