

Services and Activities Fee Committee
Minutes
January 22, 2019

Called to order:

Brandon Wear-Grimm called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Attendance:

Alejandro Alcantar, Eric Bennett, Joseph Bryant, Edgar Carreno, Monica Carreno, Dane Gillin, Aubrey Heim, Josh Hibbard, Martin Kennedy, Lacy Lampkins, Chicena Mortimer, Jessica Thomas, Brandon Wear-Grimm

Excused: Alex Harrington

Unexcused: Gregg Schlanger

Agenda:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve the agenda. Edgar Carreno seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of January 15, 2020. Monica Carreno seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Chair – None.

Advisors – There is a subcommittee meeting on Friday at 3:00 in the ASCWU Conference Room. The plan is to go over the questionnaires that were due today. We received most of them. We have five units – one is three of them together – that we will have their reports by tomorrow morning. There are seven units we have had no contact from. I will reach out to them in the morning.

Today was the supplemental request deadline for winter. The vote on the docket for tonight is a total of \$21,518. We currently have \$126,000 in the supplemental budget left for the year.

These highlighted requests are not processed yet. They have been received, but I have some questions. There are quite a few requests. A total of almost \$350,000 in requests this quarter. Be mindful of the fact that there is \$126,000 left in the budget for the year.

We need to make sure we are being equitable and fair stewards of these funds. We should analyze each request the same as we did in the beginning of fall. We may be destined to run out of funds by the end of the quarter. We need to think about the future for the year. We may decide to focus on other things like policy changes.

Since all of these groups met the funding request deadline, regardless of where we are with the funds we will hear all of the requests. We will have to have a conversation if we spend all of the funding. We may chose not to receive any further requests moving into spring.

Joey is on call tonight so he may need to step out if his phone rings. We will be meeting tomorrow to go over the schedule for the rest of the quarter. We will give that to the presenters so that they will know when they are in the que.

Public Comment:

I am the President of the Electric Vehicles Club. I recently went to CES. I left on the 5th of January and spent 5 days in Las Vegas at the Consumer Entertainment Show. On the five day trip, the entire cost was \$135. I did not spend any money in the city of Las Vegas in five days. I know that you are thinking you need hotels and cars. I understand, but if you are willing to live a little dangerously – I used couchsurfing.com. I was a “surfer”. You get verified and then you can use the app. It is like the Tinder of staying on someone’s couch. I understand that this sounds dangerous and a hotel room may be better in some cases. But if you want to do this it is possible. I walked 3.5 miles every day to catch the free shuttle to the conference and then walked the 3.5 miles back. It is possible.

Old Business:

A. Supplemental Funding Requests – Voting

i. #2023: Port Townsend Writers Conference - \$1,915

Discussion: Does everyone recall this request? Yes, I believe this was two students attending and a large expense was for the classes they are taking. I would like to give them all the money. I want to be equitable and make sure we still have money when spring happens.

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve Supplemental Funding Request #2023 in the amount of \$1,200. There was no second. Motion died.

I think to be fair and equitable we need to see this as if it is the first request of fall. We do have the option to put more money in the supplemental balance. We should look at the requests the same way that we look at them in the beginning. Not just because we are running out of money. We still have to critique the requests and make sure they are doable. I like that the students went and got scholarships and cut the costs.

MOTION: Dane Gillin made a motion to approve Supplemental Funding Request #2023 in the amount of \$1,915. Edgar Carreno seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.

ii. #2024: Washington Music Educators Association Conference (NAfME) - \$6,273.20

Discussion: In their request they had mentioned that this would be 67% of the music department, or members of the National Organization. I would like to support all of the students, but it is just not possible. It is not up to us to decide who gets to go and who doesn't.

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve Supplemental Funding Request #2024 in the amount of \$2,500. Chicena Mortimer seconded.

Discussion: I don't believe there is any way for them to bring this back to campus beyond their major. That is one of our requirements. I don't believe that is possible with this. The question did come up. They did say they would bring it back to other education majors. When discussing 148 going, it is hard to compare to a group of five reporting back to a club of thirty. When discussing being consistent, this does fall in line with other requests that have been approved in the past. Keep in mind what you have approved before and the requests that may come up in the future. I agree that there are 140 going and there may be a way to reduce that amount and make it beneficial with fewer people going. There are going to be 35 cars going, which is concerning.

Previous motion called to question. Motion carried with one abstention.

