

Services and Activities Fee Committee
Minutes
April 20, 2011

Meeting called to order: Michael Wittenbrink, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Agenda: Agenda approved as changed-removal of Observer supplemental request.

Attendance:

Student Members: Brad Nelson, James Rae, Ivana Trottman, Ian White, and Michael Wittenbrink.
Professors and Professional Staff: Jack Baker, John Bowen, Ed Day, Kay Kenison, Scott Robinson, Emily Spoor, and Wendy Williams. Absent: Megan Hammond

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the minutes from April 13, 2011: Ivana Trottman moved to approve the minutes as submitted. James Rae seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Update Report: Diversity Education Center – Marian Lien: The Diversity Center started receiving base funding from the S&A committee in 1998 and is fully funded through S&A. Employees are Marian Lien-Director, Leah Shelton-Assistant Director, 14 student programmers, 4 student volunteers, graduate program assistant and student intern-student salary is \$9.50. Last year they provided 109 programs reaching over 14,000 students, faculty and staff. “The Diversity Education Center enhances and supports a campus environmental that welcomes, celebrates, and appreciates cultural differences and similarities. Cultural diversity is the richness of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, language, ability, socio-economic status, skills, religion, belief, values, and all characteristics and factors that make us unique.”

Supplemental or Base Funding Requests - Presentations:

CWU Freedom Ride – Leah Shelton: The supplemental budget request is for \$8,000.00 for 15 CWU students to travel from June 12 – 17, 2011, on the routes of the original 1961 Freedom Rides traveling by bus across Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi. They plan on visiting shrines of freedom across the South and dine with heroes from the era. The student’s will experience issues of social justice, civic engagement, and civil rights. Students from a very diverse group have submitted their applications and 15 students will be chosen according to their essays, GPA and leadership. The students are to pay \$300.00, and for those who cannot afford their portion for the trip, it is planned to offer scholarships. CWU Freedom Ride has received financial sponsorship from 11 departments and centers and plan on approaching others to help fund this trip. This request will be voted on at the next S&A meeting.

Supplemental or Base funding requests to be voted on:

Student Dispute Resolution Services – Base Request—Carolyn Thurston: The base funding request is \$24,618.00 to establish and coordinate the Peer Mediation Program by providing additional salary for Carolyn Thurston and her assistant to set up and coordinate the program and teach peer mediation.

Discussion: There is definitely a need for this program, but this may not be the time to establish a new base funded program, especially with the financial issues facing S&A in regards to the possibility of additional administrative fees charged to S&A providers.

MOTION: James Rae made a motion reject the request for base funding of the Student Dispute Resolution Services. Brad Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Men's Rugby Collegiate Premier Division– Patrick Farrell: The 27-member Men's Rugby Club is requesting \$45,220.00 to travel to away games during March 2012 through May 2012 Premier Rugby League.

MOTION: James Rae made a motion to fund \$22,500.00 for travel for next year's Men's Rugby Premier League from supplemental funds for the BOT to consideration. No second. Motion dies.

MOTION: Brad Nelson made a motion to fund \$32,200.00 in supplemental funds for the Men's Rugby Premier League from supplemental funds for the BOT to consideration. No second. Motion dies.

MOTION: James Rae made a motion to fund \$22,500.00 (1/2 of the original request) for the 27-member Men's Rugby Club to travel to away games at University of California-Berkley CA; University of California Polytechnic School-San Luisbo CA; St. Mary's University-Moraga CA; and San Diego State University, San Diego CA, during Men's Premier Rugby League events from March 2012 through May 2012. Brad Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business:

S&A Fee Discussion:

Wendy Williams proposed freezing future requests for supplemental funding with the exception of tonight's request for the Freedom Ride until it has been decided what S&A is doing in regard to the possible administrative fee for S&A providers, possible budget cuts to providers, increase to the S&A fee, or a combination of these. S&A has funded \$149,567.00 from the flex budget and \$246,788.00 from the supplemental budget for a total of \$396,355.00.

MOTION: James Rae made a motion to temporarily freeze supplemental requests. Brad Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION: James Rae made a motion to table the fee discussion until next week. Ivana Trottman seconded. Motion carried.

Jack Baker will arrange the agenda next week so the discussion on S&A fees can be earlier in the meeting allowing adequate time for discussion and decision making.

S&A Policy changes:

MOTION: James Rae made a motion to table the discussion on S&A Policy changes. Brad Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Emily Spoor: Emily will share the results of the survey at the next meeting.

Schedule of Next Meeting: April 27, 2011.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.