



**Western Washington University Associated Students  
AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee**

March 8, 2019  
VU 460

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

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

**Secretary:** Astrid Dueñas (Board Assistant for Internal Committees)

**Motions:**

**SEF-19-W-14** Approval of the meeting minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. *Passed.*

**SEF-19-W-15** To approve \$274.00 for registration and one night of the trip. *Passed.*

**SEF-19-W-16** To fully fund Kim Huynh for up to \$500. *Passed.*

**SEF-19-W-17** To table the application of Hannah Newman till next meeting. *Passed.*

**SEF-19-W-18** To table Max Taylor's application. *Passed.*

**SEF-19-W-19** To approve \$2,200 for this conference. *Passed.*

**SEF-19-W-20** To fully fund Seleni DeJesus-Ponce for \$473.50. *Passed.*

*Tyler Andrews, SEF Facilitator, called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.*

**I. Approval of Minutes**

*MOTION SEF-19-W-14 By Palmer*

To approve the meeting minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

*Second: Ayelasomayajula Vote: 5-0-0*

*Action: Passed*

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

Ikenna Onukwufor asked if they could move up all the upcoming event dates to action items. Andrews responds that action items are organized based on dates. So, order stays the same.

Soumya Ayelasomayajula expressed concerns that due to the number of applications there might not be enough money left for next quarter and wondered if it was true. Andrews notes that per the last expense report there is \$18,000 available. From the previous action items, the total amount was \$20,800 asked, however some applications were withdrawn. This does mean that as the year goes on, the committee will have to be more selective on application approval.

Palmer asked if the committee should set a limit of a proposed amount aside for next quarter. Andrews liked the idea. If everyone were to be approved, then the balance would be in the negatives.

Onukwufor asked for clarification if the 18,000 was for the rest of the school year, or just for winter quarter. Andrews responded that it was for the rest of the school year and whatever action items passed would have to be reconciled with that amount.

Andrews emphasizes that there are a lot of big asks listed within the action items. He has met and is waiting for responses from some people.

Raque Vigil pointed out that to decide what the set amount is will be difficult. Many of the action items are effective in Spring. Advised the committee to simply work on their current applications and know that they currently have a balance of 18,000. Spring typically has a decrease in applications.

### **III. Information Items**

#### **A. Devon Kaufman**

Andrews explained that this applicant was rescinded. It was for the 10X Business conference in Florida. The application was weak and it was mentioned that they would be able to pay if the committee declined their application. However, after the event, the event had a few hidden fees and Kaufman is struggling. Andrew questions whether they should give Kaufman \$100 or if the committee should move on.

Ayelasomayajula was more inclined to move on, simply because the application has been looked at and there have been other applicants who were rejected and are also struggling. Kaufman should not be an exception. Palmer also agreed with these sentiments.

Onukwufor proposes that Kaufman's case should be looked at as a last action item in the last meeting of the quarter. Prioritizing new applicants.

Celia Major added that the original application was also weak. Even if his situation has changed, his application continues to be weak. Suggests Kaufman should resubmit.

Andrews shared the committee's sentiments.

#### **B. Haike Pijs, Sarah Bentley-Spring, Levi Eckman**

All are in the International Affairs Association, they are going to the National Model United Nations in New York. Most is paid but individuals are required to pay \$115 registration fee and transportation. Multiple meetings have been had between Eckman and others, such as Andrews. Decided to take off transportation cost, committee will grant registration. No more people from the club are going to be asking for money. Money for this conference has already been accounted.

Onukwufor asked whether MUN had access to DRAC (?). Andrews responded that yes they do, however some of the expenses is placed on the individuals. NMUN is the highest priced.

Andrews notified committee of the aforementioned events.

#### **C. Aden Nevler**

Nevler is going to the Washington/Oregon Sustainability Conference in Seattle. Was seeking reimbursement. Total budget for him was \$174 for 149 registrations including registration fee and transportation. Andrews took off transportation, solely providing conference funding. This has also already been incorporated into the budget.

Vigil questioned why Nevler did not go to the Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Fund.

Andrews responded that he had only preliminary met with Nevler. Ayelasomayajula suggests that Andrews recommends Nevler to go the SEJ fund since Nevler's case directly connects to the SEJ.

Vigil notes that SEF should have more communication, collaboration, and coordination with SEJ. Ayelasomayajula also points out that providing more distinction would help students, faculty, and staff understand both Funds and how to properly use them.

### **IV. Action Items**

#### **A. Jade Jarvis**

Jarvis is going to Oregon, business in Sustainability and Energy studies concentration. Their budget is \$505.50. They passed the rubric with a 4.5. Their lowest score was the positive change for student community, but everything else was green. Jarvis would have

the ability to network and meet with people in a budding industry. There is another individual who is going to the event, there is tentative information on this person.

Jarvis covered the registration. Seeking reimbursement.

Onukwufor questions what they are requesting the money for. Andrews responds that it is for transportation.

Ayelasomayajula and others also note that the hotel room is expensive.

Onukwufor proposes that the reimbursement that is given should be half, since there are two people going on this trip and only Jarvis has gone to SEF asking for money. Changing it to \$330.35. Could potentially go lower.

