



# AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

9:00am

VU 462B

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

*Absent:* (ESC Representative); (AS Club Representative); Julia Phillips (Student at-large).

**Advisor:** Raquel Wilson (Finance Manager)

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

**Guests:** Dan Nguyen

## Motions:

**SEF-17-F-10** Approval of the full amount for Kate Taylor. *Passed.*

**SEF-17-F-11** Approval of \$491.32 for Faurel Puffert. *Passed.*

**SEF-17-F-12** Approval of \$600 for Alyssa Quinn. *Passed.*

**SEF-17-F-13** Approval of the minutes from 11/9/17 and 11/17/17. *Passed.*

*Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 9:05am.*

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*MOTION SEF-17-F-13 By Gallegos*

*To approve the minutes from 11/9/17 and 11/17/17.*

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

## II. DISCUSSION ITEM

### A. Kate Taylor's application

Dan Nguyen stated that the Collegiate Washington Music Educators Association is planning their annual trip to Yakima, WA for the Washington Music Education Conference. They have funds from their own club, their department and the AS Activities Council. Currently they are only asking for \$521.90 from SEF. All the club members are education students. Sowers clarified that for the entire conference cost is about \$10,000. Sowers stated that Kate Taylor mentioned that around \$2,000 was coming from the club. The event is from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>. Nguyen stated that they have gone before and it is a great place to network with other teachers in the region. Both professional teachers and collegiate education members go to the conference. There are 62 student going on the trip. Sowers stated that Julia Rutledge proposed the \$3,000 and Sowers thought that they should have given less but considering what the department and the club can fund, it would have funded half of the total fund. Sowers stated that he was the only one that voted against it because if they wanted to send that many people that is their choice but he understands that they have gone to this conference for many years. Gallegos stated that he was prepared to give \$1000 to this club. Sowers asked what the situation was with the total SEF budget for this quarter. Gallegos stated that there have been a few proposals for less than \$250, which he has approved. Gallegos explained that so far, they have spent \$3,686.12 and there is approximately \$9,000 per quarter. Sowers stated that he would talk to Activities Council about sending more people towards SEF. Gallegos

expected that they would have spent \$5,000 by now but he thinks that they can approve most in full from now on. Heller thought that since 60 people are going, she would want to fund the whole thing. Sowers stated that it is \$150 per person for Activities Council but when there are so many people, it gets very expensive. If they are a bigger group, they do not have the capacity to fund that amount. Gallegos stated that it would be good for him to sit in on Activities Council as a guest to direct certain application towards SEF. Sowers added that since Activities Council already funded \$3400, it does not matter if SEF funds the rest. Heller and Gallegos agreed that they should fund the whole thing. Heller added that it is great that it funds the travel as well. Gallegos clarified that so far, they have been quite conservative with their spending and from now on, they will not be getting as many reimbursement applications. Gallegos pointed out that since he can spend up to \$250 himself, he did that for the AS Conferences Fair with a total of \$250 for catering services, setting up the event and a few posters for the event. He approved \$100 for Abby Ramos to attend a legal language conference. Going back to Taylor's application, Gallegos stated that the group has gone to this event many times and the club has never requested funds from the students. They have always been able to fund themselves without asking the students for funds. Heller stated that it is a bummer that Activities Council committed so much money but she is in favor of fully funding it. In the future, it would be great to bring SEF and Activities Council together to come up with a compromise. Sowers stated that since he is only one vote in Activities Council, their consensus was to pass this but he wants to talk to them more about looking at the long run. Gallegos stated that the music department funded \$4,000, the club funded \$2,800 and \$3400 from Activities Council. Gallegos explained that for transportation, they are hiring a bus driver to drive them to Yakima so they are also paying for a hotel room for the bus driver. They are most likely leaving the 14<sup>th</sup>. Gallegos stated that he feels comfortable funding them fully. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is a representative of a group and is representing Western and an AS club at the event. In regards to academic/educational value, there is overall neutral to agreement. For positive change to student communities, there is overall agreement because the group is so large. For visible impact, the committee is overall neutral. Rios-Sanchez stated that it would be good for the music students but not many other people would be impacted. Heller stated she thought that going to a conference with so many students from one school, there would be a visible impact to Western. For personal and professional development, the committee is neutral. Based on the rubric, Gallegos stated that this barely passes because there needs to be overall agreement in one category but there is an average of neutral to agree but he thinks it is justifiable to provide funding for the group. Rios-Sanchez stated that in future applications, they should keep in mind that although they are getting funding from separate AS groups, the students fund all those groups. Rios-Sanchez stated that in the end they are student dollars in both SEF and Activities Council.

*MOTION SEF-17-F-10 By Heller*

*To approve the full amount for Kate Taylor.*

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

### **B. Approval or disapproval of Laurel Puffert's application**

Gallegos stated that Faurel Puffert is requesting \$584.32 to go to a professional development conference focused on sexual assault prevention training. Puffert works for CASAS on campus. Gallegos stated that the event is next month in Portland. She is requesting gas money to drive to Portland. The two registrations total \$211. Heller added that since this is for a professional development workshop, she feels more comfortable funding this since she works for CASAS. Puffert will develop skills that she can apply to where she works on campus.

Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that Puffert is an individual applicant representing Western at the event. There is overall agreement in regards to academic and educational value. For positive change to student communities, there is overall agreement. For visible impact, there is overall neutral to agreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that this is a strong application. Heller stated that Puffert is requesting per diem, which SEF has not funded for anyone else. Since they have not funded it for anyone else, she does not know if they should fund Puffert's per diem. Sowers agreed that they should not fund the per diem of a total of \$93. Gallegos stated that he would be comfortable funding registration, lodging and gas. Everyone agreed that taking out the per diem funding is justified. Gallegos stated that funding gas, lodging and registration would total \$491.32. He added that the gas amount is not a set amount yet. They are saying that they will fund up to \$94.32 for gas.

*MOTION SEF-17-F-11 By Gallegos*

*To approve \$491.32 for Laurel Puffert.*

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

### **C. Approval or disapproval of Alyssa Quinn's airfare**

Gallegos stated that this event is taking place in March but the airfare had to be paid as soon as possible to guarantee it with the department. Quinn is requesting \$750 and Sowers added that the flights would be cheaper now. Gallegos stated that SEF adds the cushion just to provide some wiggle room but he does not expect the airfare to be that much. Quinn is asking for transportation costs for Uber (\$80) to get around Tampa. Gallegos stated that he feels comfortable funding her flight and most of the Uber transportation. Sowers stated that the department is covering everything else. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that Quinn is an individual representing Western at the event. For academic value, there is overall agreement. For positive change to student communities, the committee feels neutral. For visible impact, there is overall neutral. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that Quinn's application is good, there is a consensus in agree in at least one section. Heller stated that this would be mostly personal development. Gallegos agreed that there does not seem to be an impact to the greater student community. Gallegos stated that since SEF feels that it would not have a large impact to the student community, they could just fund the airfare. Heller stated that since the student body is paying for this she does not know if they should fund it. Sowers stated that he would be comfortable funding \$500 to \$550. Heller wondered if Sowers wondered they approve \$600 and that would provide an \$80 cushion. Everyone agreed that \$600 would be good.

*MOTION SEF-17-F-12 By Sowers*

*To approve \$600 to Alyssa Quinn's airfare.*

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

## **III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **V. ADJOURN**

*Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 9:51am.*