



Western Washington University Associated Students

AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee

February 8, 2019

VU 543

Board Members: *Present:* Tyler Andrews (SEF Facilitator), Ally Palmer (Business Director), Ikenna Onukwufor (Clubs Business Director), Soumya Ayelasomayajula (ESC Assistant Director for Club Logistics), Ruth Ewald (Student Senator)
Absent: Celia Major (Student-At-Large)

Advisor: Raque Vigil (Business Manager)

Secretary: Nate Jo (Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

Motions:

SEF-19-W-9 Approval of the meeting minutes from February 1, 2019 and January 25, 2019. *Passed.*

SEF-19-W-10 Approval of up to \$440 to Madeleine Zeiler pending departmental funding. *Passed.*

SEF-19-W-11 Motion to table action item: Application of Camilla Mejía. *Passed.*

SEF-19-W-12 Amendment to SEF-19-W-4, increasing funding for Julz Loboda to \$425. *Passed.*

Tyler Andrews, SEF Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 1:09pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION SEF-19-W-9 By Ewald

To approve the meeting minutes from February 1, 2019 and January 25, 2019.

Second: Onukwufor

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Information Items

A. Application of Chyna Cha

Andrews stated that Cha was applying to attend Social Media Week in New York and was requesting \$1,398. The application also indicated a second unknown individual. Andrews said that he was meeting with Cha later to discuss the application. Soumya Ayelasomayajula asked if Cha would be sharing lodging with the people already attending and Andrews said that this was likely.

B. Application of Hanna Webster

Andrews stated that Webster was eligible to receive funding, due to passing the rubric with agree/strongly agree in one category. Ayelasomayajula questioned if the rubric policy could be changed. She said that an applicant that only met one category shouldn't move forward.

Ruth Ewald also mentioned problems with one person applying on behalf of others when the applicants were not equally qualified. Andrews talked about a policy that would require students going to an event to submit their applications at the same time. Andrews also mentioned changing the WIN form to allow individualized responses for individuals applying as a group.

Ayelasomayajula said that it made sense to evaluate applications individually but evaluate the budget as one. Ally Palmer asked if changes to the rubric would help.

Raquel Vigil suggested requiring applicants to meet a minimum cumulative rubric score.

IV. Action Items

A. Application of Madeleine Zeiler

Andrews stated that Zeiler was representing another student and that they were in an Anthropology program, studying family planning in Rwanda. Andrews said that the conference they wanted to attend would represent a visible impact to Western since Zeiler was a coauthor of seven presentations and an author of three. Zeiler requested \$640 and said that they would be able to attend the conference without SEF funding. They were willing to pay \$200 out of pocket and had already paid for registration. Andrews had recommended seeking departmental funding as well.

Onukwufor said that the application was strong and suggested providing funding. Ewald agreed but said that the department should provide funding. Palmer suggested funding up to \$640, pending departmental funding.

Ayelasomayajula suggested funding up to \$440 since they were able to pay \$200 out of pocket.

MOTION SEF-19-W-10 by [insert name]

To award up to \$440 to Madeleine Zeiler pending departmental funding.

Second: Palmer

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Application of Camilla Mejía

Andrews stated that Mejía was applying on behalf of another student to attend the Latinx Lead Student Leadership Conference. This would be reimbursement funding.

Vigil mentioned that Joselyn is an Idea Institute fellow and suggested seeking funding from them.

Andrews mentioned that Mejía had also applied to the SEJF fund and was looking at using the diversity initiative account. Vigil pointed out that if she used the diversity initiative account, then the conference would be related to her job, and she would not be eligible for SEF funding. Palmer said that she would prefer Mejía use the diversity initiative fund since less students have access to it.

Ayelasomayajula stated that this account was usually used to send students to the Oregon Students of Color Conference, but that they had not gone yet.

Palmer suggested waiting to vote on this item until they knew whether Mejía could use the diversity initiative fund.

Vigil stated that the committee could recommend other sources of funding but should not make decisions on where funding comes from.

MOTION SEF-19-W-11 by Andrews

To table action item: Application of Camilla Mejía.

Second: Onukwufor

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

V. Other Business

Andrews said that the committee previously funded Julz Loboda for the total webinar registration cost, but the final expense was \$475 instead of \$400. Andrews asked for an extra \$75 to be awarded to Loboda to cover the cost. Ewald asked how much Loboda could pay out of pocket. Loboda could pay up to \$50 out of pocket.

MOTION SEF-19-W-12 by Andrews

To amend SEF-19-W-4, increasing funding for Julz Loboda to \$425.

Vote: 5-0-0

Action: Passed

Andrews said that Vigil had talked to Danika about Idea Institute funding for Pauline Elevazo. Vigil authorized Andrews to pay 100% of Elevazo's expenses to avoid further cost increases. The Idea Institute had agreed to pay for 25% of Elevazo's conference expenses. As a donor to the foundation account, Vigil had asked Danika to support Elevazo in attending the conference.

Andrews adjourned this meeting at 1:59pm.