



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, March 9th, 2018

8:00am

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-26** Approval of \$300 to Melissa O'Brien's application. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-27 Approval of \$300 for Jessica Matchev to go to the anthropology conference. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-28 Approval of \$300 to Rhapsody Farrell for their conference. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-29 Approval of \$300 for Emily Burlison to attend the karate conference. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-30 Approval of \$700 for Findsey Holdener's group to go to the NW Anthropological conference.
SEF-18-W-31 Approval of \$140 to Ellen Hallingstad to attend the NW Anthropological conference. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-32 Approval of \$225 for registration of Natalie Coleman's application. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-33 Approval of \$150 to Kaylee Fishner for her conference in Seattle. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-34 Approval of \$350 for Kristin Haraldsson's application. *Passed.*
SEF-18-W-35 Approval of \$50 for breakfast. *Passed.*

Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 8:08am.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Melissa O'Brien's Application

Daniel Gallegos stated that Melissa O'Brien is hoping to do turtle research in Florida. She is requesting \$668 for airfare and Gallegos clarified that the event is not credit bearing. Gallegos stated that it would help her with general field research, science communication, and wildlife handling. She will be there for a week and a half. The \$150 cushion for airfare is included in the \$668. 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 disagreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that it is eligible

for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that he would be willing to fund \$300-\$400. Grace Heller and Chris Sowers agreed to \$300.

MOTIONSEF-18-W-26 By Sowers

To approve \$300 to Melissa O'Brien's application.

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

B. Jessica Mantchev's Application

Gallegos stated that Jessica Mantchev is hoping to attend the American Association of Physical Anthropologists 2018 87th Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas. Mantchev is interested in nutrigenomics, which is a concept of biological anthropology. She is requesting everything except per diem, which totals \$696. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual representing Western at the event. For academic/education value, there is overall agreement. For positive change to student communities, there is overall disagreement. For visible impact to Western, there is overall disagreement. There is overall agreement for personal and professional development. Gallegos stated the applicant is eligible for SEF funding. He noted that Mantchev is going to the event even if SEF does not provide funding. In terms of funding, Heller would be comfortable funding \$130 for registration. Sowers stated that he would be comfortable funding \$300. Gallegos stated that they could fund reimbursement of \$300.

MOTION SEF-18- W-27 By Heller

To approve \$300 for Jessica Mantchev to go to the anthropology conference.

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

C. Rhapsody Farrell's Application

Gallegos stated that Rhapsody Farrell is hoping to attend a technical theatre conference. Heller stated that USITT is a good conference and is eligible for SEF. Farrell already paid for everything and it totaled \$850 for lodging and airfare. Heller suggested funding \$300 or lodging for \$279. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual representing Western at the event. There is overall agreement for academic/educational value. For positive change to student communities, there is overall disagreement. There is overall disagreement for visible impact to Western. There is overall agreement for personal and professional development. Gallegos would be comfortable funding \$300.

MOTIONSEF-18-W-28 By Sowers

To approve \$300 to Rhapsody Farrell for their conference.

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

D. Emily Burlison's Application

Gallegos stated that Emily Burlison is hoping to attend a Karate conference in St Louis. Burlison teaches self-defense classes at Western. They are requesting \$420 for transportation and registration. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual representing Western at the event. The committee is overall neutral for academic/education value. For positive change to student communities, the committee is

neutral overall. For visible impact to Western, there is overall disagreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is eligible for SEF funding with overall agreement is personal and professional development. Gallegos stated he would be comfortable funding \$300-\$350. Sowers stated that he would be comfortable funding \$320 for transportation. Heller stated that it feels that the event is mainly a professional development workshop but it could bring positive change to student communities. Sowers agreed that there is more impact to the community in this application compared to other applications. Heller stated that since she wants to make a career out of it, she would probably work hard at the conference. Heller asked if Burlison purchased her airfare yet. Gallegos stated that she already purchased the flight. Everyone agreed to fund \$300.

MOTION SEF-18- W-29 By Heller

To approve \$300for Emily Burlison to attend the karate conference.

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

E. Lindsey Holdener's Application

Gallegos stated that Lindsey Holdener is requesting \$1,050 to attend the NW Anthropological Conference in Boise with four other people. Gallegos stated that they are hoping to network at the event. Sowers stated that since they are taking five people, their request is reasonable. Gallegos stated that the applicant is a representative of a group, and is 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, there is overall neutral to agreement. Gallegos stated that they are presenting three different projects at the event. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the consensus was agreement in academic value, personal development, and professional development, so the application is eligible for SEF funding. The request includes transportation, lodging, and registration. Gallegos stated that they would be able to go to the event without SEF funding. Heller stated that she would be comfortable funding \$700. Sowers suggested funding \$500 for lodging. Gallegos stated that since it is five people, he would be comfortable funding \$700.

MOTION SEF-18- W-30 By Heller

To approve \$700for Lindsey Holdener's group to go to the NW Anthropological conference.

