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Activity Fee Review Committee

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### **AFRC minutes 02/10&11/2023**

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Activity Fee Review Committee  
February 10 & 11, 2023  
Annual funding hearings Hearings  
February 10, 5:00PM, Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room

Members Present: David Israels-Swenson, Teralyn Johnson, Mariah Thesing, Clement Loo, April Klimek, Gabby Holboy, Ana Carbajal, Kayde Moore, John Barber, Alexis Iverson, Connie Liker

Teralyn called the meeting to order at 5:08pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Approve Agenda

John moved to approve. Gabby seconded. Motion passed.

- III. Approve [Minutes 11/7](#)

John moved to approve. Ana seconded. Motion passed.

- IV. Review or annual procedures and processes

- V. Administrative Unit hearings

- A. [Athletics](#), 5:30 pm

Matt Johnson enters to talk about the Athletics request. Talks about last request was increased in 17-18 year, but funding has dropped with the decrease of students at Morris. This request would be for better travel and equipment for athletes and students. Actual amount of student athletes this academic year is 292 students. Looked at and compared this request to UMN Crookston and Duluth as well as UW Superior. Points out increase in travel costs, support for athletes, increased football roster, and capital improvements. Shows sheet of comparison where Morris is ranked 5th, even with more technical sports and student athletes. Receiving additional funding from "The Cougar Club" and "Cougar Athletics' Corporate Sponsorship". High percentage Student-Athlete Feedback. Asking for \$14 a semester. Kayde motions to increase the Athletics Fee to \$70. John seconds. Matt says "I am happy." Motion passed to raise Athletics Fee to \$70.

- B. [World Touch Cultural Heritage Series](#), 5:45 pm

Liz Thomson enters to talk about the "World Touch Cultural Heritage Series." Currently at \$10 per semester, and requesting to raise it to \$12 per semester. Liz talks about how the programs connect to the learning outcomes at Morris. Grouped the last 3 years of funding and emphasizes how the last director facilitated these events differently. Explains how Gus did more of one large program and focus on a group identity and Liz has changed to do multiple

smaller programs and events focusing on several different groups of people and identity. MRC supplies for students and faculty. Statistics on examples of expenses of meals, travel, supplies, tech, accessibility, and posters. Increased information from surveys and assessments on programs. Would like to build relationships, get more data, participation, and co-sponsorships. Kayde asks what the increase would be focused on. Liz answers that they would like it to go to the diversity of the different programs and one big event every other year. John motions to raise the fee to \$12 a semester. Gabby seconds. Clement substans. Motion passed to raise fee to \$12 a semester.

C. [Student Activities](#). 6:00 pm

Simon Franco enters to talk about the request for Student Activities. Largest part is covering student workers in the Student Activities Office, and the campus wide increase of the minimum wage to \$15 also gave no compensation to the office in covering that increase. Asking for a 10% increase to cover some of the 20% increase. Clement asks why only asking for a 10% increase. Simon says that they want to be cautious of the cost increase to all students, but will not object to a 26% increase. Teralyn asks Mariah about the effects of the time cut and pay. John asks about a tri-annual increase. Concerns of the tri-annual of remembering and implementing this request. Kayde motions to increase the request to 17%. Gabby seconds. Motion passed to raise fee to 17%.

VI. Break

VII. Hearings

A. [La Union Latinx](#) 6:45 pm

Students came in to discuss their request. Talks about using funds for activities for weekly meetings and a scheduled trip for members in place of a dance done last year, bringing a taco truck, and a dance group(s) to campus. Taco truck exceeded expectations this year as they were expecting maybe 20 students and had well above. On average, 8-10 students come to weekly meetings. Clarifying why previous allocations are zero because they revived the club and were using the existing carryovers. Larger budget currently because of unsure plans and costs for the club trip. Currently 6 people have already signed up for the trip. Kayde motions to fund in full at \$2,365.00. Gabby seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$2,365.00.

