



# AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

9:00am

YU460

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

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

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

## Motions:

- SEF-18-W-14** Denial of Anona Yang's SEF funding request. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-15** Approval of \$200 for part of Tina Shelton's lodging and registration. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-16** Approval of \$325 for Ian Mayer. *Passed.*

*Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 9:04am.*

## I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

## II. DISCUSSION ITEM

### A. Anna Marie Yanny's Application

Anna Marie Yanny's application is for a group to attend the CUPSI (Poetry Slam) in Philadelphia. The group was eligible to attend because they were all finalists in the competition last year. They took part in the school slam last year and this year is the national collegiate slam. Chris Sowers asked what kind of departmental funding they could receive and whether they would be able to pay out of pocket. They stated that the budget form does not account for per diem and that is what they will be paying out of pocket. What is on the budget form is the large expenses that they will not be able to cover. Sowers stated that Activities Council funded them \$1,300 for the Poets and Lyricists Society. Jose Rios-Sanchez asked if the group would be able to attend with only partial funding from SEF. They stated that they would only be able to go if lodging and transportation expenses are funded. In addition, they need at least four people on a team and they are taking five but are not taking a coach. They stated that they have created a Viking Funder account, which started 2 weeks ago but they have not made enough from that. They clarified that they are part of a club on campus but the page is for the five individuals not for the club. Raquel Wilson asked what the event was that they were finalists. They stated that it was an AS event. Since they are not going to the event as an AS club they cannot utilize Activities Council funding. Wilson wondered if the AS event was put on by Special Events that qualified these individuals to attend this event and she wondered whether Special Events could provide funding for the group. She suggested that they also work on fundraising. Daniel Gallegos stated that they will make a decision by next Friday and he stated that they have all the information they need, so they do not have to attend the meeting next week. Wilson stated that purchasing plane tickets as soon as possible would be best because the tickets continuously get more expensive. Gallegos stated that when he discussed this application with Sowers, they were apprehensive to fund the full amount

since the club already received funding from Activities Council even though they are a separate subset of the club. Sowers stated that it is difficult because they will not be able to attend without all the funding but it is not possible for SEF to fund them fully. Gallegos stated that they have been quite frugal this quarter and they have about \$9,000 left for the quarter. Wilson stated that she would caution the SEF to make sure to discuss the applicants as individuals who happen to be involved with PALS but are not applying from the club. Sowers stated that the budget is a lot per person; even airfare alone is the most he would be comfortable funding. Sowers stated that he is worried that they will purchase tickets but SEF only funds them for airfare, then they will be stuck with the tickets but will not be able attend the event. Rios-Sanchez stated that it seemed that they would not be able to go without full funding. He wondered if there is anywhere else, they could get funding if SEF provides partial funding. Wilson clarified that the group cannot obtain funding from Activities Council. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is a representative of a group, representing a Western team at the event, and is attending a competitive event. For academic/educational value, there is overall neutral to agreement. For positive change to student communities, there is overall neutral to agreement. For visible impact to Western, there is overall agreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, the committee is neutral. Gallegos stated that they are eligible to receive SEF funding. Gallegos stated that they are all into poetry and some are majoring in creative writing. Gallegos stated that they do not have to make a decision today but they might want to decide if they want to provide partial funding. Rios-Sanchez stated that he would want to offer partial funding and see if they can find funding elsewhere.

#### **B. Sam Brown's Application**

Gallegos stated that Sam Brown and 20 students are hoping to attend the ACDA Regional Conference, which is taking place March 7-10. Gallegos stated that Activities Council provided \$1200 so they are requesting \$1,665 from SEF. Brown stated that the Music Department could help with funding if SEF only partially funds the request. Brown noted that they do not need more than \$700 because he knows that SEF cannot fund the full request. Gallegos stated that he does not know if they can pledge an amount but he thinks that the best thing to do would be to prepare the Music Department to fund the full amount. Brown stated that he believes they are an AS group but they can also request departmental funding. Brown added that the funding would go towards the lodging because everything else is covered and noted that they have already reserved the lodging. Gallegos clarified that it would cover six rooms with 3-4 people per room for three nights. Gallegos clarified that they are sending 21 students and are requesting \$1,665. Sowers stated that it does not seem like \$1,665 is too much for a department to fund. Rios-Sanchez stated that Brown did seem hesitant that the department would fund all of it. Rios-Sanchez stated that he would be in support of partial funding. Sowers stated that he wonders why the department would fund so much more to CWMA club. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is a representative of a group and is representing a Western team that is also an AS club. 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 agreement since they are sending 20-21 students. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is relatively strong with agreement in multiple categories so it is eligible for SEF funding.

