



Western Washington University Associated Students
AS Student Enhancement Fund Committee
January 10, 2020
VU 740

Members: *Present:* Rachel Zamora (AS SEF Coordinator), Nate Jo (AS Business Director), Alicia Prokopenko (Assistant Director for Club Finances), Soumya Ayelasomayajula (AS ESC Assistant Director for Club Logistics)

Absent:

Advisor: Raquel Vigil (Business Manager)

Secretary: Elaine Morado (AS Board Assistant)

Motions:

- SEF-20-W-1** Approval of the minutes from December 6, 2019. *Passed.*
SEF-20-W-2 Approval of funding of up to \$705 for Daniela Tierra. *Passed.*
SEF-20-W-3 Denial of funding for Frances Golla, Aaron Grant, Cassie Rude, Hailey See, and Ashley Hidalgo. *Passed.*
SEF-20-W-4 Approval of funding of up to \$1,370 for Dorothy Alfonso. *Passed.*

Rachel Zamora, SEF Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 2:43 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

MOTION SEF-20-W-1 By: Zamora
To approve the minutes from December 6, 2019.

Second: Jo

Vote: 3-0-1

Action: Passed

II. Revisions to the Agenda

No revisions to the Agenda.

III. Information Items

A. Application of Daniela Tierra

The applicant is attending the same event as Nicole Vargas, who had been approved for SEF funding (\$685), and the two will be sharing lodging accommodations. The difference between their two budgets is due to the difference in flight prices.

The committee was in favor of approving the cost of transportation and lodging, and having the applicant cover the cost of registration.

MOTION SEF-20-W-2 By: Prokopenko
To approve funding of up to \$705 for Daniela Tierra.

Second: Ayelasomayajula Vote: 4-0-0

Action: Passed

B. Application of Katherine Vosburg

The applicant's request decreased down to \$600 after receiving additional funding from her departments and is seeking a reimbursement to cover the remaining transportation costs. Since the applicant is asking for a reimbursement and the event has not occurred yet, the committee will wait to confirm the additional aid amounts from her departments cover what is expected, so as to make sure the applicant is considered for the appropriate amount.

C. Applications of Frances Golla, Aaron Grant, Cassie Rude, Hailey See, Ashley Hidalgo

All five applicants are members of the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity and are requesting funding for a conference tied to their club. Prokopenko informed the committee that this club is well-funded due to membership fees and donor contributions. Ayelasomayajula recommended that Zamora redirect them to Activities Council and/or to ask for funding from within their own club.

Jo brought up that this conference is tied more closely to their club instead of their academic studies at Western, meaning that SEF would not be able to grant funding per the committee's criteria. In addition, the applicants did not respect the requested 5-week timeline that applicants are asked to keep in mind for funding, noting that breaks and intercession periods do not count. Zamora and Jo stated that for future applications, the committee will be stricter in regards to the 5-week timeline which is set in place to provide the committee enough time to review applications, figure out details, and reach a final decision.

The committee was in agreement that due to the applicants not having majors or minors that relate to a business conference, they would be unable to approve funding. Zamora will be referring them to Activities Council.

MOTION SEF-20-W-3 By: Jo
To deny funding for Frances Golla, Aaron Grant, Cassie Rude, Hailey See, and Ashley Hidalgo.

Second: Prokopenko Vote: 4-0-0

Action: Passed

D. Application of Calli Hilvitz

The applicant is still in the middle of finalizing her budget after having received two sponsorships totaling \$1,000 from within her department. She will determine what her funding request for SEF will be after calculating the final costs since she already attended the conference and is seeking a reimbursement.

The committee will wait until her calculations are finalized to vote on her application.

E. Applications of Maria Dimas and Flor Zamorano Beltran

The applicants have a short deadline, requesting funding by the 24th of January, not as a reimbursement. Ayelasomayajula and Prokopenko brought up the importance of the 5-week timeline being respected in order for the committee to make the most informed decision. The conference that these applicants are attending is in New York and since they have not booked transportation or lodging, the costs would most likely be higher than their estimates on their budget sheets.

The committee recommended that Zamora email the applicants and let them know that due to the short amount of time between their applications being submitted and the need for funds, the committee is unable to approve funding that quickly, however, the committee could consider reimbursements.

F. Application of Dorothy Alfonso

The applicant's lodging accommodation will be at an Airbnb which Western is unable to book ahead of time, however, the applicant could be reimbursed. Booking the flight ticket early, before the 17th of January, would maintain the cost of her transportation at \$395.

Alfonso was unable to obtain additional funding from her department or from her on-campus employment in the Office of Sustainability since it is not within the AS.

The committee was in favor of approving her funding request, noting that although the request is large, the applicant is unable to request funding elsewhere.

MOTION SEF-20-W-4 By: Prokopenko

To approve funding of up to \$1,370 for Dorothy Alfonso.

Second: Zamora

Vote: 4-0-0

Action: Passed

IV. Action Items

V. Other Business

Zamora informed the committee of the virtual vote that took place on Teams on December 18, 2019 to approve additional funding for Eliane Rodriguez. The applicant's lodging accommodations wound up costing \$289.85 more than anticipated, totaling \$905.85 when the committee had approved \$616.

Ayelasomayajula will be adding her vote to the Teams virtual vote to make the approval formal.

Morado informed the committee of the new weekly meeting time for SEF being on Fridays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The Doodle Poll results indicated that quorum could not be reached during any of the time slots sent out, however, a Student Senator will soon be appointed to sit on the committee, allowing quorum to be reached.

Zamora adjourned this meeting at 3:33 pm.