- iii. #2025: Phi Alpha Theta Conference (History Club) - \$4,250

Discussion: Eric Bennett will be abstaining from this discussion and vote as he is a part of the History Department. As a reminder, be sure to discuss if you have a reason to not approve a request. That way others on the committee can respond, and presenters know what to anticipate. This helps provide consistency. The only thing that was brought to question was whether they could fit three or four to a hotel room. They have had previous people win awards and they have the opportunity to share their research on a large stage. For clarification, being a part of a department does not require your abstention. If you are not a part of the club or would not benefit, you are not required to abstain.

MOTION: Edgar Carreno made a motion to approve Supplemental Funding Request #2025 in the amount of \$4,250. Dane Gillin seconded. Motion carried with three abstentions.

- iv. #2026: Showtime at Central (BSU) - \$6,379.85

Discussion: I've gone to this event. It is quite fun. There is a broad swath of students participating, some of which you wish wouldn't, but that is why we boo. This brings the whole campus community together in the middle of the winter for laughs and fun in a safe space.

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve Supplemental Funding Request #2026 in the amount of \$6,380. Monica Carreno seconded. Motion carried with one abstention.

- v. #2028: American Association of Geographers Conference - \$2,250

Discussion: This is the first time that Central will be represented at this conference. That is wonderful and important for the school to get its name out.

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve Supplemental Funding Request #2028 in the amount of \$2,250. Chicena Mortimer seconded.

Discussion: Is the request for \$2,250 or \$2,150? If you did the math I believe it came out to \$2,150, but their original request was for \$2,250 and they never amended that. This is reimbursement based, so if they only need the \$2,150 the rest would roll back to the committee. Are they going to present at SOURCE? Yes.

Previous motion called to question. Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Supplemental Funding Requests – Presentations

- i. # 2027: National SHAPE America Conference (PESH) - \$24,999
The PESH Association is requesting funding for up to 30 members to attend the National SHAPE America Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah on April 20-26. The President of PESH has been awarded the Washington State Leadership Award and is nominated for the National Award. Allison Bennett is the first CWU student to ever present at the national conference. At the conference students will have the opportunity to network as well as be introduced to new technologies and teaching techniques. They will be gathering brochures and handouts to compile a database for research. Additionally, they will get access to a Google drive with lesson plans and videos. They will make the database and Google drive accessible to the Central Campus upon return.

Presented by: Eric, Elegardo, Samantha, Kaitlyn

Questions: How many of this cohort have previously attended this conference? Just 1. We have a small cohort. The year bellow us has quite a few more members. Why did you take 8 last year and 30 this year? There was a higher price point last year. With the prices in Salt Lake City we realized we could send 30. Last year it was in Florida. The airfare price for Salt Lake City was less than half of last year's price. If you are not fully funded, how will you determine who gets to go? We have a points system based on participation. There is a certain threshold to be fully funded and a certain threshold to receive partial funding. We are hoping to send as many members as possible.

- ii. # 2029: MECHA National Conference (MECHA de CWU) - \$7,070
MEChA is requesting funding for 13 members to attend the National Conference on February 27 to March 1 at ASU. During the conference students will listen to keynote speeches, attend workshops, and participate in a day of action. Additionally, they will have an opportunity to continue the conversation from last year's conference regarding changing the name of MEChA to be more inclusive. On return to campus the students will bring back the info they have learned and put on improved events for the student body.

Presented by: Fernanda and Sheila

Questions: Are there no registration costs? No, that was a problem last year. How did you pick 13 people to go? Our chapter is big with 50-70 members. We average about 30 a meeting. We wanted them all to go. These 13 were the most focused and involved and helped with our fundraising. 3 or 4 are purchasing their own tickets to attend. What do you do in the workshops? That depends. Last year I learned about the history of an activist in Mexico and how to take their work into the modern day. There are workshops on gun rights, activism, and education. There are a lot of art workshops. The conference is half students and half professionals. There are workshops on how to deal with trauma through art. We tell members to attend the sessions they think they will learn the most from to bring back to the campus. We have brought these workshops back to our meetings. Were the vans in your request to take you to the airport? Those are vehicles for while we are at the conference.

- iii. # 2030: Bass Day with Kristen Korb (Bass Club) - \$1,600
Bass Club is requesting funding to host the fourth annual Bass Day and bring in top bass artist, Kristen Korb. This event would be open to bassists of all ages. They anticipate 30 to 40 students. These students would participate in clinics and a master class where they would receive individual feedback. Kristen Korb will also perform a recital accompanied by CWU bass students. This is important as it is helpful for CWU recruiting and it also fills a gap in education since CWU does not offer any jazz bass classes.