B. [Mock Trial](#) 7 pm

Students enter to discuss their request. Talk about not being able to travel because of covid, which is the main expenses of hotels, printing fees, entrance fees, travel. Planning on doing some activities such as movie night, going over court cases, partnering with the Philosophy Club with What's Up Wednesday to get awareness and interest in the club. Haven't had enough people to have a team to be able to do these larger events. Expecting to spend money on snacks and food for the smaller events this semester. John motions to fund at \$0. Clement seconds. Motion passed to fund at \$0.

C. [KUMM](#) 7:15 pm

Ava enters to talk about the request. Have done several concerts, 50th anniversary during homecoming, 50 years of 50 hours, candidate interview (with MCSA), and regular shows. Going to want to update some technology in the studio to make systems work more efficiently, updating and new sponsors, a What's Up Wednesday Karaoke event, spring concert, better outreach, and better relationship with Radio K. Conservative carryover because of unknown and vague costs, especially with the technology updates. Kayde asks if technology updates will be done this year. Ava says yes and the beginning or looking into technology updates. Ana asks about the number of bands at previous concerts. Ava says before they've had 8, but does not know for sure as she is graduating. Kayde asks about income of merch and expense of merch canceling out. John motions to fund in full at \$6,415.00. Kayde seconds. Motion passed to fund at \$6,415.00.

D. [French Club](#) 7:30 pm

French Club officers Mariah and <Mariah please insert name here> introduced themselves and the committee introduced themselves. They covered the basics of their budget. Covering the plans for next fall and spring. Key programs were French week, cabaret, their annual bake sale, Loto (bingo), a trip to Winnipeg, Mardi Gras, and some co-sponsorships with EDI. They shared that they still have their Mardi Gras program this spring which they want to keep free for students, their poetry reading event and their Winnipeg trip. The Winnipeg trip will be four days this year and will visit the museum of Human Rights and the Festival du Voyageur. There were questions from the committee about differing numbers of posters for different events. Kayde asked why the French Club paid for the discipline's poetry reading event. Mariah shared that the discipline has very little funding for the event which is why the club co-sponsors. John moved that the committee fund in fall at \$3,211.00. Ana Seconded. The motion passed.

VIII. Adjourn for Friday

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 PM

**February 11, 10:00 am, Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room**

Members Present: David Israels-Swenson, Terilyn Johnson, Clement Loo, Mariah Thesing, John Barber, Alexis, Iverson, Ana Carbajal, Gabby Holboy, Kayde Moore, Connie Liker

Terilyn called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

I. Annual Org Hearings

A. [\(floating\) World](#) 10:15 am

The Student Representative did not show. Committee looks at the request. Clement moves to table. Ana seconded. Motion passed to table. Revisit at 3:09PM. Clement motioned to fund at \$0. John seconded. Motion passed to motion at \$0.

B. [PHE](#) 10:30 am

Students enter to talk about the request. Explains what PHE is and does. Mainly doing floor programs and larger events such as Fatal Vision. No revenue because of the value of not charging students. Expenses of duplicating, student stipends, food for larger events, program supplies, prizes for engagement and programs, and travel expenses. Travel expenses are for buses to go to Andes Mountain. Kayde asks if the request from last year was a good amount request. Students explain they'll have a little carry over, but still have events planned for this semester. Kayde motions to fund at full at \$4,400. Alexis seconds. Gabby abstains. Motion passed to fund at \$4,400.

C. [BFLF](#) 10:45 am

Students enter to talk about the request. Explains that BFLF is an outreach program in the community with events of waterparks, bowling, and inflatables, ice skating, movie nights, and other events with the little friends. Other expenses include background checks, big friend check-ins, and training for the big friends. Wants the big friends and little friends to be free of expenses. Have ideas of bake sales, selling kids crafts, and donation nights with the families. Ana asks about participation. Currently has about 14 big friends and 14 little friends, hoping to get more participation. Kayde asks about cutting events or selling. Says that the movie nights are the more simple ones. Dave asks about carryover being \$0 and the remaining costs for this semester. Clement asks to pencil in a \$5,500 carryover to change the request amount to \$2,710.00. Ana motions to fund in full of \$2,710.00. Gabby seconds. Connie abstains. Motion passed to fund at \$2,710.00.

