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Activity Fee Review Committee
February 11th, 2022
Assistance to Student Groups Hearings
5:00pm, Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

Present: Cal Mergendahl, Clement Loo, [David Israels-Swenson](#), Barrett Kendel, Mariah Thesing, Charise DeBerry, Teralyn Johnson, Morgan Fifield, Allison Pohlmann, Kayde Moore, Taylor Prieve, John Barber

Allison Pohlmann called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

- I. Welcome
- II. Approve the Agenda
Clement moved to approve. John seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Approved Minutes from 10/11/21
Cal moved to approve. Clement seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Reviewed AFRC Guidelines
- V. Raise or maintain activity fee
Dave explains the allocation grid. Health and wellness requesting an increased fee. Notes that the Activity Fee has stayed at \$59 since 2018, stating that we could increase by \$1 to \$60 or that we could remain at \$59. Cal asks how much additional money we would increase if enrollment stays the same with raising to the \$60 fee. Looking at a 1% increase with the decisions already made. Cal asks how much surplus we would potentially end the year with. The decision to raise or maintain can be decided by the end of tomorrow. No motion was made.
- VI. Reviewed Current Allocation Grid
Dave explained Allocation Grid or allocation requests, projected overcarry, budget income, student cost per group, and the comparisons of the allocations or groups with incomes to groups who do not. Clement points to the decrease in requests. Dave explains that it's mainly an anomaly as clubs expect larger carryovers with the given years.
- VII. Hearings
 - A. Cheer - Hannah Otto and Jaclyn Hawkins entered the meeting to describe the request and answer questions. Hannah describes that the club currently has 14 members, and over the years they have normally gotten 5 members on average. Jaclyn describes that it is difficult to keep count of student interactions as most events taken are at sporting events. Hannah describes that incomes are from Homecoming and Tailgating. Decrease in student membership fees, \$10 fees for outfit maintenance, and \$5 fee for new members. Kids Camp hopefully to continue in the future. Expenses are for uniforms and shoes as they are needed partially for safety. Stunt certification for the safety of the members to all be qualified. Printing for Kids Camp and a Bow Making event for Homecoming at about \$5 per person. Taylor asked what other events that they would be doing besides football. Hannah said any other teams who would want to have them.

Cal asks how long cheering goes with the sports teams. Jaclyn states that basketball goes till spring and still tries to recruit. Teralyn asks about more info on the Kids Camp. Jaclyn says the Kids come and teach some stunts and parents come to watch a performance. Morgan motions to fund in full. Teralyn seconded. Motion passed. Amount was \$1,120.00.

- B. Entre Nous - Mariah Thesing and Hannah Otto presented the Entre Nous request. The group hosts a number of significant events each year, some in conjunction with the French discipline, some independently. Many of their events revolve around French cuisine. The group has experienced challenges related to COVID but is working hard to still engage students and looks forward to greater engagement this spring and next year. There was a question about advertising costs being \$80 per event and what that money goes to beyond just flyers/posters. The group explained that they open many of these events to the community as well which result in printing more posters than just for campus. The question was asked if they could rework their expenses to use the units and cost per unit features. Morgan moved to fund in full at \$2,350. Charise seconded. There was a friendly addition to ask the group to adjust their expense section to use itemized units. The motion passed.
- C. Big Friend/Little Friend - Hannah Otto, Mercede Hess, and Samantha introduces it as a mentoring program between university students and elementary students. Meet with students for 2 hours a week, every month there is a bigger event. Creating relationships with the elementary students and as a mentor. Movie night, bowling, skating, inflatables, and Arrow wood (water park). Budget focuses on bigger events. University students need background checks to keep kids safe. With covid, had low number of participants, anticipates a higher turnout next year of big friends. Tarelyn asks about September Meet and Greet. Mercede explains it is a meeting to explain what BFLF is as well with training and background checks, and supplies food. Morgan asks about the recruitment supplies. Recruitment supplies are printing of forms, posters, info sheets, and pamphlets. Cal asks if the schools are able to pay for parts of the program. Mercede says it is something they could look into. Tarelyn asks about miscellaneous printing. Mercede says it is typically for printing color pages for the kids for different events and individual meets. Morgan asks if they have ever used charges. Mercede says that it is voluntary for the little friends. Cal asks about the bus to ArrowHead. Mercede says it is typically through the school and that it is the charge for traveling. Tarelyn asks how much they work with the school for supplies. Mercede says they don't really work with the school for many things, but says it can be talked about with the school as they don't have a lot of contact with the school otherwise. Cal mentions the possibility of schools potential budget problems in terms of reducing budget. Cal asks about training Sodexo. Mercede says that it is an end check in with the Big Friends. Call asks about Big Friend check in and the training. Get rid of the \$250 from September Meet and Greet as it was duplicated in the form. Cal motioned for \$5,545. Tarelyn seconded. The motioned passed.

- VIII. Raise or maintain activity fee
Morgan motions to raise the activity fee by \$1. Cal mentions possible inflations. Vote to raise the activity by \$1. The motion passed.
- IX. Health and Wellness Fee request discussion.
Conversation of the information handout given by Dave. Motion to be discussed and passed in tomorrow's hearing.
- X. Closing Remarks/Questions
- XI. Adjourn. The committee adjourned at 6:50 pm