



Western Washington University Associated Students
AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee
December 6, 2019
VU 567

Members: *Present:* Rachel Zamora (AS SEF Coordinator), Nate Jo (AS Business Director), Alicia Prokopenko (Assistant Director for Club Finances), Joselyn Chavez (AS ESC Advocacy and Programming Coordinator, proxy for the AS ESC Assistant Director for Club Logistics)

Absent:

Advisor: Raquel Vigil (Business Manager)

Secretary: Elaine Morado (AS Board Assistant)

Motions:

SEF-19-F-14 Approval of the minutes from November 22, 2019. *Passed.*

SEF-19-F-15 Approval of funding of \$350 for Therese Laubscher. *Passed.*

SEF-19-F-16 Approval of funding of \$522 for Brenna Nieva and funding of \$500 for Robin Cosby. *Passed.*

SEF-19-F-17 Approval of funding of \$225 for Eric Slyman. *Passed.*

SEF-19-F-18 Approval of funding of \$616 for Eliane Rodriguez. *Passed.*

Rachel Zamora, SEF Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION SEF-19-F-14 By: Prokopenko

To approve the minutes from November 22, 2019.

Second: Jo

Vote: 3-0-1

Action: Passed

II. Revisions to the Agenda

Zamora removed Soleil de Swart (Information Item C) from the Agenda due to her request being under \$300.

Zamora also added Eliane Rodriguez to the Agenda as Action Item C.

III. Information Items

A. Application of Ken Roman

Roman is seeking funding for a conference in August. Jo stated that this fiscal year ends on June 30th, so the committee cannot fund requests outside of this fiscal year. Prokopenko asked if booking the arrangements during

this fiscal year was allowed to receive funds and Jo recommended to Zamora to check in with Vigil on whether funds could be allocated from this year's funds and/or next year's. Zamora added that due to the committee not meeting during the summer, the applicant would be unable to ask for funds at that time.

B. Application of Therese Laubscher

Laubscher already attended this conference and is asking for a reimbursement. The applicant is an international student who will be graduating at the end of this quarter. Jo stated that the application was strong in terms of supporting her academics and WWU.

MOTION SEF-19-F-15 By: Jo

To approve funding of \$350 for Therese Laubscher.

Second: Prokopenko

Vote: 4-0-0

Action: Passed

IV. Action Items

A. Application of Brenna Nieva

The applicant received funding from the ACM, lowering her request to \$522. Eric Slyman also applied to receive SEF funding for the same conference as Nieva and also received ACM funding, bringing his request below \$300 so Zamora will be able to independently approve it.

In addition, Robin Cosbey is another applicant attending this same conference. The committee will be hearing her funding request with Nieva's. Cosbey is asking for \$500.

The committee expressed support in funding Nieva and Cosbey since their applications were strong, had applied for scholarships to alleviate the costs, and the opportunity to travel abroad for a unique opportunity would yield great benefit to them academically and to WWU.

MOTION SEF-19-F-16 By: Prokopenko

To approve funding of \$522 for Brenna Nieva and funding of \$500 for Robin Cosbey.

Second: Zamora

Vote: 4-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Application of Eric Slyman

The applicant had indicated being able to provide around \$200 out of pocket. The committee expressed support for partially funding his request since he will be approved for another conference with the applicants from Action Item A.

MOTION SEF-19-F-17 By: Jo
To approve funding of up to \$225 for Eric Slyman.

Second: Prokopenko *Vote: 4-0-0* *Action: Passed*

C. Application of Eliane Rodriguez

The applicant is attending the event on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. The request had initially been under \$300, but there were some changes that increased the request to include half of the flight cost and lodging, bringing it above an amount that Zamora could independently approve.

Jo stated that her application was strong and there would be a clear and relevant benefit to WWU by her attending this event.

MOTION SEF-19-F-18 By: Prokopenko
To approve funding of \$616 to for Eliane Rodriguez.

Second: Zamora *Vote: 4-0-0* *Action: Passed*

V. Other Business

This is the committee's last meeting for Fall Quarter so they took a look at the expense report to look at their spending. Not including the approvals made at this meeting, the committee has spent significantly less than allocated for this quarter, with a total of \$5,464 spent.

Zamora went over some of the reasons for having denied some applications: retractions after departmental funding, not attending a conference, and receiving funding elsewhere.

A Doodle Poll will be sent out at the start of next quarter to find a new weekly meeting time for Winter Quarter.

Jo stated that Adah Barenburg, the Student Senate Pro-Tempore, will be appointing a Student Senator to serve on the committee.

Zamora adjourned this meeting at 1:44 pm.