



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Friday, April 27th, 2018

12:15pm

VU462A

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);

Advisor: Raquel Wilson (Finance Manager)

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

Guests:

Motions:

SEF-18-S-3 Approval of meeting minutes from 3/2/18, 3/9/18, 3/16/18, and 4/13/18. *Passed.*

SEF-18-S-4 Denial of the SEF application of Formula SAE. *Passed.*

SEF-18-S-5 Approval of \$300 to Amelia McDowell with the stipulation that they can attend the event. *Passed.*

SEF-18-S-6 Approval of Amy Sanchez's application to the SEF for \$300 in partial funding. *Passed.*

Daniel Gallegos called the meeting to order at 12:21pm.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION SEF-18-S-3 By Gallegos

To approve meeting minutes from 3/2/18, 3/9/18, 3/16/18, and 4/13/18.

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

II. DISCUSSION ITEM

A. Applications from AS Clubs

Daniel Gallegos stated that they would like to formally clarify that SEF will not long provide funding for AS Clubs after they evaluate Michael König's application. Jose Rios-Sanchez suggested that they make the motion after they review and vote on König's application.

B. Michael König's Application

Gallegos stated that they are taking 20 people to the Formula SAE event in Lincoln, Nebraska. It will be in the summer but many of the students are returning to WWU next year. Gallegos explained that the club has funds but \$40,000 of the funds are spent on building the car. They are looking for \$10,000 to send the team members to the event. Gallegos stated that they are requesting \$6,500 but they are going to the event even if they do not receive funding from SEF. Most of the students are engineering students but it is a professional development opportunity as well. Chris Sowers asked what the current budget is for SEF. Sowers stated that they might want to consider not providing

funding if they are only going to provide a small amount. Gallegos stated that SEF has \$10,700 for the rest of the year. Excluding Konig's application, they have about \$6,000 in requests. Sowers stated that in consideration of that, they would not be able to give an amount that would significantly help the group, so he thought they should not provide funding. Rios-Sanchez clarified that this group is an AS club and he wondered if they have looked for funding from Activities Council. Sowers stated that at the last meeting, he suggested that they go to Activities Council. Gallegos stated that they went last year and each member paid \$500 out of pocket to attend. Rios-Sanchez stated that it is difficult because this is Activities Council ground and SEF does not have the funds to provide them a significant amount. He would be more comfortable if they looked for funding from Activities Council. Sowers stated that he would expect that Activities Council could provide \$1000 maximum. Rios-Sanchez stated that the event is a little less academic but it seems like a great event. Gallegos clarified that they are renting two vans and driving to Nebraska and will be spending 5 nights there. Rios-Sanchez stated that he was going to suggest providing \$1,000 but since there are 20 people going, it is not much per person but he does not think they could provide more than \$1,000. Raquel Wilson asked if they have applied to Activities Council. Sowers stated that both he and Gallegos suggested that they apply but Activities Council have not received an application yet. Sowers stated that they also were discussing not funding AS clubs anymore because individuals do not have the financial backing clubs have. Rios-Sanchez noted that both SEF and Activities Council get funding from the student body. Wilson stated that the intent of the grant for SEF was primarily geared to those outside of the AS club system. It does not mean that they preclude folks from applying, but that club trips were not the priority for funding. They want things to come out of appropriate channels. Since they are in Spring Quarter and they have not taken that hard line that they will not fund clubs, she would suggest that they do not exclude AS clubs from accessing SEF funds. Wilson stated that she does not think it is unreasonable to provide \$500 or \$1000 even though it does not make a large impact. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that the applicant is a representative group, representing an AS club/team, and representing Western at the event. In regards to 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. For personal development, there is overall neutral to agreement. For professional development, there is overall agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is relatively strong and is eligible for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that he would be comfortable not providing funding to save funding for other applications. Rios-Sanchez stated that he really thinks the applicant should go through Activities Council. Sowers stated that he thought that if they were to go to Activities Council, they could provide more funding and he would want to prevent the group from receiving funding from both SEF and Activities Council. Rios-Sanchez wondered if they could grant conditional funding that they go to Activities Council first. Sowers did not think they should do that because they would get funds from both SEF and Activities Council, they should be narrowed down to the one fund people should go to. Rios-Sanchez stated that he worries about what other groups will think about that. Rios-Sanchez clarified that it seems that this group should go to Activities Council. Gallegos and Rios-Sanchez would be all right with conditional

funding but Rios-Sanchez agreed with Sowers that clubs should not receive funding from both SEF and Activities Council. Wilson agreed with Sowers that the group would most likely receive more funding from Activities Council anyway. Sowers stated that Activities Council has about \$4,300 left. Wilson stated that Gallegos should encourage and direct the group to go to Activities Council for funding.