Presented by: Eva and Nathan

Questions: If this event did not happen, would recruitment drop? Yes. We have hosted this event for three years and the last two years the bass population has increased. Is the sole purpose recruitment? Not the sole purpose. This is also an opportunity for current students. First and foremost it is an educational event. Has there already been contracting? What is your backup plan if you do not receive funding? We can dive further into club council and our club account. Of the 30 students that attend, how many are not from CWU? There are around 10 CWU students, so more than half are not from CWU. A chunk have later become students. What is the attendance of the concert? It is the same group of students, but is open to the community. Are the events free? Yes. Since this is a big recruiting event, have you requested any funding from the music department? We have never received department funding for this event. Music students attend this? Yes, all bass students are required to attend. When you said this would be attended by CWU Music, did you mean students or faculty? Students. Do they get credit for attending? No. Can you explain how they are required to attend? All music students are required to attend all campus events for their instrument.

- iv. #2031: American College Dance Association Northwest Conference (Student Dance Association & Orchesis Dance Company) - \$6,661.03
Student Dance Association & Orchesis Dance Company are requesting funding for 19 members to attend the ACDA Northwest Conference in Spokane, WA on March 11-14. The students would attend classes in various dance styles and present two dance pieces to be adjudicated. The two pieces are *Hay There*, choreographed by a CWU faculty member, and *High Expectations*, choreographed by a CWU student. They have a points system to help determine who will be reimbursed for expenses.

Presented by: Kaitlyn and Emma

Questions: Can you tell us more about your point system? The members have to earn 81 points to be reimbursed. They do not have to have this exact breakdown, this is just an example of how they could earn points. They did have to go to meetings however. 25 points had to come from meetings. All of these point systems benefit the club and bring in new people. Individuals can appeal anonymously with their extenuating situations if they are not able to make up these points. Have all 19 members requesting reimbursement met these requirements? Yes, there were some extenuating circumstances. It was not hard to meet the requirements. You are leaving on the 10th but the conference does not start until 12:00 on the 11th? Could you leave on the morning of the 11th? In the morning we have to sign in and get to know campus. We will leave in the afternoon on the 10th. We want to be as prepared as we can and get there early that morning. This will prepare us as movers and set up our bodies. As dancers it is not good for us to sit for five hours and then dance with no warm up. Will you perform these pieces at CWU? We performed them last year at our Spring Showcase. Do the three members that are not requesting money need points? No, they can still go. They are still club members. How many club members are there? 25-30. How many company members? 24. Not everyone in the company is in the club and vice versa.

Other Business: Communications Received

There is a thank you card and chocolates from the educators that went to the conference in Hawaii. Please read the card and eat the chocolate.

I have had lots of communication about the supplemental questionnaire. I will discuss these with the subcommittee on Friday.

Public Comment:

In regards to being fair and equitable, maybe the reason for the increase in the funding requests that we see is that we are paying for food more, which is a big cost. The consequence is that we are spending more money. There is an impact from that. There is also an impact from changes in Funds Council. We are seeing a lot of clubs coming through. Travel costs are also going up. Awareness of S&A is increasing. We are getting a few major dollar figure requests. With the

health of the fund – if at some point we decided to increase the budget what would be your stance? There will be an impact either way. If we increase the budget, there will be an impact on future supplemental funding. There will be less money – this is one time money we are dipping into. Keeping the budget the same will impact current supplemental funding. You need to look at what you are funding and what is the return on investment. Do you have questions for the \$112,000 request that is upcoming? Yes, I have questions that have not yet been answered. The request from Westside Student Life – is that for staffing or an event? Westside Student Life is base funded. They have gone through a couple of name changes. They are essentially Student Involvement on the Westside. They are requesting an additional professional staff person. Their request form and presentation will have more information. They are trying to address all of the centers, not just those on the Westside.

Provost candidates are coming to campus the next three weeks. Joey will not be here next week as he will be with candidates. There are program reviews next week. Will the candidates drop in? No. I may come after.

There is a new option to have a breakfast burrito bar for food. Thoughts? Thumbs up. Congrats to Josh on his new role! He is the new permanent VP for Enrollment Management. Did I overhear that this is onetime money? This comes out of a place that gets diminished over time? Supplemental requests come out of our reserves, not our yearly revenue. Is there a charity dinner to replenish the money? No. We allocated base funding in four year cycles and leftover money can get rolled back into S&A supplementals. If it was possible to do a charity thing, it would be really cool to replenish the fund. I don't know the legalities of that. We can talk in more detail after the meeting.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Edgar Carreno seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Schedule for Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29 in SURC 301 starting at 5:30 p.m.