



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Thursday, November 9th, 2017

12:00pm

VU 462B

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

Advisor: Raquel Wilson (Finance Manager)

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

Guests:

Motions:

- SEF-17-F-1** Approval of the partial funding of \$400 for Fisa Worsley. *Passed.*
- SEF-17-F-2** Approval of the partial funding of \$400 for Faura Hunter. *Passed.*
- SEF-17-F-3** Approval of Aman Sekhon's application for \$250. *Passed.*
- SEF-17-F-4** Approval of registration funding of \$225 for Hannah Barrett. *Passed.*
- SEF-17-F-5** Approval to the partial funding of \$225 for Heather Ullrich. *Passed.*
- SEF-17-F-6** Approval to the partial funding of \$225 for Grace Cho. *Passed.*

Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Approval of Partial Funding for ACRM Applications

Daniel Gallegos stated that at the last meeting, the committee decided to provide partial funding for Lisa Worsley and Laura Hunter. Gallegos stated that Worsley told him that the conference was great, she already capitalized on some networking opportunities there, and it was a good learning experience for her. Gallegos stated that he proposed a partial funding between \$300 and \$500 at the last meeting. Grace Heller thought that \$350-\$400 would be a good value. Julia Phillips agreed that \$300-\$500 is a reasonable amount to grant. Gallegos clarified that Worsley spent \$2000 to go to the conference but since they want to be equitable in their budget, a grant of \$300-\$400 would be good. Heller stated that she would prefer to provide smaller amounts to more students rather than fully funding only 10 students. Gallegos wondered if they want to fund it as a sum or allocate it per category. Heller stated that she does not think it is necessary to break the money down per category. If it is easier to refund through one category, they could pick the easier one but Heller does not think it matters. Gallegos agreed. Everyone agreed that \$400 is a good value.

MOTION SEF-17-F-1 By Gallegos

To approve the partial funding of \$400 for Lisa Worsley.

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

Gallegos stated that Hunter attended the same event but attended less days than Worsley. Gallegos stated that he feels comfortable funding the same amount to Hunter (\$400). Heller stated that since they are not funding a certain percentage of their trip but are funding the experience for them, she feels comfortable funding \$400 even though she was there for less time.

MOTION SEF-17-F-2 By Heller

To approve the partial funding of \$400 for Laura Hunter.

Second: Gallegos Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Approval or Disapproval of ASHA Applications

Gallegos stated that four individuals applied to go to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) convention. He added that they are applying as individuals but he thought they could evaluate them through the rubric as a group. He noted that not all four individuals asked for the same amount of funding, Aman Sekhon asked for \$655, Heather Ullrich asked for \$740, Hannah Barret asked for \$750, and Grace Cho asked for \$679. Gallegos received confirmations from Sekhon, Ullrich and Cho but they can review Barret's as if she is going to the event. If Barret does not end up going, Gallegos will void the funding SEF grants. Gallegos stated that the ASHA convention is a very large speech-language-hearing convention with over 2,500 seminars. He added that there are both professional networking opportunities as well as educational opportunities available. Raquel Wilson asked Gallegos to provide the number of graduate students who are requesting and receiving funds from SEF. She stated that it seems that a lot of graduate students and speech-language hearing folks know about the SEF and are utilizing it. Gallegos agreed that many of the applications he has looked at have been from graduate students and from speech-language-hearing folks. Wilson stated that if this committee continues, they might want to think about asking for funding from the graduate schools for SEF if many graduate students are utilizing the SEF funding. Wilson asked if the four applicants are sharing any costs. Gallegos stated that the three besides Sekhon are staying in the same Airbnb. He added that the variations in costs were largely due to airfare and both Sekhon and Ullrich did not ask for per diem. Ullrich is also asking for parking funds. Wilson wondered how they were getting to and from the airport. Gallegos stated that when he talked to them, they were planning to get to the airport themselves. He added that Cho said she would have a family member pick up the car from the airport, so that is why her parking is only \$30. Gallegos stated that they all opted not to go to the opening events that took place yesterday to lessen the cost. He added that none of them are going to the Closing Party, so they could get home on Saturday or Sunday. Gallegos stated that besides the first four events, everything else takes place today. Gallegos stated that the four applicants are also in the Speech-Language-Pathology graduate program, the same program as Worsley and Hunter. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that each of the applicants is an individual applicant and is representing WWU at the event. The event is not selective or competitive but it is prestigious. In regards to academic and educational value, there is overall strong agreement. In terms of positive change to student communities, the committee feel neutral to disagree that the event would have a positive change to student communities. Gallegos stated that because it does not seem like they are planning to spread what they learn at the convention to others. Gallegos stated that since they have the time, they would review each applicant individually.