MOTION SEF-18-S-4 By Sowers

To deny the SEF application of Formula SAE.

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

C. Amelia McDowell's Application

Gallegos stated that Amelia McDowell is hoping to do a professional development workshop called the Pomegranate Method Training in Seattle. Gallegos noted that he added a question on the application about the academic field of study of the applicant. Gallegos stated that McDowell would not be able to attend the event without funding but might be able to attend with partial funding. They are requesting \$613, which is mainly registration. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated that McDowell is an individual applicant representing Western at the event. Wilson asked what year the applicant is. Gallegos stated that he is not sure but it did not seem that they were graduating. For academic/educational value, there is overall neutral to agreement. For positive change to student communities, there is overall neutral to agreement. Gallegos stated that in this case, they should keep in mind the actions that McDowell states they could do after the event. For visible impact to the Western, there is overall neutral to agreement. For personal development, there is overall agreement. For professional development, there is overall neutral to agreement. Gallegos stated that the application is eligible for SEF funding. All would be comfortable providing partial funding. Sowers stated that he would be comfortable funding \$300. Gallegos stated that they usually fund \$400 for individual applicants. Wilson noted that it is often easiest to fund registration instead of travel. McDowell would be going to the event for the 18th, 19th, and the 23rd. Gallegos would be comfortable funding \$300 for registration.

MOTION SEF-18-S-5 By Sowers

To approve \$300 to Amelia McDowell with the stipulation that they can attend the event.

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

D. Amy Sanchez's Application

Gallegos stated that Amy Sanchez is hoping to attend a cultural and professional development event called People of the Global Majority in the Outdoors, Nature, and Environment in Oakland, CA and is taking place in May. Sanchez is a graduate student in Environmental Education and stated that they would be able to attend with partial funding. Gallegos stated that Sanchez is a TA on campus. Wilson stated that the University expressed some concern when the funding went towards personal enrichment and/or job enhancement. They might feel that since this applicant is a TA, they should

be going through their department. Gallegos stated that the department is not providing funding for Sanchez. Wilson feels that TAs can have an impact to the student body because they are teaching undergraduates. Gallegos stated that he would be comfortable considering this further for SEF funding. They are requesting \$400 for registration and airfare. Sanchez stated that they requested only for one plane ticket (\$150). Gallegos stated that Sanchez only requested for what they really need. Sowers clarified that Sanchez would definitely need \$400 to attend the event. Sowers stated that Sanchez seems closely tied to the department but Gallegos noted that the department is not helping with funding. Wilson stated that this is a compelling application and especially with being a person of color in a field that does not have much representation of people of color. Going through the rubric, Gallegos stated the applicant is an individual representing Western at the event. In terms of academic/education 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 application is moderately strong and is eligible for SEF funding. Gallegos stated that they have the funding to provide the full \$400 if they would like to do that. Gallegos stated that Sanchez might be able to attend with \$350. Rios-Sanchez stated that he was leaning towards \$300 but would be comfortable with funding \$400 because they typically give around \$400 to individual applicants. Rios-Sanchez asked what would be going on at the event. Gallegos referred to the website and stated that there will be guided hikes, spoken word, panel of social media influences, lectures, workshops and a job fair. If they feel comfortable funding \$350, Gallegos can check with Sanchez whether that will be enough to attend the event but he would be comfortable funding the full \$400. Gallegos stated that the event is more of a professional/cultural development opportunity as well as a networking opportunity. Rios-Sanchez stated that it could also be academic because it speaks about culture in Sanchez's specific field. He would consider it academic, professional, and cultural. Wilson would encourage this applicant towards the Diversity Fund or to Nick Sanchez who has a pool of money for campus equity and inclusion. Sowers stated that those would be more appropriate places to look for funding. Rios-Sanchez stated that he would be comfortable funding \$300-\$350. Gallegos will tell Sanchez that they can provide that amount and then encourage them to go to the Diversity Fund.

MOTION SEF-18-S-6 By Rios-Sanchez

To approve Amy Sanchez's application to the SEF for \$300 in partialfunding.

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

E. Rachael Waldrop's Application

Gallegos stated that Rachael Waldrop is applying to attend the Western Psychological Association convention. The other people who applied to go this event were funded \$181 and \$75. Waldrop is requesting \$405. Everyone felt comfortable with Gallegos reviewing this application and making a decision for this applicant.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

IV. ACTION ITEMS

V. ADJOURN

Gallegos adjourned the meeting at 1:33pm.