D. [MoQSIE](#) 11:00 am

Student enters to talk about the request. Explains the expenses that the highest expense is the Drag Show and conference. The conference, this year they went to Ohio. Participation is a solid 10 students per week for general meetings. Kayde asks about expected carryover. Dave changes the current carryover amount to \$0. Teralyn asks about duplicating expenses. Student says it is for the whole year. John asks about future events for the semester. Answers that there is the Drag Show, the Lavender Ceremony, and weekly meetings. Teralyn asks about additional fundraising. Answers the t-shirt sales which happen around the drag show. Teralyn asks about the supplies. Answers that most of the weekly meetings are centered around art meetings. Kayde motions to fund at \$5,650.00. Ana seconds. John requests a friendly amendment to fund at \$5,400.00. Alexis seconds. Motion passed to fund at \$5,400.00.

E. [BSU](#) 11:15 am

Student joins us on zoom. Explains income is from tickets with Soul Food Dinner and homecoming dance. Explains expenses of Soul Food Dinner planning, general meeting supplies, homecoming tech and decorations, travel for ValleyScare and Africa Night. Gabby asks about current balance and carryover, what is going to be used. Will be using most of the current balance for Soul Food Dinner and Speaker. Teralyn asks about member fees with ValleyScare. Answers that it covers about half the tickets and travel costs. Student explains

that their budget is larger with the thought of not as large of a carryover. Gabby motions to fund at \$6,823.00. Ana seconds. Motion passed to fund at \$6,823.00.

F. BREAK 11:30 am

G. [UR](#) 11:45 am

Students enter to talk about the request. Goals to expand the newspaper again. Explains expenses of food is with the increase of staff from 3 people to 15 people, stipends for the workers, subscription fees, requesting a new computer. Teralyn asks about income. Kayde explains that it is for advertisement in the newspaper for clubs, orgs, and businesses. John motioned to fund at \$12,300.00. Clement seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$12,300.00.

H. [Cheer](#) 12:00 pm

Students enter to talk about the request. Goal of cheer to bring community and spirit with sports events and inclusivity. Currently has 23 members with only 1 graduating this year. Events of Bow Making, fundraising, and cheer at all home football and basketball games. Do not have tryouts, so anyone can join. Expenses of stunt training, cheerleader equipment and uniforms. Ana asks about the jacket's expenses. Ava says that football games get cold, so the jackets are for warmth with the games, to have better uniformity with looks, and it is safer for doing stunts and the university owns the jackets, shoes, and uniforms. Need to have the ability of being inclusive with sizing with uniforms and shoes to have that size inclusivity. T-shirts bought for the team are for members to keep, and members put in half the cost for the shirts. Connie asks about the numbers of apparel needed. Explains that they already have a lot of existing shoes and uniforms rather than jackets, but only has two extra uniforms at the moment. Took advice from current captains for the numbers of uniforms and shoes requested. Gabby asks to increase the quantity amounts of items. Teralyn suggests removing apparel to put into uniforms and shoes. Will be doing a banquet for the end of the semester and background checks for Kids Camp. Gabby motions to fund at \$2,300.00. John motions a hostile amendment to fund at \$2,345.00. Clement seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$2,345.00.

I. [Chem Club](#) 12:15 pm

Students enter to talk about the request. To help students gain an appreciation for science and chemistry. Events of exploding pumpkins, liquid nitrogen ice cream, and like balm making at Yule Ball. Trying to bring back older events such as going to the highschool for science demonstrations and trivia night for the science disciplines. Gabby asks about printing. They have a printer in the Chem Lounge and have it free for students and use it for printing posters and hope that more students will go into the chem lounge. The carryover to use for a conference in the spring semester. Membership fee is \$40 and travel costs and some Stem students have other funds that they can use for travel. Notice that the proposal is positive and no show of conference travel expenses. Unknown about outside expenses from students. Kayde motions to fund at \$0. John seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$0.

