

Services and Activities Fee Committee
Minutes
May 27, 2021

Called to order:

Christian Castilleja called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

Attendance:

Björn Pellmyr, Brandon Wear-Grimm, Christian Castilleja, Deanna Corsilles, Jessica Thomas, Joseph Bryant, Lacy Lampkins, Sean Dahlin, Zoe Brown, Masina Ieremia, Peggy Eaton, Gregg Schlanger, Terry Wilson

Absent: Josh Hibbard, Yunus Timurtas

Guests: Gregg Heinselman, Jenna Hyatt, T. Andre' Feagin (Music), Vicki Sannuto (Career Services), Michael Middleton, Amber Hoefler

Agenda:

MOTION: Brandon Wear-Grimm made a motion to approve the agenda. Masina Ieremia seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes:

MOTION: Masina Ieremia made a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021. Björn Pellmyr seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Chair –Today is the last meeting of the academic year. You did amazing this last year and let's keep it up one last time to make great decisions for today.

ASCWU - Brandon Wear Grimm reported on three things:

First he wanted to notify a resolution of the student govt board. The Student Government urge the committee to re-consider the conversation that took place previously, asking that faculty and staff to be eliminated from the S&A committee. Secondly, the S&A committee was awarded the Committee of the Year award and I want to congratulate this group for excellent work.

Third, I will be leaving the meeting to go to the International Student Awards at 6pm.

Advisors:

Joey - Thank you Brandon and Christian for your work this year. I appreciate all your hard work. Three things : First, this is the last meeting of the year. If you are returning next year, please consider serving on the committee next year, or assist in recruiting committee members for next year's committee.

Secondly, I know we have a lot on the agenda this week, and have four items on the agenda, but we will need to vote on these items this week as well. Please be mindful of the time.

Third, being on call, I may have to step away.

Lacy – Also would like to thank you for all of your hard work. The one major report is that two weeks ago the S&A allocations that we worked on during winter quarter were finally voted on by the Board of Trustees and they were approved as presented. This will set the S&A budget for the next four years, FY2022 through FY2025.

Other Business: Communications Received

There was not communication to report.

Public Comment:

No questions at this time.

Old Business:

A. Request for S&A Carry Forward Funds

Wildcat Films - \$7,000

Opening Remarks: Bjorn indicated that one thing that we checked was that this request was in line with their goods & services budget with the previous allocation, I don't see a reason not to fund this request.

Discussion:

Brandon indicated that because they did not get any base funding for the next quadrennium, that it did not make sense to allow the carry forward since they would not be base funded.

Bjorn did indicate that we funded the music department carry forward even though they did not get base funding.

Joey indicated that the Music department as well as the Wellness Center both received carry forward funds even though they did not get base funded. Also, Wildcat Films were asked to wait to purchase the equipment until after July first by our own IS department.

MOTION: Björn Pellmyr made a motion to approve the carry forward funds for Wildcat Films in the amount of \$7,000 with the stipulation that the funds be spent by the end of the summer, to be used for the purchase of updated technology. Unidentified member seconded. Motion carried.

B. Request for S&A Committee Membership recommendations

Discussion: The conversation came up regarding changing the non-student members to be non-voting members, and to increase the student membership by two more student voting members. Brandon shared about the ASCWU resolution to reconsider the complete removal of faculty and staff from the committee.

Masina asked to know what it would look like regarding faculty and staff as non voting members or removed altogether.

Joey indicated that the S&A guidelines state that the membership of the committee consists of eight student members, three faculty members appointed via the Faculty Senate Process, and one staff member appointed by the President.

Gregg Schlanger shared that there were some that shared with him that he should remain silent, so he has abstained from the voting process since that time. He questions why the committee feels the need to completely remove the faculty from the committee membership unless it has to do with base funding decisions.

Joey added that the state regulations does not have a requirement, but that the committee is set up to allow for student voice.

Bjorn asked Brandon if the resolution was meant to be as advisement?

Brandon said that it was just for notification of the ASCWU opinion on this matter. ASCWU's resolution says that they urges the S&A committee to reconsider the conversation and to go along with the option of removing the faculty and staff from the committee.

Bjorn asked about the role of PBAC. Is PBAC's role to say yes that they confirm?

Gregg Heinselman indicated that PBAC's role is to support the financial side of the work of the committee and that anything is open for conversation. However, they try not to get into the granular level of the conversation but try to honor the hard work that the committees do. PBAC and other budget committees honors the student's opinions and the President of the ASCWU is a member of PBAC. This is why I listen at these meetings so that I can understand what you all wrestle with as you debate and decide what you're comfortable with and not comfortable with in reference to funding of student fees. It helps to understand the priority mission of this committee and I honor and support that role.