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

F. Ellen Hallingstad's Application

Gallegos stated that Ellen Hallingstad is hoping to attend the NW Anthropological conference as well. She is requesting \$501.21 but her lodging is almost as expensive as the lodging for the five people in Lindsey Holdener's group. For whatever reason, she is not requesting airfare funds but is requesting funds for airport parking. Gallegos stated that Hallingstad is presenting research at the event as part of her honors capstone. She will be going to the event even if SEF does not provide funding. Gallegos clarified that attending the event is not credit bearing. Heller stated that she does not think they should offer more than \$140 because that is what they offered the other group. Sowers and Gallegos agreed. Sowers stated that the lodging seems very expensive for just one person. Everyone was comfortable funding \$140.

MOTIONSEF-18-W-31 By Sowers

To approve \$140 to Ellen Hallingstad to attend the NW Anthropological conference.

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

G. Natalie Coleman's Application

Gallegos stated that Natalie Coleman is planning to go the Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference in Seattle. She is requesting \$737 for lodging and gas. Gallegos stated that at the event, Coleman would be learning and networking. Gallegos stated that he assumes that Coleman is an undergraduate. 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. In regards to visible impact to Western, there is overall disagreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is eligible for SEF. Heller stated that she thinks longer conferences have more of an impact on someone compared to only attending an event for two days. In terms of funding, Heller would be comfortable funding \$225 for registration. Everyone agreed to fund \$225.

MOTION SEF-18- W-32 By Heller

To approve \$225for registration of Natalie Coleman 's application.

Second: Rios-Sanchez Vote: 4-0-0 Action: Passed

H. Kaylee Lishner's Application

Gallegos stated that Kaylee Lishner is hoping to attend the National Art Education Association National Conference in Seattle. Gallegos stated that they are requesting \$325 for parking and registration. Gallegos stated that they are not presenting at the event, but they hope to learn and network at the event. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that Lishner is an individual applicant representing Western at the event. For academic/educational value, the committee is neutral overall. For positive change to student communities, there is overall neutral to disagreement. For visible impact to Western, there is overall disagreement. For personal development and professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is barely eligible for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that they could partially fund \$100-\$200. Sowers stated that he would be comfortable with \$150. Heller agreed.

MOTIONSEF-18-W-33 By Sowers

To approve \$150 to Kaylee Lishnerfor their conference in Seattle.

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

I. Jenni Miska's Application

Gallegos stated that Jenni Miska is applying to attend the Western Psychological Association Conference in Portland. Gallegos stated that Miska is a graduate TA and framed the event as a personal and professional development opportunity. There will be a lot of research presented at the event. Gallegos stated that it is not credit bearing but Miska has to attend the event to

graduate. Jose Rios-Sanchez stated that since it is a graduate requirement, he wonders why the department is not providing funding. Raquel Wilson stated that they should determine whether this qualifies for SEF funding. Since it is a requirement for Miska's master degree, even though it is not credit bearing it is still a graduation requirement. Gallegos noted that SEF funded \$ 181 for Gracie Rauen to attend the same event but Rauen is an undergraduate student and attending was not a graduation requirement. Rios-Sanchez clarified that Miska has to attend any conference to graduate and he would think that there are closer, cheaper conferences around Bellingham that they could attend. It would seem odd that the department would require someone to pay out of pocket to attend a particular conference. Heller stated that it seems that Miska wants to attend the event as well as it being a graduation requirement. Miska is requesting \$398. Wilson noted that SEF is being thoroughly reviewed in terms of their travel justifications on the institutional level, and she thinks this application is more about personal development and they cannot use SNA fees for that. They should determine how this would concretely benefit the Western community. Gallegos stated that he wonders how the institution has the jurisdiction to override the SEF decisions. Wilson stated that she would argue on behalf of SEF because it is a well-functioning committee. She added that there is a value on WWU students representing the university at conferences. Many believe that the institution benefits when students go out representing Western. They are looking into all student travel throughout the university, not just travel funded through the AS. 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. For visible impact to Western, there is overall neutral to disagreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is eligible for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that this is the main issue with the application is that attending the event is a graduation requirement but he does not think it is a prohibiting factor. Rios-Sanchez stated that he wished they knew the motivation for attending the conference. He would be more inclined to fund the application if Miska really wanted to attend the event and was not only because it is a requirement for graduation. It does not explicitly stop SEF from providing funding but it is a strong consideration because it should not be the main motivating factor. Heller asked if they could talk about it next week and Gallegos could ask why the department is not providing funding.

J. Kristin Haralds son's Application

Gallegos stated that Kristin Haraldsson is a graduate student hoping to attend the Society for Adolescent Research Biennial Meeting in Minnesota. Haraldsson is requesting \$442 for per diem and transportation. Haraldsson will be presenting research at the event. 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. For visible impact to student communities, there is overall neutral to agreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is eligible for SEF funding. Heller stated that she would be comfortable funding \$300 for transportation. Rios-Sanchez stated that they could also fund for the shuttle between locations. Everyone agreed to \$350.

MOTION SEF-18- W-34 By Rios-Sanchez

To approve \$350 for Kristin Haraldsson 's application.

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

K. Breakfast

MOTION SEF-18- W-35 By Rios-Sanchez

To approve \$50 for breakfast.

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

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. ADJOURN

Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 9:51am.