- II. Lunch Break
- III. Annual Org Hearings

- A. [ASA](#) 1:30 pm

Group entered to talk about the request. Goal of growing a community and learn about asian culture. Income of Taste of Asia tickets. Expenses of Taste of Asia, Asia trip to the cities, fall camping trip, lock in, and weekly meeting. Kayde asks about spending for the rest of this year. Still meeting and in the process of meeting with Tony about Taste of Asia dinner. Clement asks about bringing a chef to Taste of Asia. Last year they gave recipes to Sodexo which was cheaper than they thought, so using the carryover to pay for the chef and bring new recipes and foods to Morris. John asks what they would like to prioritize budget wise. Biggest priority would be Taste of Asia, whether or not having a chef or going through Sodexo, then the cities trip, then lock in and camping trip. John motions to fund in full at \$6,715.00. Kayde seconds. Clement abstains. Motion passed to fund at \$6,715.00.

- B. [Women's Rugby](#) & [Men's Rugby](#) 1:45 pm

Group entered to talk about the requests. A sports team that values community and inclusivity. Spending and historically had more players, so they cut their request amount, travel, and removing specific items for replacement. Expenses mainly for transportation for games, safe equipment for players, and food for after games. Wanting to recruit more people to play and come to the games. Still giving opportunities to set up games to have however many players to play. Kayde asked about the 3 membership dues. One of the dues is needed to play anywhere in the conference, one of the others wasn't charging before but was told most likely will. John asks about the lack of income and if there will be any. Says they are talking about getting more merch, but recently used to try and recruit people rather than selling. Kayde asks about the carryforward. Women's rugby will spend about \$1-3000 for travels and Men's Rugby about \$1-2000 for travels. Looking at about \$9,000 for carryover. Ana motions to fund both Women's and Men's Rugby at \$0. Connie seconds. Clement abstains. Motion passed to fund at \$0.

- C. [CNIA](#) 2:15 pm

Students entered to talk about the request. Community for native and non-native students about the culture and to have a space to learn. Large event of the Powwow and weekly meetings with 15-20 regular members. Income of Powwow, vendors pay to have a space to sell products, concessions of food, AISES support, fundraising, tribal donations, and AIAC donations. Expenses for Powwow of prizes, honorariums, EMTs, food for concessions, posters, fees, t-shirts, and the feast. Other expenses of speakers, travel, gifts for speakers and performers, food, advertising, weekly meeting supplies and student stipends. Gabby points out the stipends are reasonable for the amount of work done. Kayde motions to fund in full at \$24,850.00. Gabby seconds. Motion passed to fund at \$24,850.00.

- D. [MCSA](#) 2:30 pm

Students entered to talk about the request. Goal to show the interest and represent the student body. Work is necessary to keep the campus going, doing events to show goals. Blue highlights in expenses are ones that changed. Used extra funding for the Food Odyssey, and spending for the Sustainability Forum was covered. Increased printing expenses as they went through all their budget in the first semester for printing. Increased funding for Sustainability Forum as they have tried to increase its meaningfulness. Decreased cost for Prairie Gala. Decreased campaign financing as it has been slower these few years. Added a new stipend position and increased several of the other stipends. Gabby asks to explain the average hours of these stipend positions. Explained if there's events coming or just regular meetings, anything from 4-15 hours outside of collaborative meetings. John points out the large increase in student stipends compared to last year's request and to decrease it by \$500. Teralyn adds on that with the new positions if that would be less work for other positions and if those amounts could be reduced. Ana counters in reducing less than John's proposal. Connie agrees with the importance of the positions. Connie asks about fundraising. Answers that they had to apply for grants for sustainability and do fundraisers for emergency funds. Kayde says it is important, but a 20% jump is large. Dave points out that \$8500 is the most allowed for stipends. John proposes to fund at \$12,100.00. Kayde seconded. Clement and Connie nayed. Gabby abstained. Motion passed to fund at \$12,100.00.