#### **C. Anona Yang's Application**

Gallegos stated that Anona Yang is hoping to attend a NOLS Wilderness First Responder Training in Portland, Oregon. She is requesting \$748 to attend the training but a fair amount is for per diem. Yang would receive a professional certification from the training. Gallegos stated that SEF does not fund credit-bearing events and he asked Wilson if SEF could fund certifications. Wilson stated that certifications are not the same as credit-bearing classes, so SEF could fund this application. Gallegos stated that Yang is a Geology student at Western and she wants the certification to boost her resume. Yang also expressed interest in potentially applying to work at the Outdoor Center but the training looks good when applying to outdoor summer camps as well. Gallegos stated that Yang is framing the application as professional development for her field of interest. Wilson stated that the OC, which includes excursions, the challenge course and WOOT, has shifted the way that they provide professional development for their employees. They really want to diversify their employee pool with women and people of color, so they provide trainings for employees. Rios-Sanchez clarified that Yang is not affiliated with the Outdoor Center. Gallegos stated that Yang is interested in the possibility of working at the Outdoor Center. Rios-Sanchez stated that this application is very personal/professional centered, so he wonders if SEF is meant to help students primarily with personal/professional development. Gallegos stated that when it was established, the original intention was primarily focused on conferences. Rios-Sanchez stated that in the mission statement, career fairs are listed which makes him think that the SEF is for personal/professional development. Wilson stated that the application is definitely acceptable. Sowers stated that if it does pass the rubric, it seems that all the reasoning are only possibilities, for example, she does not already have a job where she needs the training. He would be more comfortable with funding if she already had a job. Wilson stated that she wants the committee to know that the OC provides wilderness training regularly and they have two scholarships available which allows two students to partake free of charge. Rios-Sanchez agreed that they should advocate for Yang to take part in the OC training instead of funding her application. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual representing Western at the event by default. There is overall agreement for academic/educational value. For positive change to student communities, there is overall disagreement. For visible impact to Western, there is overall disagreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, the committee is neutral. Gallegos stated that the application is not that strong overall. He added that he thinks it would be best to deny the request but he will connect Yang with the OC.

*MOTION SEF-18-W-14 By Gallegos*

*To deny Anona Yang's SEF funding request.*

Second: Rios-Sanchez Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

#### **D. Tina Shelton's Application**

Gallegos stated that Tina Shelton is hoping to attend a Science Fiction Writing Convention in Seattle but he is skeptical on providing funding for Shelton's application. The way she talked about the event, she was stressing the social aspects of attending the event. Even though she is a writing major, the event does not seem to have that much personal/professional development involved. Gallegos did not rescind the application because the event is creative writing focused. Rios-Sanchez stated that there is some value in attending the event because Shelton is a creative writing major and there are some big names speaking at the event. Gallegos stated that Shelton is asking for \$696.67 but per diem is \$92. The main expense is lodging and Shelton has already reserve the hotel. Gallegos stated that Shelton would go to

the event even if she did not receive SEF funding. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual representing Western. For academic/education value, there is overall neutral to agreement. For positive change to student communities, there is overall disagreement. For visible impact to Western, there is overall disagreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. In terms of professional development, the committee is neutral. Gallegos stated that the overall application is quite neutral except for personal development. Gallegos stated that he would be comfortable providing no funding or one or two nights of lodging. Rios-Sanchez stated that he would be comfortable providing partial funding up to \$200.

*MOTION SEF-18-W-15 By Gallegos*

*To approve \$200 for part of Tina Shelton's lodging and registration.*

Second: Rios-Sanchez Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

#### **E. Ian Mayer's Application**

Gallegos stated that Ian Mayer is going with a group of students to the Washington School Counselor Association Conference in Seatac, WA. All the students are hoping to become school counselors. Gallegos stated that although a group is going, Mayer is the only person requesting SEF funding. Mayer is requesting \$411 but \$50 of that is per diem; \$325 is for registration and then \$32 is for a Bolt Bus. Gallegos stated that the rest of the group going to the event are paying out of pocket. Gallegos stated that the event is mandatory, so Mayer will be going either way but he expressed financial need. Mayer is an undergraduate student majoring in education. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that Mayer is an individual representing Western at the event. For academic/educational value, there is overall agreement. For positive change to student communities, the committee is neutral overall. For visible impact to Western, the committee is neutral. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that Mayer's application is not very strong but he is eligible for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that he would be comfortable providing \$325 for registration. Rios-Sanchez stated that he would be comfortable with that amount at most. Sowers agreed to \$325.

*MOTION SEF-18-W-16 By Gallegos*

*To approve \$325 for Ian Mayer.*

Second: Rios-Sanchez Vote: 3-0-0 Action: Passed

### **III. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

### **V. ADJOURN**

*Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 9:48am.*