Services and Activities Fee Committee

Minutes

March 6, 2019

Called to order:

Shelby Hamblen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Attendance:

Eric Bennett, Joseph Bryant, Tonya Buchanan, Edgar Carreno, Dane Gillin, Shelby Hamblen, Alex Harrington, Martin Kennedy, Lacy Lampkins, Kane Lemasters, Demetria Martinez, Kirti Patel, Gregg Schlanger, Vené Skyles, Patrick Stanton, and Brandon Wear-Grimm.

Agenda:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve the agenda. Demetria Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes from February 27, 2019. Demetria Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Chair – Great S&A Fair – congratulations to Kane and Edgar for a good event.

Advisors – Lacy reported that there is \$18,009.00 left in our supplemental budget and we have 3 pending requests so far for next quarter.

Joey reported that this is the last meeting this quarter.

Public Comment: Kane and Edgar wanted to thank those that participated in the S&A Fair.

Old Business:

A. Base funding increase for mandatory wage increases discussion.

Lacy reported that in order to cover the staff mandatory wage increases and the minimum wage for student positions the base funding would need to be increased \$83,442. Some areas do not need an increase this year but will need it in the next fiscal year, some areas are utilizing salary savings in this year's allocation. Does the committee want to increase the base funded budgets?

The 83,000 is for this fiscal year and not a supplemental piece (meaning the budgets that are increased will be at a higher allocation next fiscal year). Re-classified positions were not included in this calculation. Increasing the base will put the allocations very close to the 7.2 mil that we are projected to bring in. Could the Fee increase? Not automatically – the committee could discuss if we were allocating out more than bringing in – based on the numbers the committee could request an increase in the fee or the administration could request. Would we need the ASCWU-SG support for such increase? Their feedback will be sought and submitted to the BOT if an increase is requested.

Are there departments that could absorb the cost increase? There are some areas that we could have more conversations with - the permanent staff positions cannot be pulled back but we could look at them by group or department if the committee would like to review.

No motion is required – allocating out collected fees is what should happen, do not be concerned about allocating out the amount we are bringing in. If not approved some departments may decrease services or student hours – funds do not come from supplemental funding.

Is there a guidance number? 83,442 is what is needed at this time, the anticipated min wage increase next year is it possible to include that? The intent is to be as upfront as possible; if the allocation is increased this year, they will also get that money next year. We are only addressing this current fiscal year.

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to increase the base allocations by \$83,442, per Lacy's spreadsheet. Brandon Wear-Grimm seconded. Motion failed. (2-6 with five abstaining)

We need more information in regards to each departments need for the increases. Would like to see more detail on larger groups. It would be helpful to hear from them. This is for this year's budget and moving forward we will need to discuss again for the next increase. No pressure to approve a motion today – suggest that we review available fund balances also. Annual reports at the first spring meeting so we will be looking at more details. Can we hear what happens if not passed? Individual groups can be adjusted; If this is approved do we vote individually or just one motion. Either way is possible. Remember, funding decisions for these positions were approved by the previous committee, we do not have to go through line by line.

While we are looking at the annual reports, we could pick areas to present to the committee if needed. We would not want less student workers it would be better to fund.

New Business:

A. Supplemental Funding Requests – Presentations

i. #1943: Western Psychological Association Conference – CWU Psychology Club -\$5,000.00

The CWU Psychology Club would like to send 19 students to the Western Psychological Association Conference, April 25-29 in Pasadena CA. This conference occurs every spring and brings together hundreds of students and faculty from all over the western United States. They will be presenting research. Attending students must be club members active and in good standing, minimum of 10 meetings, 2 events, 10 volunteer hours, and prepare a presentation about the trip upon return. Some students will be presenting at source.

MOTION: Demetria Martinez made a motion to add 5 minutes to the presentation time. Dane Gillin seconded. Motion carried with 3 abstaining.

The travelers have been fundraising and they have requested SAS and Club Senate funds.

QUESTIONS: What is the club account balance for? Club dues are being used for the registration costs. Is this trip eligible for OUR funding? Could be but they only have certain times that they accept requests and it is too late for this trip. 60 dollar deposits were collected from the travelling students.

ii. #1944: NW Anthropological Conference — Anthropology Student Assoc. - \$400.00 \$150.00

The Anthropology Student Association would like to take 6 students to the NW Anthropological Conference in Kennewick, WA March 20-23, 2019. This conference presents new anthropological research, especially as it pertains to the Pacific Northwest. Students will be attending lectures, presentations, and poster sessions about topics of interest to their own research so that they can be at the forefront of anthropological research. 3 students will be presenting. Students must have attended 2 club meetings, 2 events, and paid their own registration.

QUESTIONS: What will you be bringing back to CWU? Grad students to bring research projects back.

iii. #1945: Somewhere in Between: Boarders and Borderlands Conference - \$265.00

Westin Morrow (grad student) will be presenting a paper at an international interdisciplinary conference hosted by Birkbeck, University London and organized the London Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies. He will be going alone representing the CWU English Department. The paper seeks to expand the ethics of nonviolence propounded by Emmanuel Levinas and Judith Butler and shows how such a vision of this ethics might be applied and spread through human rights literature, using as an example Solmaz Sharif's highly regarded 2016 poetry collection "Look." He will receive valuable feedback and ways to improve the paper, expose CWU to an international stage.

QUESTIONS: Would it be difficult for you to raise the \$300 if you do not get it from SAS? Yes - I would have to use a credit card. Have you started the process with International Studies? Yes - Grad studies is taking care of the insurance needed and a TA has been done. I appreciate your effort in cost savings.

B. Supplemental Funding Requests – Voting

i. #1943: Western Psychological Association Conference – CWU Psychology Club -\$5,000.00

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve supplemental funding request #1943 for \$5,000.00. Dane Gillin seconded. Motion carried with one abstaining.

Discussion: Liked the rules of how the students were selected for the trip - show skin into the game. Large amount of students going but not asking for much.

ii. #1944: NW Anthropological Conference – Anthropology Student Assoc. - \$400.00

MOTION: Kane Lemasters made a motion to approve supplemental funding request #1944 for \$150.00. Alex Harrington seconded. Motion carried.

iii. #1945: Somewhere in Between: Boarders and Borderlands Conference - \$265.00

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to approve supplemental funding request #1945 for \$565.00. Kane Lemasters seconded. Motion carried as amended.

Amendment: Brandon Wear-Grimm proposed to amend the motion to decrease the amount to \$265.00 if SAS approves the student's request. Demetria Martinez seconded. Amendment passed.

Other Business: Communications Received:

Lacy reported that the Mariachi group is still planning – they are in search of a space to have the event possibly in May. Can we vote to take back the funds? We will request that they come back to the committee to present their new plan. No contracts have been signed yet, technically, it is past the date that was approved – the delay was due to the contract process, now they are having an issue with space. We need to see a concrete plan by the first meeting in Spring Quarter – Lacy will let them know that the need to come and present.

During the break Lacy's office will be working on reconciling and should have a report for the committee of the supplemental funds that were approved but not utilized this year.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Eric Bennett made a motion to adjourn. Kane Lemasters seconded. Motion carried with one abstaining.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Schedule for Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019, in SURC 301 starting at 5:30 pm.