E. [AISES](#) 2:45 pm

Student entered to talk about the request. It is a national organization with conferences and leadership summits to give Native American STEM students different opportunities. Income for B&W Dance fees and AIAC donations. Expenses of meeting supplies, etiquette dinner, conferences and travel expenses. Connie asks who goes to the conferences. Answers the general members of the club. Kayde asks what expenses they still have for this semester. Still have 2 conferences this semester. Carryover seems to be about \$4,000.00. Had to insert different expenses forgotten in the expenses sheet. Kayde motions to fund at \$4,280.00. John seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$4,280.00.

IV. Break

V. ASG Requests

A. Classify requests

1. SDS - Kayde motions to classify as class B. John seconded. Motion passed to classify as class B.
2. American Choral Directors - John motions to classify as class D and travel 3. Clement seconded. Motion passed to classify as a class D-3.
3. Pi Sigma Alpha/Poli Sci Club - Connie motions to classify as class D and travel 3. Kayde seconded. Motion passed to classify as class D-3.
4. IVCF (Winter Retreat) - Kayde motions to classify as class D and travel 4. Alexis seconded. Motion passed to classify as class D-4. Clement motions to reclassify as a class D-3. Gabby seconded. Motion passed to



reclassify as a D-3. Clement re-reclassify as a C-3. Gabby seconded. Motion passed to re-reclassify as a C-3.

5. IVCF (Large Group) - Clement motions to classify as a class C. Kayde seconded. Motion passed to classify as a class C.

## B. Hearings

1. [SDS](#) 4:00 pm

Students entered to talk about the request. Club is a political club opened to students to discuss topics both nationally and campus wide. Kayde asked about numbers created in the request. When they tabled, they had pamphlets and ran out, posters for posting more frequently. Clement asked about the formats of the 5 events for this semester. Answers they've had discussions on student working, but centralizing on current events and problems on campus to gain engagement and outlet. The snacks request are for the larger based events and tabling. Teralyn asks what kind of snacks they would have. Answered the last time they bought baking supplies for cookies like flour and sugar, but also trying to have general snacks including vegan and gluten free options. Teralyn asks what the next event is. Tabling for housing plots and ICWA, Student Worker discussion, but still discussing new and upcoming issues. John motions to fund in full at \$500.00. Gabby seconded. John and Kayde abstained. Motion passed to fund at \$500.00.

2. [American Choral Directors](#) 4:15 pm

Alex entered to talk about the request. Conference is about learning of the music choral directors career and supporting music educations and new teachings. This is the national conference in Cincinnati, and the first one back since the pandemic. Has speakers, singers, and guests to meet and listen to. Expenses are hotel, the cheapest option for 1 room, renting a University vehicle, parking, the registration, and cost of music. Connie asked when it is. Trip is February 21st-25th. Alexis motions to fund at \$1,327.00. Clement seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$1,327.00.

3. [Pi Sigma Alpha/Poli Sci Club](#) 4:30 pm

Student enters to talk about the request. Conference for Political Science. Tried applying for a grant and only received \$570 for fees. Expenses of car rental, hotel, and conference fees. Currently 3 students are going and presenting and potentially 6 other students attending. Hoping to make it more accessible for other students. The \$473.92 carryover from last ASG request, was afraid of over spending and wasn't charged as much as thought. Gabby motions to fund at \$2,933.00. Connie seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$2,933.00.

4. [IVCF](#) (Winter Retreat) 4:45 pm

Students enter to talk about the request. Will have a speaker, bible and other studies as a community weekend together. Lodging would be at Andes Mountain. Gabby motions to fund at \$2456.00. Kayde seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$2,456.00.

5. [IVCF2](#) (Large Group)

A single day trip to the bowling alley and skiing at Andies. Kayde motions to fund at \$1,575.00. Gabby seconded. Motion passed to fund at \$1,575.00.

VI. Review of overall budget and fees

Gabby motions to allocate \$11,064.00 to the annual deficit. Kayde seconded. Motion passed to allocate \$11,064.00 to annual deficit.

Discussion of raising the Student Fee Review. Current at \$15,000. Kayde motions to move the minimum and maximum from \$5,00 and \$15,000 to \$15,000 and \$30,000. Alexis seconded. Motion passed.

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:01PM.