



AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Date: January 25, 2019 Location: VU 462B

Members: Present Tyler Andrews (SEF Facilitator), Ally Palmer (AS Business Director), Ikenna Onukwufor (AS Clubs Business Director), Soumya Ayelasomayajula (AS ESC Assistant Director for Club Logistics), Ruth Ewald (Student Senator)
Absent: Dayjha McMillan (Student Senator), Celia Major (Student-At-Large)
Advisor: Raquel Vigil (Business Manager)
Secretary: Nate Jo (Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

Motions:

- SEF-19-W-1** Approval of the meeting minutes from December 6th, 2018. *Passed.*
SEF-19-W-2 Approval of up to \$350 in funding for combined lodging expenses and \$180 each for transportation for Clanton, Lagasse, & Johnson. *Passed.*
SEF-19-W-3 Approval of \$2860 in funding to Pauline Elevazo; \$880 for Elevazo and \$660 for each other student. *Passed.*
SEF-19-W-4 Approval of \$400 to Julz Loboda for webinar registration expenses. *Passed.*
SEF-19-W-5 Approval of funding for Rachel Walsh and Laurel Messenger for airfare and conference registration expenses and airfare and registration funding for Sam Frost pending application to the Student Development Fund. *Passed.*

Tyler Andrews called this meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION SEF-19-W-1 By Onukwufor

To approve the meeting minutes from December 6th, 2018.

Second: Andrews Vote: 4-0-1 Action: Passed

II. Revisions to the Agenda

No revisions to the agenda.

III. Information Items

A. Budget Update

Andrews stated that SEF funded 25 students in fall quarter and awarded close to the amount of funds allocated per quarter.

IV. Action Items

A. Applications of Emma Clanton, Tia Lagasse, and Payton Johnson

Andrews stated that these applicants wished to attend the Principle Business Leadership Institute along with another applicant that SEF had previously funded. Soumya Ayelasomayajula asked whether the request was for \$350 or \$340. Andrews mentioned that lodging would be less expensive if they all stayed in the same Airbnb but the price could vary depending on the location. Ayelasomayajula suggested funding a total of \$350 for lodging and \$180 for each applicant for transportation.

MOTION SEF-19-W-2 By Ayelasomayajula

To approve up to \$350 for combined lodging expenses and \$180 each for Clanton, Lagasse, and Payton.

Second: Palmer Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

B. Application of Ally Palmer

This item was moved to information items since quorum would be lost if Palmer abstained.

Palmer stated that she wanted to attend a five-day writer's conference in San Francisco. She stated that the conference would cover self-publishing, meeting with agents, and help with professional development. Palmer said she applied for funding through the English department but that they only awarded funding for people who had submissions in a conference. Palmer stated that the total expenses would be \$3032 and that she would not be able to attend if she received less than \$2400 in funding. Palmer said that the Airbnb was the most expensive item and that she was unable to find anything else that would be close enough to the conference. Palmer stated that she could pay for her own transportation.

Onukwufor asked if she was going in a group and Palmer said that she was going by herself.

Andrews said that SEF could vote on this item via email due to quorum.

C. Application of Pauline Elevazo

Andrews stated that Elevazo was an Idea Institute Fellow and was applying to attend a conference in San Diego. Elevazo was invited to speak at the conference, which is an international event and excellent networking opportunity.

Andrews said that Elevazo was also applying on behalf of three other people but that Elevazo was the funding priority since she was speaking at the conference.

Onukwufor stated that the applicant passed the rubric and that it would be good exposure for Western. Raquel Vigil asked why the Idea Institute was not paying for Pauline to attend since she would be speaking at the conference. Andrews said that the Idea Institute is underfunded and that students did not receive much support from Danica, the associate director.

Andrews said that the other students could pay more out of pocket if they wanted to go but that Elevazo was only able to pay \$90 out of pocket. Ayelasomayajula asked if they had applied to any other funds. Andrews said that since it was not department related travel they had only considered SEF and SEJF (which typically does not provide conference funding).

Ruth Ewald asked what the conference was. Andrews said that it was a Change Makers conference and that each fellow of the institute takes on a project focused around social issues and representation in politics. Palmer wondered why the Elevazo had to pay for registration since she was a conference speaker. Andrews stated that Dayjha and Dimetrieze wanted to go as well but where less sure.

Onukwufor suggested providing \$880 in full funding for Elevazo and 50% percent funding for the other students for a total of \$2200. Ewald said that she would rather not fund students that did not feel strongly about attending the funding and agreed with providing 50% funding to the other students. Andrews suggested funding Elevazo at 100% and providing 75% funding for the other students. The committee agreed that unused funds would return to SEF instead of going to the other students. Vigil asked if this application was time sensitive and said that she would contact Danika to ask if the institute would be willing to provide partial funding.

Andrews mentioned that the Idea Institute had done fundraising and Onukwufor asked what they had used the funds for. Andrews did not know and suggested a public records request.

Onukwufor suggested 75% funding for the other students so that they would not have to pay as much out of pocket since they may be first-generation students.

Onukwufor stated that the total would be \$2200 for 50% funding and \$2860 for 75%, a difference of \$660.

MOTION SEF-19-W-3 By Onukwufor

To award \$2860 in funding to Pauline Elevazo; \$880 for Elevazo and \$660 for each other student.

Second: Ayelasomayajula Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

D. Application of Julz Loboda

Andrews stated that the applicant was requesting funding for a voice clinician webinar for “Training Transgender and GBC Speakers”. The registration cost was \$425, and the applicant was able to pay up to \$50 out of pocket.

Palmer stated that the applicant strongly met the rubric criteria and Onukwufor said that the training would have a direct impact on Western Students. Ayelasomayajula asked if they could invite more people to attend the webinar. Vigil stated that no admission would be charged, and they would work with the Langley, the LGBTQ+ director, to get more students to attend.

MOTION SEF-19-W-4 By Ewald

To award \$400 in funding to Jules for webinar registration costs.

Second: Ayelasomayajula Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

E. Application of Samantha Frost, Rachel Walsh, and Laurel Messenger

Andrews stated that these applicants were all Marketing and PR majors and had made an extensive effort to find funding sources. Andrews mentioned that the application could be complicated since Frost was considering applying for the Student Development fund, which is intended for AS Employees. Vigil stated that SEF does not fund student employees who are applying for funding in their official capacity.

Onukwufor said that he saw Frost’s application as benefiting students and future employees instead of her personally in her current AS position. Ayelasomayajula said because Frost was in the PR major, she could benefit Western students.

Andrews said that Frost could pass on the skills gained at the conference to future members of the Young Democrats and Student Marketing Association at Western. Ayelasomayajula reminded the committee that the previous applicants that were funded to attend Social Media Week also had AS jobs that could benefit from the conference. Vigil stated that if an applicant received student development funding than they should not also receive Student Enhancement Funding and vice versa.

Andrews said that Walsh and Messenger could not apply for the student development fund since the conference was not relevant to their jobs.

Andrews said that they would share lodging expenses with other applicants and that registration expenses were most pressing. Andrews said that each applicant could pay about \$500 out of pocket. Palmer suggested fully funding registration and airfare but encouraging Frost to apply to the Student Development Fund instead. Vigil recommended wording a motion that would allow Frost to receive funding from SEF if denied funding from the Student Development Fund.

MOTION SEF-19-W-5 By Palmer

To award Rachel Walsh and Laurel Messenger airfare and conference registration funding and to award Sam Frost airfare and registration funding pending application to the Student Development Fund.

Second: Andrews Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed

V. Other Business

No other business.

Andrews adjourned the meeting at 2:11pm.