



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, March 16th, 2018

8:30am

VU 460

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

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

Guests:

Advisor: Raquel Wilson (Finance Manager)

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

Motions:

- SEF-18-W-36** Approval of \$75 for registration for Jenni Miska's conference application. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-37** Approval of \$300 to Cheyenne Ottem. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-38** Approval of \$300 to Caroline Schuler.
- SEF-18-W-39** Disapproval of funding for Abigail March's application. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-40** Approval of \$400 for airfare for Allissah Rupert's application. *Passed.*
- SEF-18-W-41** Disapproval of funding for Patrick McChonay. *Passed.*

Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 8:38am.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Jenni Miska's Application

Daniel Gallegos stated that Jenni Miska is hoping to attend the Western Psychological Association Conference but it is a requirement for her master's program. Gallegos asked whether she had access to other sources of funding and asked if there were conferences closer that would cost less. Miska stated that this is the closest conference to campus and that each student has a set amount of funds to use for travel but she was hoping to use the money for international travel for her master's thesis. Miska will go to the conference even if SEF does not provide funding. Grace Heller wondered if Miska could use some of the departmental funding and the fact that Miska stated that they "have to go" makes Heller less inclined to provide funding. Gallegos stated that Miska is requesting \$398 for registration, AirBnB, gas money, and transportation from lodging to the conference. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant 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 disagreement. For visible impact to Western, there is overall neutral to disagreement. There is overall agreement for personal and professional development. Gallegos stated that the application is eligible for SEF funding. Jose Rios-Sanchez stated that he would only like to provide partial funding.

MOTION SEF-18- W-36 By Sowers

To approve \$75 for registration for Jenni Miska's conference application.

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

B. Cheyenne Ottem's Application and Caroline Schuler's Application

Gallegos stated that Cheyenne Ottem and Caroline Schuler are hoping to attend the International Conference on Eating Disorders in Chicago but they applied separately. Ottem is requesting \$1,322 for lodging, registration, per diem, and transportation. They are both hoping to have a career in eating disorder psychology. Chris Sowers stated that they could look at both the applications together. Gallegos stated that the conference is three days long and the registration is very expensive but the majority of the meals are included. Heller stated that there are different registration fees based on whether the person is a member of ICED. Gallegos clarified that Schuler and Ottem are not presenting at the event. Schuler is not asking for registration funding, they are only requesting funding for lodging and airfare. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicants are individuals, 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, the committee is neutral overall. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the applications are eligible for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that they should give the same amount to both Ottem and Schuler. Gallegos stated that SEF has \$13,000 for the rest of the year, so they could fund \$300 to each. Heller stated that since this is a conference, they usually grant \$300 but this is a more expensive trip. Sowers suggested funding \$350. Rios-Sanchez is fine with either \$300 or \$350.

MOTION SEF-18- W-3 7 By Heller

To approve \$300 to Cheyenne Ottem.

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

MOTION SEF-18- W-38 By Rios-Sanchez

To approve \$300 to Caroline Schuler.

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

C. Abigail March's Application

Gallegos stated that Abigail March is hoping to attend the Southern Graphics Council International Conference with eight other people. They are requesting \$5,588 for plane tickets to Las Vegas, lodging, and registration. Sowers and Rios-Sanchez stated that for eight people, they would be comfortable funding \$1,000 at most. Heller wondered if the Department of Design provides any department funding. Gallegos stated that this group needs significant partial funding to attend the conference. Gallegos stated that it does not seem that the group is presenting portfolios at the event. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is a representative of a group. The group will be representing Western at the event. For academic/education value, there is overall neutral to agreement. Heller stated that she is neutral because she is not sure if they are attending workshops at the event. The demos are most likely just presentations. Heller clarified that there are areas for them to learn but she is still neutral in regards to academic 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 neutral to agreement. For professional development, the committee is neutral overall. Gallegos stated that the application is not eligible for SEF.

Sowers stated that it is not eligible because it does not have enough skill development and it would not have an impact on Western or student communities. Rios-Sanchez stated that he does not see how the information they acquire at the event will come back to Western and the event does not seem very interactive. Gallegos stated that he did not rescind the application because he was not sure how the committee would feel about the possible academic value of the event. Sowers added that it is important to take into consideration how Western would benefit as a whole and there was no assurance that their portfolios would be seen.

MOTION SEF-18- W-39 By Rios-Sanchez

To disapprove funding for Abigail March's application.

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

D. Allissah Rupert's application

Gallegos stated that Allissah Rupert is hoping to attend the Annual Clinical Genetics Conference. Sowers stated that he thinks that if an applicant states that they would host an event at Western after the attending an event; it should be part of the conditional funding. Rios-Sanchez agreed with Sowers that it should be binding. He added that it might be too late to implement that for this application but they could use it for future applications. Gallegos stated that they could formally approve that at the first meeting next quarter. Gallegos stated that Rupert is working with roundworms and they will be presenting their research at the event. They are requesting \$825 for transportation, lodging, and registration. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant 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. Sowers stated that if Rupert were to actually hold an event at Western, he would agree in regards to positive change to student communities. For visible impact to Western, the committee is neutral. For personal and professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is eligible for SEF funding. Rupert is attending the event even if she does not receive funding from SEF. Heller stated that she would be comfortable funding registration and lodging (\$350). Sowers would be comfortable funding \$400. Everyone agreed to \$400.

MOTION SEF-18- W-40 By Heller

To approve \$400 for airfare for Allissah Rupert's application.

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

E. Patrick McChonay's Application

Gallegos stated that Patrick McChonay is hoping to attend the North West Percussion Festival in Salem, Oregon with 16 other students. This group received approximately \$1,000 from Activities Council. They are requesting \$1,350 for transportation and lodging. Sowers stated that this is a newer club, so they have not receive departmental funding. Rios-Sanchez stated that it seems that the applicant emphasized the social aspect of attending the event. Sowers stated that the group is going to perform at the event. Sowers stated that they would each have to pay less than \$100 if SEF did not provide funding. Heller stated that SEF would be able to justify denying this funding because they already received \$1,200 of student funding. The committee is leaning

towards denying the application. Rios-Sanchez stated that SEF is not the fund where they should look to for funding.

*MOTION SEF-18- W-41 By Heller
To disapprove funding for Patrick McChonay.*

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

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. ADJOURN

Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 9:47am.