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Activity Fee Review Committee
February 12th, 2022
Assistance to Student Groups Hearings
10:30am, Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

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

Allison Pohlmann called the meeting to order at 10:37 am.

I. Welcome

II. Administrative Fees

Dave states that Covid has heavily impacted mental health. Health Services numbers dropped, but fall numbers have increased. Physicians seeing more students for check in for mental health medication. Increase in isolation and Covid related cases at Health Services. More work with health and safety precautions. Average number of appointments per student has increased. Small number of students, but larger number of seeing those students. Health Services running in the red, has a number of factors. Salary comes out of fee funds more within the last 10 years. Cost students no extra money with charging insurance, but charges fees, creating a new revenue stream. Last year made about \$42,000 in the 2019-2020 year and only \$7,000 in the 2020-2021 year. Only about a 40% return on insurance. The telehealth method has increased the number of students seen. Back to model that they see the physician in the office. Received Grant from the Federal Health and Human Services Administration to hire a case manager for additional support and needs for students. No licensed therapists for drugs and alcohol. Only a three year grant, review of the grant in spring 2025. Approval would translate to \$40,000 in additional revenue per year. Clement question of Duluth's low Health services fees. Dave said they bill insurance and that they are in a sweet spot of revenue and tuition, as well as full time physicians.

III. Hearings

- A. MoQSIE - Eli enters the meeting and Kara is on zoom. Cal asks to run through the budget for why and what for the money they spend on. Kara describes the income as tickets sold for the Drag Show to be held in march, and other income is selling MoQSIE shirts, the \$500 asked will be sold to the amount to cancel out the \$500. Travel and lodging for Mumble Tech, which is a conference in Ohio for Queer students for community spaces, resources, to connect with other students, and a leadership training to become MoQSIE/LGBT student leaders. Entrance fee covers part of the Mumble Tech entrance fee. Drag show expenses for tech crew, and performers covers lodging, transportation, and for their performance. Meeting supplies for general craft stuff to do during MoQSIE meetings. Collaborations is the Lavender Celebration to celebrate graduating MoQSIE members, and collaborate with EDI to bring a speaker to campus. Miscellaneous, movies to set up movies on UMM cinema, posters for \$600 for

the drag show, chats, and all other events for around campus. Requesting \$4,043.00. Morgan question on Conference costs on individual member fees. Kara said typically the fee per person is \$80-\$90 for Mumble Tech, budgeted for MoQSIE to cover about $\frac{2}{3}$ of costs for about 10 students, but tends to charge about half to have wiggle room for students with financial issues. Exact fee depends on factors of hotels and gas prices. John makes a motion to fund in full. Clement seconds. Motion passed at \$4,043.00.

B. University Register - Stewart and Kayde enter the meeting to describe the UR request. Stewart describes UR as being a biweekly newspaper printing news on things going on in Morris. Budget primarily used to print the paper as there is lower student participation with the newspaper and submissions. Ideal staff amount of 8-10 people, currently has around 4-6 people. Stewart states that as a Liberal Arts college to advocate for the newspaper. Income as advertisement sales, try to sell about \$400 in ads from student orgs and community stores. General expenses, food and travel are new expenses to show appreciation for staff and possible enticement for new recruitments. Possible travel trip to the printing press on the process of creating and making a newspaper. Fees for a new computer that there are not enough computers if there was the ideal staff amount. Try to replace a computer every few years. Large fee of printing the papers and stipends for the staff. Cal brings up discussion from last year of tech fee and IT about the new computers so it is not an AFRC matter. Stewart and Kayde states it is a discussion that they would be willing to have in the future. Taylor asks how they are going to get more people to join. Kayde says they recently put up posters and are getting responses, as well as possible tabling. Taylor asks if they would reach out to English majors as recruitments. Stewart says he has the email list and emails out for writing opportunities and encouragement. Kayde states they want to vamp up their website and begin social media marketing and posting. Morgan asks if it is possible for English Profs to use writings for the Newspaper as extra credit opportunities for the classes. Cal asks if they are willing to partner with the radio station. John motions to fund in full. Morgan seconds. Motion passed at \$10,440.00.