Terry shared about her concerns about students making decisions involving very large amounts of money. She is concerned about really good representation from the student body. We need to look closely at the way they are added to the committee.

Joey read Jess's comments that show in the chat:

Jessica shared that she is not comfortable removing faculty or staff from this committee. She agrees with the points made by Gregg that the bodies above are not giving the same degree of input or discussion on these matters. She has always

valued the discussion from the faculty and staff, and she would not want to desensitize their discussion more so than is already done.

Joey shared about the resolution from student government. This document shared their recommendation about the faculty and staff be removed as voting members of the committee. Each of the state institutions has a very different look to their committees. Each is different on the membership structure. We do have it written into the guidelines that there should be student representation from the four colleges, nontraditional student representation, student representation for student who resides on campus and representation from the university centers. All student appointments must also be approved by the Dean of Students Office.

Bjorn indicated that one benefit to have faculty members on the committee is that they bring longevity to the committee and the process. Addressing the resolution itself, several members, including both faculty and students, could have conflicts of interest and would need to recuse themselves from certain votes. This speaks to the importance of keeping faculty on the committee.

There is not currently representation for grad students or from online students. There should be reps from each of the 4 academic colleges, non-trad, on campus living student, and a student from the centers.

Joey asked if there is a motion on this item.

Brandon requested that for next year, we should just ask the faculty and staff to remove themselves from the conversation in the future, to be mindful, and if you are involved in any way to be respectful of the agenda items.

MOTION: Brandon Wear-Grimm made a motion to proceed to the next part of the agenda. Masina Ieremia seconded.

Discussion: Masina recommended that future committee members list things they are involved with that could be possible conflicts of interest.

Bjorn requested that we just require committee members to list associations that may be conflicts of interest. No other discussion.

The vote was cast and the Motion to move forward in the agenda was carried.

New Business:

C. Request for S&A Carry Forward Funds

i. CLCE -Request

Jenna shared that Amber and Michael could not be here tonight as they are with the CLCE and Student Involvement student staff to complete the year, however, they have recorded presentations to be shared with this committee:

Jenna shared a video from the CLCE and Amber Hoefler. Amber shared that they would like to request carry forward funds to cover costs of ELP (Experience Leadership Project).

The use of carry forward funds will allow for students without pathways for support to be able to engage in all the opportunities of ELP. They would like to expand the ELP program. They are requesting the carry forward of \$225,000 to support the rejuvenation and expansion of ELP. We would move to a multi-session summer model that will offer additional opportunities to students with unique experiences. This carry forward will allow more students to have increased access to ELP. This carry forward would be used for ELP during summer of 2022. The fees will be controlled by the carry over funding that is being requested.

Question: Brandon asked how long this \$225,000 will last – if this will ensure the ELP for the next year or two years? Would they need to come back and ask for an increase in base funding. Jenna answered that this carry forward would be for next summer's ELP and would give us an opportunity to truly enhance the program. We always want to be one year ahead of the program to ensure that the resources are there. We are blending a lot of priorities and we hope to stretch this funding but with this amount of funding, we hope to see what can be sustained for the future.

Question: Bjorn asked what part of the allocation that this amount would be coming from? Jenna answered that this would come from Goods & Services from multiple years. ELP did not happen last year so we weren't able to utilize those funds for regular year programming.

Question: Masina asked how many of these sessions would be covered by these funds? Jenna answered that with these funds, there could be a number of sessions that could be covered.

Discussion ended and this will go to vote later in this meeting.

D. Request for S&A Carry Forward Funds

i. Interclub Association Funding Carry Over -Request

Jenna shared a video from the Interclub Association and Michael Middleton. Michael shared a request to carry forward funds to cover costs for Inter Club Association. Their request is for \$88-\$90,000 to split the funds to be used for starter funds for clubs in the fall. Clubs create avenues for developing meaningful connections and community and enhance the out of the classroom learning experience, as well as provide opportunities for events and activities. The use

of these funds would be used for club travel, events, and conferences, workshops and trainings. We anticipate a surge in club activity with the lift of restrictions and these funds will allow for the clubs to be able to truly start the next year off on the right foot.

They request to carry forward \$88,000 to \$90,000 to be split evenly between each of the current active clubs in the next year.

Bjorn asked if the number of clubs would remain static.

Jenna confirmed that this would be for the current clubs that are current and organized.

