



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, February 9th, 2018

9:00am

VU462B

- Members:** *Present:* Daniel Gallegos (Student Enhancement Fund Facilitator); Grace Heller (Student at-large); Jose Rios-Sanchez (AS Business Director).
Absent: Julia Phillips (Student at-large); Chris Sowers (AS Club Business Director); (ESC Representative); (AS Club Representative).
- Advisor:** Raquel Wilson (Finance Manager)
- Secretary:** Chrissa Browder-Long (Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

Motions:

- SEF-18-W-9** Approval the meeting minutes from January 26 and February 2. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-10** Approval of \$350 for Adam Vincent's plane ticket to Philadelphia. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-11** Approval of \$500 for Sarah Cannon's airfare to the AWP conference. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-12** Approval of \$600 for Christina Holt's travel expenses. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-13** Approval of \$400 for Nicole Gitts Spaur. *Passed.*

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION SEF-18-W-9 By Gallegos

To approve the meeting minutes from January 26 and February 2.

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

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Adam Vincent's Application

Daniel Gallegos stated that Adam Vincent was originally requesting much more than his budget form states currently. Gallegos clarified that Vincent will be showing his portfolio at the event. Chris Sowers stated that he would only be comfortable providing funding for the plane ticket. Gallegos stated that the committee agreed last time that the opportunity would have more value if Vincent would be presenting his portfolio. Grace Heller stated that this is much more of a personal development opportunity but presenting a portfolio to curators would be valuable. Jose Rios-Sanchez stated that there is definitely some personal, professional and academic value so he is leaning toward only funding the plane ticket. Vincent stated that he would go to the event even without SEF funding. Gallegos suggested funding \$350 for airfare. Heller and Rios Sanchez agreed.

MOTION SEF-18-W-10 By Gallegos

To approve \$350 for Adam Vincent's plane ticket to Philadelphia.

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

B. Sarah Cannon's Application

Gallegos stated that Sarah Cannon wants to attend the AWP conference. He added that she is a mother who lives in Edmonds and is taking classes at Western for a teaching certificate. Gallegos noted that Cannon is not a full fee paying student; she only pays some fees. Gallegos stated that they approved Alyssa Quinn \$600 for the airfare to attend this conference. Gallegos stated that at the previous meeting they were leaning towards funding \$300-\$400 to Cannon. Cannon is requesting \$1300 to attend the conference and Gallegos noted that Cannon stated that she expressed some financial need. Gallegos stated that he would not mind paying for her airfare, which would be \$500-\$550. Rios-Sanchez stated that he is leaning towards funding only airfare. Heller agreed.

MOTION SEF-18- W-11 By Gallegos

To approve \$500for Sarah Cannon 's airfare to the A WP conference.

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

C. Christina Holt's Application

Gallegos stated that four students are hoping to attend the AWP conference but the expenses are still a lot. Christina Holt had made a mistake on the budget form in regards to lodging, so the total request for four people is \$3,060. Activities Council granted them \$1,400. They are still requesting \$1,660 for lodging and the rest of their plane tickets. Heller asked if the funding from Activities Council went toward plane tickets. Gallegos stated that Activities Council does not usually specify how the funding is allocated. Gallegos stated that he thought they should think about it as giving the group a lump sum. Sowers has stated that the process in Activities Council is not as intuitive as the SEF process. Sowers suggested funding \$600. Gallegos thought that since the group is receiving 2/3 of the total cost would be quite generous. No matter how they allocate the money the funding would pay for all the plane tickets. Heller and Rios-Sanchez agreed to \$600 of funding.

MOTION SEF-18-W-12 By Gallegos

To approve \$600for Christina Holt's travel expenses.

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

D. Nicole Gifts Spaur's Application

Gallegos stated that Nicole Gitts Spaur is requesting to attend the Title 26 Guardian at Litem training, which would be about all the policies surrounding human services and Title 26 is specifically about civil rights. Spaur already implements this by working with foster children and helping them with legal processing. The event usually only accepts graduates so it is good that she was selected to attend this event. Spaur is requesting \$745 to attend the training. Gallegos stated that the registration has to be paid via a mailed check. Gallegos stated that if they fund registration, they would do it as a reimbursement in case the Finance Office does not want to mail in a check. Gallegos stated that Spaur referred to a very specific schedule of the event but he could not find additional information about the event. Heller stated that they must not have access to it since the event is not public. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual, representing Western and is attending a selective event. For academic value, there is overall agreement. For positive change to student communities, there is overall neutral to disagreement. 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 the application is quite strong. Heller stated that she is in support of this event but she does not know if she wants to fund it in full because the request is much more than they like to give to applications like this. Rios-Sanchez agreed. Gallegos suggested funding lodging of \$560. Rios-Sanchez thought they should fund less. Heller thought that funding 2 nights of lodging would be good. Gallegos stated that they could pay for some lodging and reimburse some of registration. They agreed to fund \$400 for 2 nights of lodging and part of registration.

MOTIONSEF-18-W-13 By Gallegos

To approve \$400 for Nicole Gitts Spaur.

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

E. Erick Yanzon's Application

Gallegos stated that Erick Yanzon is applying for eight students to attend the National Association for Ethnic Studies Conference at Virginia Commonwealth University. Gallegos stated that their total expenses are \$8,000 but Activities Council agreed to fund \$1,200. Rios-Sanchez asked if ESC Steering is going to provide any funding. He stated that this application seems like something ESC Steering should fund. Gallegos agreed and stated that it is possible that Yanzon would not go to ESC Steering because they are the chair of that committee. Gallegos stated that Yanzon let him know that the Board could pay for the whole trip but they wanted to see if they could pursue other funds. Rios-Sanchez stated that he is leaning against funding. He thought that if Yanzon could state why the Board does not want to spend their funding, they could discuss funding. Gallegos added that Yanzon does not know which eight students are attending the event. Rios-Sanchez stated that he is not comfortable funding something when they do not even know who is going yet. Rios-Sanchez asked whether the Board has historically funded this event. Rios-Sanchez stated that he has many concerns but he would like to hear more from Yanzon. He stated that he wants people to apply for something they are passionate about attending, not just filling a spot. Gallegos stated that the placeholder spots for students is a major issue with this application. Heller stated that if they do not know who is going yet, they should not go through the rubric. Gallegos stated that the budget that Yanzon sent is for eight student but if they receive enough funding from the Board, they could send 12 students. Gallegos stated that they are anticipating receiving \$1,200 from Activities Council, which Gallegos thinks will happen but they are also anticipating \$3,000 from SEF, which will not happen.

F. Looking Ahead

Gallegos stated that the Travel Taskforce is going to get together to think about how the AS is going to centralize travel funding for next year since the SEF was only supposed to last for two years. Gallegos stated that there are few cool applications coming up. Gallegos stated that he continues to receive more applications for funding.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. ADJOURN

Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 9:48am.