C. (Floating) World - Solvi Wagstrom enters to discuss (Floating) World requests and questions. Describes (Floating) World that meets MTuTh to do creative writing projects while creating community and creativity. Has a journal posted every year of students' works throughout the year. Incomes described as \$200 as an average for selling the journals at the end of the school year. Expenses described as buying and printing the journals, as well as other smaller events with food, supplies for art activities and writing, and food and snacks for said events. Requesting for \$1,034.70. Morgan moves to fund in full, round to the next dollar. John seconds to round up to the nearest dollar. Motion passed at \$1,035.00.

IV. Health and Wellness Fee

Cal motioned to accept the increase. Morgan seconded. Motion passes to fund at the increased \$20.

V. Meeting Times this Semester

Possible regular meeting time or pushing the time to 5pm. Cal proposes not Monday. John proposes not Thursday. Mention of only 2 more meetings this year. Monday's, 5pm-6:30pm.

VI. Hearings Continued

- A. PHE - Max enters the meeting to discuss PHE. PHE does mental, physical, and sexual health programs for students, first years, and as programs for CAs. PHE has student stipends for the three chairs. Expenses trying to branch out with ideas. Money goes to decorations for programs and discussions of new supplies such as an anatomical penis for the sexual health programs to reduce stigma around sexual health. Wants most money to go towards the programs, so other expenses for advertising. Travel expense to go to the Andes Mountains. Cal asks for more details for the supply categories. Max explains most supplies go towards floor programs, especially a stress relief program, so getting stress balls or canvases and paints for floor programs, giving students goodie bags. Cal motions to fund in full with caveat of supplies description list. John seconded. Motion passed at \$4,500.00.
- B. AISES - Erianna Conrad joined the meeting on zoom to discuss the AISES budget request. Erianna explains that AISES is a national org to increase the number of Native Americans in the STEM field. They provide emotional, cultural, and physical support to students. Incomes from a bake sale, the silent auction that they collaborate with CNIA, and the AISES jackets that the student members purchase. Expenses of food and supplies for general meetings and events. The AISES conferences include transportation, lodging, and registration fees as they are typically out of state. Taylor asks for more information and the importance of the difference conferences. Erianna explains it helps with network building and representation in the STEM program between pre-college, college, and mentors together. Conferences hold resume building workshops and counseling of the cultural aspect and future careers. Morgan asks how much students are paying for the conferences. Funding does not include food or personal spending for students, but covers registration fees, lodging, and travel for students, but does depend on factors of plane prices and some extra travel. Cal asks about the shirts. Shirts would be created and sold as an awareness of indigenous issues, potentially selling at the Powwow with CNIA. The jackets are different from the shirts just for AISES members. Morgan asks about meetings and the 20 units, asking if they are for special meetings or for everyday meetings. Wasn't aware that we do not cover everyday meetings and could reduce the unit amounts to special events. Kayde asks about the supplies for meetings. Used for craft things during meetings to be used for silent auctions and prizes. Morgan asks Dave if the ARFC has covered all conferences in the past. Typically we have covered all conferences as they are fundamental to the message and concept of AISES. Morgan is concerned about funding in full for the travel of few students. Erianna explains that they are typically a group thing and that members will join for being a part of a group. Dave says sometimes they get outside funding to

help with these funds. Cal thinks to fund the travel of conferences for now. Cal motions to fund at \$4,760.00, reducing from the food meeting and craft budget and some more income on the shirts. Taylor seconded. Kayde friendly amendment to cut less, to \$4,960.00. Motion passed at \$4,960.00.