Discussion ended and this will go to vote later in this meeting

E. Request for S&A Carry Forward Funds

i. Career Services Funding Carry Over -Request

Vicki Sannuto, Director of Career Services, presented with a request to utilize Career carry over funds to cover costs related to the Symplicity Database (a.k.a. Wildcat Career Network). The amount requested is to retain \$15,000 to pay for Symplicity database. She presented that they did approach the Student Tech Fee Committee with this request but were denied the funds for this purpose. This software database is used to run the career fairs. Symplicity is a three year contract and this amount will pay for the first year. They are only asking for this first year due to decreased revenue from career fairs this last year. The yearly cost of attendance in 2020-2021 for undergraduate degrees is about \$25,000, however, most students don't graduate in four years. One of the top four requests by students nationally is to have networking with peers, alumni and employers. These career fairs are vital and requested by students. All students are already connected to this database which includes resources such as resumes and cover letters assistance. This amount will assist us in covering the shortfall for the Symplicity Database for this coming year.

Discussion:

Question from Bjorn about the funds coming from goods & services. Vicki did confirm that this expense does come from G&S.

No other questions at this time.

Discussion ended and this will go to vote later in this meeting

F. Request for S&A Carry Forward Funds

i. Marching Band Funding Carry Over -Request

Dr T Andre Feagin reported that there would be an excess of \$87,000 in the marching band budget but they are just requesting the carry forward funds of \$45,000 of the goods & services. They are interested in utilizing these funds to assist with the cleaning of the uniforms in the upcoming year. In the future, we may have to institute a cleaning fee to assist with this issue. We are looking at options that can easily be put in the wash, but until that time, we do need to clean the uniforms regularly. The cleaning is generally done just once a season, and we feel that this may not be safe, and they would like to increase this cleaning practice to every time they are used. Every uniform that every student is wearing is impacted by this. The \$45,000 would be used over the next four years to assist with cleaning.

Question: Bjorn wanted to clarify the request and Dr. Feagin confirmed that the request is for \$45,000 and \$41,000 will be for cleaning with the balance of \$4,000 to cover the costs of replacing the color guard uniforms.

Question: Masina asked when the marching band would be looking at replacing the uniforms? Dr. Feagin responded that uniforms are traditionally worn for a 7-10 year time frame. We are now running around year 10 for these uniforms. I look forward to moving forward to changing to uniforms that can be washed rather than dry cleaned.

Discussion ended and this will go to vote later in this meeting

Voting:

CLCE Request for the use of Carry over funds for ELP:

Opening Remarks: Masina supports the approval of the carry forward for the ELP.
No other discussion.

MOTION: Masina Ieremia made a motion to approve the request of \$225,000 for the ELP funding. Björn Pellmyr seconded.

Motion carried.

Student Involvement-ICA Request for the use of Carry over funds for Student Clubs:

Opening Remarks: Joey shared that this would be in support (on Brandon's behalf) of what the committee has discussed and considered back in fall quarter.

No other discussion.

MOTION: Masina Ieremia made a motion to approve the request of \$90,000 for the ICA request for carry over funds for Student Clubs. Deanna Corsilles seconded.

Motion carried.

Career Services Request to carry over funds to be used for the Wildcat Career Network:

Opening Remarks: Masina wanted to clarify that they did go through the Student Tech Fee Committee for this funding. Lacy shared that the Tech Fee Committee did turn down the request for this Symplicity Funding. This is their second request for funding.

No other discussion.

MOTION: Björn Pellmyr made a motion to approve the request of \$15,000 for the Career Services to have one year for the Symplicity funding. Masina Ieremia seconded.

Motion carried.

Marching Band Request to carry over funds to be used for uniform cleaning/ replacement:

Opening Remarks: Masina understands why they need to clean the uniforms but wondered why they are not seeking funding to just replace the uniforms. Lacy reported that this is a timely and expensive process and will take some time to get the uniforms replaced.

No other discussion.

MOTION: Masina Ieremia made a motion to approve the request of \$45,000 for the Marching Band carry forward request for uniform care. Björn Pellmyr seconded.

Motion carried.

Second call for Public Comment:

Comment #1: Joey Bryant

Once again, I want to thank you all for all your hard work. You have all been fantastic and for faculty and staff, you all will be returning in the fall. Have a fantastic end of the quarter and a great summer as well.

Comment #2: Masina Comments about diversity of student membership

I would like to recommend that we make a note regarding committee meetings during the next year. I think that since we are having non-traditional students and students from the centers in the committee membership that we need to consider having an online component to the meetings in the next year.

Comment #3: Christian -Thank you

I have enjoyed my time here and the year! Thanks, and it was very great to work with you all!

Adjournment:

MOTION: Masina Ieremia made a motion to adjourn. Björn Pellmyr seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.