i. Aman Sekhon

Gallegos stated that in regards to visible impact to Western, he would agree because when she meets people at the event, more people would learn about Western. There is overall neutral to agree for visible impact to Western. For personal and professional development, there is overall agreement on both. Gallegos stated that the consensus for Sekhon is that she will be engaging in an event with strong academic and professional development opportunities. Gallegos stated that Sekhon is asking for \$655.53 for all the expenses and the funds granted would be a reimbursement. Heller stated that she wanted to offer around \$250 for a budget of that amount. Phillips was thinking between \$150 and \$200, she is more comfortable with that range of funding. Gallegos stated that Sekhon expressed more financial need than the other applicants did. Sekhon told Gallegos that she would take out a loan to attend the conference and Gallegos told her that she should go ahead and do that but there was no guarantee that SEF would reimburse the loan. Gallegos agreed that \$150-\$300 is a reasonable amount to grant. Wilson stated that it is okay to make comparisons to other SEF applications and thought SEF could support the applicants by paying the registration fee for the conference. Heller stated that for Sekhon, she still feels comfortable with \$250. She thought \$250 for all the applicants would be reasonable.

MOTION SEF-17-F-3 By Heller

To approve Aman Sekhon's application for \$250.

Second: Phillips Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

ii. Hannah Barret

Gallegos stated that Barret is an individual applicant that will be representing Western at the event. All strongly agree that the event has academic value. In regards to positive change to student communities, all are neutral for similar reasons as Sekhon's application. Wilson thought that Barret's justification for bringing the information back to Western was more developed than the other applicants. Gallegos stated that in regards to visible impact to western, he is neutral because even though they are going out to the event as a Western student, it does not seem that is a priority for them. All feel neutral in regards to the visible impact to Western. There is overall agreement that the event would benefit personal development. There is overall strong agreement that the event would benefit professional development. Gallegos stated that Barret asked for \$750. Gallegos stated that the consensus seems very similar to Sekhon's. Gallegos explained that Barrett asked for \$750. Heller stated that it does not seem like the four applicants divided the costs equally. Barrett is paying for the Airbnb, which Heller does not understand since three of them are staying there. Heller stated that she does not want to grant her more money than the others do but it seems that she is paying for some of the other's expenses. Wilson added that Barret's travel seems incomplete because she has a flight to Los Angeles but no return flight. Gallegos stated that originally she asked for \$900. Gallegos stated he is not 100% sure that Barrett went to the event, so this grant would be for Barrett if she did end up going. Gallegos stated that they could come up with an amount and then find out if she went to the event. Heller stated that she would feel comfortable funding the registration fee of \$225. Gallegos clarified that he will contact Barrett and if she went to the event, she will be reimbursed \$225 and if not, the money will go back to SEF.

MOTION SEF-17-F-4 By Heller

To approve registration funding of \$225for Hannah Barrett.

Second: Gallegos Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

iii. Heather Ullrich

Gallegos stated that Ullrich discussed a few specific seminars that will help her in her program and she stressed the academic aspect of it. Ullrich also noted that when the convention occurs, she would have finished the core classes in her program. Heller added that Ullrich is going to present some of her experiences to a club on campus. Gallegos stated that Ullrich is an individual and representing Western at the event. For academic/educational impact, all strongly agree. For positive change, there is overall agreement because of the club outreach. There is overall neutral to agreement in regards to visible impact. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall strong agreement that the event would be beneficial. Gallegos stated that Ullrich is asking for \$740.40. Gallegos stated that to present at the NSSHLA club, Ullrich needed to become a member, which cost \$60. Heller thought that financial need is good to take into consideration and thought that \$200 would be a reasonable amount for Ullrich. Gallegos agreed with that amount and since Sekhon stressed the financial need, she should get more than the other individuals going to the event should. Wilson stated that she would caution that because the applicants would all be travelling together and might compare the amounts they received. Wilson stated that they can make those choices but they need to be able to justify that. Gallegos stated that he had not thought about that but it would be something to consider.

MOTION SEF-17-F-5 By Heller

To approve the partialfunding of \$225for registration for Heather Ullrich.

Second: Gallegos Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

iv. Grace Cho

Gallegos stated that Cho's application is similar to Sekhon's in regards to outreach. Gallegos stated that Cho is an individual representing Western at the event. In regards to academic value, there is overall strong agreement. All are neutral for positive change and visible impact to Western. All agree that attending the event would be beneficial for personal development. All agree that their professional development would benefit through the event. Gallegos stated that that \$225 would be a good value.

MOTION SEF-17-F-6 By Heller

To approve the partial funding of \$225for Grace Cho.

Second: Gallegos Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

C. Looking Ahead

Gallegos stated that they do not have a permanent meeting time yet because there is not an ESC representative on the committee yet and there is not a time on the Doodle Poll for all the members to meet. Gallegos asked Heller to update the Doodle Poll because he added additional times. Gallegos stated that the AS Conferences and Special Opportunities Fair is on the AS Facebook Page, so if people could share it that would be appreciated. Gallegos noted that at the last meeting, they talked about Gwen Famed who wanted to attend the Students for Zero Waste conference and the SAF was able to fund that. Gallegos stated that he received a weird request from the SAF asking the SEF to refund them. Everyone agreed that they should not refund the SAF.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. ADJOURN

Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 12:46pm.