



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, April 13th, 2018

12:00pm

VU 460

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); (ESC Representative); (AS Club Representative).
Guests:

Advisor: Raquel Wilson (Finance Manager)

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

Motions:

- SEF-18-S-1** Approval of \$370 for Rachel Geiger's registration for their conference.
Passed.
- SEF-18-S-2** Approval of \$385 for registration and the plane ticket back from the conference for Melanie del Rosario. *Passed.*

Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 12:16pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. SEF Fund Recap

Daniel Gallegos stated that the committee has done a good job distributing the funds throughout the year. They have \$11,302 remaining for the rest of the quarter. There are quite a few applications for this quarter but they will only be reviewing two applications today.

B. Reinstate The 2-Day Meeting Process for SEF Applications over \$750

Gallegos stated that last quarter they chose to suspend the two-day meeting process for applications over \$750 but they are going to reinstate that rule. Chris Sowers stated that he thought they do not have to reinstate it; it allows the committee more flexibility in case there is a situation where they need to approve funds quickly. Jose Rios-Sanchez stated that he would be okay with leaving it as it is. He stated that since they only have 8 weeks of meetings left, they might be tight on time for certain applications. Rios-Sanchez added that this committee is very thorough when reviewing applications.

C. Rachel Geiger's Application

Gallegos stated that Rachel Geiger is hoping to attend the Society of Freshwater Scientists Conference in May and will be presenting research at the event as an undergraduate. The event is in Detroit, Michigan. Gallegos stated that Geiger is requesting \$1,300, which is a lot for one person. Gallegos stated that typically they give approximately \$400 to individual applicants. The registration cost alone is \$370. Gallegos stated that Geiger might be receiving funding from the Honors Program but will not be receiving departmental funding. Gallegos stated that Geiger would be able to attend the event even if SEF does not provide funding. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is an individual applicant representing Western at the event. There is overall strong agreement for academic/educational value. In regards to positive change to student communities, the

committee is neutral overall. In regards to visible impact to Western, there is overall neutral to agreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that application is relatively strong and is eligible for SEF funding. Everyone agreed that SEF should provide partial funding to Geiger. Sowers stated that he would be comfortable providing funding for registration (\$370). Rios-Sanchez agreed to fund \$370 for registration.

MOTION PC-18-S-1 By Sowers

To approve funding for Rachel Geiger's registration of \$370 for their conference.

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

D. Melanie del Rosario's Application

Gallegos stated that Melanie del Rosario is a graduate student in Environmental Studies. She will be presenting original research at the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences conference in Washington D.C. She is requesting \$705 and Gallegos noted that she would not be able to attend without partial funding from SEF. The event is from June 20-June 23. 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, the committee is neutral overall. For visible impact to Western, there is overall neutral to agreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the applicant is eligible for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that he would be comfortable funding \$370-\$400. Sowers stated that they could fund \$385 for registration and one plane ticket. Rios-Sanchez agreed to \$385.

MOTION PC-18-S-2 By Rios-Sanchez

To approve Melanie del Rosario's application for SEF funding in the amount of \$385 for registration and the plane ticket back from the conference.

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

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. ADJOURN

Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 12:36pm.