



# AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

Date: February 1, 2019 Location: VU 460

**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), Celia Major (Student-at-large), Ruth Ewald (Student Senator)

**Absent:** Dayjha McMillan (Student Seantor)

**Advisor:** Raquel Vigil (Business Manager)

**Secretary:** Nate Jo (Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

## Motions:

- SEF-19-W-6** Approval of \$1420 in funding to Allyssa Palmer. **Passed.**
- SEF-19-W-7** Approval of funding for registration expenses for the application of Micah Smith. **Passed.**
- SEF-19-W-8** Denial of the application of Devon Kaufman. **Passed.**

*Tyler Andrews called this meeting to order at 1:11pm.*

## I. Approval of Minutes

## II. Revisions to the Agenda

## III. Information Items

### A. Budget Update

Tyler Andrews stated that approximately \$20,000 remained in the SEF budget to be spent over the next two quarters. Raquel Vigil said that the number of applicants drops off significantly in Spring quarter. Vigil stated that the current fiscal year ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## IV. Action Items

### A. Application of Allyssa Palmer

Andrews stated that the estimated amount for lodging for all nights was between \$600 and \$700. Ikenna Onukwufor suggested funding 70% of lodging for a total of \$1420 in the email correspondence.

Andrews stated that a round trip flight between Seattle and San Francisco was roughly \$300. Celia Major said that flights on Kayak were between \$344 and \$504. Major questioned if partial funding for registration was generous enough. Onukwufor suggested full funding for registration and 75% funding for lodging. Ayelasomayajula agreed since registration is a fixed expense and lodging and travel are variable expenses. Onukwufor stated that with registration at \$895 and lodging at \$525, the total expenses would come close to Palmer's out of pocket limit. Ruth Ewald agreed that it was reasonable to fund 75% of lodging.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-6 By Onukwufor*

*To award \$1420 in funding to Allyssa Palmer.*

*Second: Major*

*Vote: 5-0-0*

*Action: Passed*

**B. Application of Micah Smith**

Micah Smith is also representing Cody Mowrey in this application. Andrews said that the total cost of funding for both individuals would be \$2083 (100% of registration, 75% of transportation, 25% of lodging) and mentioned that they could share lodging with other Western Students attending Social Media Week. Ayelasomayajula said that she would be okay with not funding lodging. Andrews said that the total cost of round-trip tickets would be around \$800 for both applicants.

Major noted that it was more difficult to evaluate an application for multiple people. Onukwufor said that this was a different situation since most group applicants had equal standing. Andrews suggested a policy for having all students apply at the same time if they were going to the same conference.

Vigil questioned why a value judgment was being made concerning the applicants.

Ayelasomayajula said that Mowrey was a marketing major, so the conference was more applicable. The conference would not directly cover psychological aspects of marketing, which would be more relevant to Smith.

Ewald suggested providing block funding and allowing the applicants to decide how to spend it. Andrews stated that the applicants were willing to pay up to \$1000 out of pocket. Ayelasomayajula suggested funding only registration expenses since they would be able to share lodging.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-7 By Ewald*

To approve funding for registration expenses for the application of Micah Smith.

*Second: Onukwufor Vote: 5-0-0 Action: Passed*

**C. Application of Devon Kaufman**

Andrews stated that Kaufman was attending a Business Conference in Florida and was seeking \$302 in reimbursement for the plane ticket. Onukwufor said that Kaufman passed rubric criteria but didn't seem to need to fund. Onukwufor suggested funding only a small amount to show support from the AS.

Major said that as a student who applied for SEF funding twice, the application seemed to lack effort, since the application asked for paragraph responses and received only one sentence replies. The committee performed a rubric reading of categories 3-6.

Onukwufor suggested funding \$50 to show support. Ayelasomayajula stated that many conferences take place in May and that funds should be reserved for more qualified applicants.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-8 By Andrews*

To deny the application of Devon Kaufman.

*Second: Major Vote: 4-0-1 Action: Passed*

**V. Other Business**

*Andrews adjourned the meeting at 1:53pm.*