- C. MCSA - Dylan Young and Grace Hiltner entered the meeting to discuss MCSA budget request. Dylan shared a document with all AFRC members. Dylan starts by comparing this year's request to last year's request. Removed spring recruitment budget as they don't see a use for the recruitment, Sustainability Forum budget increased, and new stipend position. The new stipend position as a social media handler as they believe having a strong social media presence is essential and shouldn't have to put this work on another member as it takes a lot of work, and the best solution to add a whole new position. John asks if having a social media presence would increase member enrollment. Morgan asks what the new positions roles would be besides social media posting. Dylan explains that they would have a role on the committee, helping with event building, taking a couple hours a week on the social media duties. Expenses as fall retreat and recruitment to get new members with food for members. Support the U day hasn't happened since pre-pandemic and hoping to return next year. Student Stipends take a lot of the expense. Morgan asks if the stipends have had an increase in recent past years. Morgan asks if they could take the money from the Campus Relations stipends to the new position. Dylan says that he would not do that as both positions would still be doing about the same amount of work. John asks how much Dylan has used in past campaigns and could reduce the amount. Dylan mentions he only has campaigned once and technically was unopposed and had three others working on the campaign and gave the students stipends. Morgan asks if they could talk about what they are spending the money on the campaigns. Dylan says the buttons, posters, and the stipends. Morgan asks what would happen if there wasn't a campaign budget. Grace says that there is a fair fight with campaigning along with the campaign rules instead of the students spending out of pocket. Dylan summarizes the self out-of-pocket spending rules as needed to approve the self spending and cannot spend more than the campaign amount and that the committee needs a report on those spendings, and that people aren't really allowed to spend out of pocket with the new election rules. John reads the campaigning rules that "shall not exceed \$75," last update in February 2020. Kayde asks where the other \$300 would come from with the other \$75 of self spending. Dylan says it is hard to explain, but means it can give up to four different campaign runners. John found updated bylaw, updated March 2021. Morgan thinks about taking the Campus Relations budget for the new position. Cal reminds that stipends do not count as hourly commitment to the role. Kayde motions to fund in full. Clement seconded. Morgan opposed. Motion passed at \$10,575.00.
- D. KUMM - Cal and Gray entered the meeting for KUMM budget. KUMM is a radio station for the university, overall engagement is looking good, regardless of decrease in DJs. One of the few runned radio stations in the country left.

Request is decreased then usual as they are discontinuing a subscription as well as a significant amount of carryover. Incomes from underwritings from memberships dues and community advertisement, as well as merchandise and concert sales. Expenses include stipends for members, no change from last year's request. Expenses of office supplies as they are one of few groups with an actual office. Membership fees, equipment maintenance, subscriptions, and other dues and payments. Morgan motions to fund in full. Kayde seconded. Clement asks to note that this is an unusually low request for KUMM. Motioned passed at \$4,115.00.

- E. ASA - Sanjana, Hoomz, Micheal, Mark, Alwin, Dawson, and Ryan enter the meeting on zoom for the ASA budget. ASA is a multicultural student org to connect the cultures between all students between meetings and other events. Income is from Ramen sales and t-shirt sales as well as TOA Ticket sales. Expenses of a camping trip, "Taste of Asia", cities trip, and meetings. Clement asked to explain the different larger events. Camping trip is a bonding experience at the beginning of the year for new and existing members. The city's trip is to experience better asian culture in the Twin Cities. Taste of Asia is where they serve asain food to the community. Morgan asks about specific events they do on the city's trip. Marks says they go to the Institute of Art museum as they have asian exhibits open and sometimes larger conferences. Clement adds that they go to other museums, the buddhist temples, hindu temple, to meet with the Twin Cities ASA, and meeting with a leadership trainer. Morgan asks if students pay more besides lodging and travel. Hoomz said sometimes add a meal or two for the students. Morgan asks where they normally do their camping trip. Hoomz says they go outside of Morris, this year went to an area near Willmar, typically not in Morris, but not farther than a couple of hours. Allison asks about van rental and bus rental as they were differently listed. Clement says that the bus is sometimes as a backup to not be stranded. Morgan asks how long the camping trip is. Hoomz says it's typically a weekend trip. Cal motions to fund at \$4,604, rounding up. Morgan seconded. Motion passed at \$4,604.00.
- F. CNIA - Maya and Jade enter the meeting to discuss the CNIA budget request. Jade explains that CNIA is in charge of the Powwow and is an indiginious org for students. Trying to do more such as crafts, conversation of indiginious problems, and is a place for native students to come for help with connection and academics. Incomes are of Powwow vendor fees, a prediction of \$600, and Powwow concessions sales of around \$2,100.00. Expenses, largest is the Powwow as it is a large event, being about \$15,650.00. Other expenses in line of previous things, new expenses of stipends for Powwow coordinator and Co-Chair. Maya explains that there has been a lot of work into this will not good previous documentation to help guide new members. Carryover is currently listed at \$0, discussing to see what the potential actual carryover will be to change the budget request. Estimate carryover of \$7,000. Budget seems consistent with previous year's. Powwow has happened for the last 35 years,