Palmer noted that this trip is not as academically impactful. Ayelasomayajula responded by acknowledging that this trip is related to Jarvis' career field but it is not directly impacting the Western community.

Vigil reminded the committee to keep in mind that the event and the knowledge presented does not have a big impact on Western which should then have an impact on their decision.

Andrews proposes for the committee to not pay for the transportation. Ayelasomayajula added that Jarvis should be reimbursed for one night and registration. This brought the total amount to \$274.00. Ewald suggested that it be brought down to \$250 since that would make it half.

Vigil emphasizes that there are two people going on this trip and liked the idea of splitting the cost which keeps it in-line with the application.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-15 by Ewald*

To approve \$274.00 for registration and one night of the trip.

*Second: Ayelasomayajula Vote: 5 – 0 – 0 Action: Passed*

**B. Kim Huynh**

Andrews announced that he believed that this application would have huge impacts on WWU. The total ask is \$500. Huynh is an active member within the Western community, specifically with information technology. Conference allows for Huynh to network, with people and women of color, bringing that experience and knowledge to Western. This conference has been funded by the committee in the past. The money would be funding travel.

Ayelasomayajula concisely summarized the committee that everyone agreed that Huynh was a great applicant, passing the rubric with flying colors. Her getting a scholarship also appeased the committee.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-16 by Palmer*

To fully fund Kim Huynh for up to \$500.

*Second: Andrews Vote: 5 – 0 – 0 Action: Passed*

**C. Hannah Newman**

Andrews notified that Newman passed the rubric with a 4.8333. Since it was previously decided that a grade of 4 or higher automatically passes the rubric. In terms of the application, this is a grad student. Already got a grant and registration was paid. They have savings. Conference is a practice for learning and networking with other teachers.

Ayelasomayajula wanted to know how much for the travel and the hotel expense.

Onukwufor also questioned whether there were cheaper rooming options for the applicant.

Vigil asked for the committee to proceed with caution. Last year, the committee was question that if departments are contributing to conferences, why is SEF funding travel.

Wondered if that would mean that the department or the committee would be in charge of justification and paperwork. Andrews responded that the committee would be a co-sponsor but did not know who would. Vigil notified the committee that it is typically the

department that holds responsibility for travel justification. Student Development Fund might be more appropriate. Newman's application relates to their current job.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-17 by Onukwufor*

To table the application of Hannah Newman till next meeting.

*Second: Palmer*

*Vote: 5 – 0 – 0*

*Action: Passed*

**D Seleni DeJesus-Ponce**

Andrews notified that they passed the rubric with a 5. DeJesus-Ponce are a sociology major. Seeking reimbursement for plane ticket, registration, and AirBnB. Have reached out to sociology department and Alumni, but has not received anything. DeJesus-Ponce out of pocket expense if very little. They are also presenting at the conference. She is the only applicant.

Ayelasomaya noted that DeJesus-Ponce has researched and contacted various groups on campus and that this situation is very prevalent. DeJesus-Ponce would be impactful.

Committee agreed that this is a strong application.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-20 by Ayelasomaya*

To fully fund Seleni DeJesus-Ponce for \$473.50

*Second: Onukwufor*

*Vote: 5 – 0 – 0*

*Action: Passed*

**E. Blake Elliott**

Andrews told the committee that Elliot and others is going to AIGA conference in Los Angeles. Other members are going that could potentially cut cost. This application is for 6 people. For two nights. Two people have already been funded. Just the registration is about \$300 per person. Have also tried other funds.

Palmer noted that a previous committee decision to make funds given be equal or less between people that are going to the same conference, which should apply to this application. Suggested that the committee should do an up to funding and allow the people going to split it up.

Ayelasomaya the total divided by 6 is about \$700 per person, so the committee funded up to about \$500 for others going to the conference. Members can decide to either pay more out of pocket or take less people.

Palmer suggested that the committee should pay registration and about half a plane ticket.

Ewald suggested to do up to a certain percentage and let the conference members decide how to split those funds.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-19 by Palmer*

To approve \$2,200 for this conference

*Second: Ayelasomaya*

*Vote: 4 – 1 – 0*

*Action: Passed*

**F. Max Taylor**

Andrew reviewed that it was for the CUSP Conference. Passed rubric. The budget requested is \$3,353. 6 people will be going to the conference and it is in a way attached to the club, but the members are not acting in their club capacity. Have and are going through other funds to get money.

Vigil questioned how they went through Activities Fund if they are not going as a club.

Also, they were successful with Viking Fund last year. They also got Viking Union money to fund the registration. If they are acting as a club, then they are not eligible to SEF.

Ayelasomaya also noticed that they are all in PALS, so they could go as representatives of the club and get money through that capacity. Since they also went through Viking Fund last year, they focus on that fund, rather than going to SEF.

Onukwufor remembered that this club also asked for money and might have received money from another fund.

*MOTION SEF-19-W-18 by Andrews*

To table Max Taylor's application.

**G.**      *Second: Palmer*                      *Vote: 5 – 0 – 0*                      *Action: Passed*  
**Samara Almonte**  
*MOTION SEF-19-W-*                      *by [insert name]*  
*To...*  
*Second:*                                      *Vote:*                                      *Action:*

**V.      Other Business**

*Andrews adjourned this meeting at 2:30pm.*

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