minus the Covid year's. Current request stands at \$23,900. Morgan asks where the additional increase is coming from. Jade says the new costs come for the stipends and the Covid health and safety consideration, the decreased number of vendors for the Powwow, as well as not knowing about donations from other groups like AISES. Morgan asks about a fundraiser done in the previous year, Clement responded that it was most likely Indian Tacos. Morgan asks about the members' experience and time with working on the Powwow. Maya says that it can be anywhere from an hour to 10 hours, but as time gets closer, the amount has been higher, with meetings and back and forth talking and planning. Members have a lot of work the day and night before the Powwow. Morgan says that they believe the \$1000 stipends seem high. Jade says the added position is nice to have as additional support, and the Co-chairs put more work with hosting the Powwow and doing the weekly CNIA meetings. Liz inputs that they could potentially be meeting with higher ups more, that could be up to 4 hours long, such as with Search the School. John motions to fund at \$23,300.00, reducing the stipends to \$800. Cal and Morgan second. Cal asks for a friendly amendment of revisiting the stipend amounts next year. Motion passed at \$23,300.00.

- G. Mock Trial - Robin and Julia entered the meeting to discuss the Mock Trial budget. Julia says that Mock Trial is here to stimulate a court case, giving students a role in the trials such as lawyer. Can be seen as acting and improv in an academic setting of Law. The club helps make members think on their feet, competence, confidence, helps with public speaking, and team building. Expenses for the case materials from AMTA, advertising as member numbers are important to be able to attend tournaments. Were not able to go to the conference this year due to covid and lack of participants. Hoping to do more pre-Law. Currently has about \$12,000 carryover. Clement suggests doing some fun community building events to get more participants and members. Morgan motions to fund at \$0. Cal seconded. Motion passed at \$0.
- H. BSU - Emma Jones enters the meeting to discuss the BSU budget. Emma explains that BSU is an org that comes together to create events on campus and build community for students. Incomes are from the Homecoming Dance, Soul Food dinner, bingo night, and fees. Expenses are speakers, ValleyScare trip, homecoming dance tech and decorations. Cal asks about the ValleyScare trip. Budget covered some ticket fees, but student covers rest, and transportation is covered. Morgan asks about the Soul Food Dinner if Sodexo is covering. Emma says that they are having Chefs come in and be overwatched by Sodexo. John asks about weekly expenses. Emma says those include snacks and games for weekly meetings. Morgan asks if the food is for special events or frequent. Morgan wants to note the food category to not be seen as weekly food. Morgan asks why they are bringing chefs. Emma says they wanted it to be more than Sedexo by bringing in chefs of color who genuinely know how to make the food. John motions to fund in full at \$4,290.00. Kayde seconded. Morgan asks for a friendly amendment to add more info on the budget request. Motion passed.

VII. Hearing Revisit.

- A. MCSA: Morgan asked to reopen MCSA. Morgan wants to remove \$150 from the new stipend added as the role is not entirely described the duties. John notes that in past years the workload was passed onto a committee member as a larger workload. John believes the new position is valuable. Clement asks if the Campus Relations Secretary does more than other secretaries. Morgan is concerned and believes that it is difficult to know what each individual stipend does, especially with the tendency of annually increasing the stipends. Cal states that MCSA is moving around money and cutting some budgets, but not overall entirely different with the given \$150. Morgan motions to cut MCSA Budget allocation by \$150, changing to \$10,425.00. Taylor seconds. Clement and Barrett opposed. Allocation remains at \$10,575.00.
- B. AISES: Morgan wants to open AISES with concern about funding three different conferences, more comfortable with funding two and the other covered by the students. Cal inputs that the value of these conferences should be included. Clement adds that AISES is a national thing and our AISES is just a branch. Kayde mentions that they have added more for campus events. Dave mentions other income sources of grants and scholarships to be able to send more people to these conferences. Clements states that the request is moreso for students who can't afford to go to the conference, which is believed to be important.

VIII. Closing Remarks/Questions

- IX. Adjourn. The committee adjourned at 4:15 pm.