

University of Minnesota / Twin Cities Campus

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for **2006-2007** Funding
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Administrative Units Recommendations

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Unit: **Boynton Health Services**

Amount Requested: \$7,100,040 Amount Approved: \$7,100,040

Committee Vote: 5 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining

Note from the Chair:

Initially the questions of year-round fees coverage and funding level were separate but the Committee felt it necessary to take up the two issues at the same time and come up with a single recommendation. This was necessary because the issues were closely intertwined.

Majority Rationale:

The Committee felt that although year-round fees had some merit, there are several fiscal and ethical problems with its implementation. The Committee felt that it could not make a decision in good conscience that would cause the Boynton Health Services fee itself to rise by nearly twelve dollars per semester given the needs other Administrative Units. Furthermore, members of the Committee felt that it would be unfair to force students who do not spend their summers in the Twin Cities to pay for services that they are incapable of accessing even if they want to or need to. In light of its reversed decision on year-round fees, the Committee felt that it was important to grant the full \$350,000 for the capital reserve build up so Boynton can continue to keep its facilities in top working order.

The Committee recommends full funding of the Boynton Health Service request in the amount of \$7,100,040.

Minority Rationale:

The minority agrees with the majority in fully funding Boynton's request, however disagrees on the idea of Summer Fees. In a reversal of the initial recommendation, the Committee decided that it was not in the best interests of students to not approve Year-Round Fees. This fee would involve an additional \$6.32 per semester to cover services during the summer. Not only is this prudent, but most students would be able to benefit at some point during their college career.

Year-Round fees will eliminate the Boynton portion of the current summer fee for most students. Also, the cost of attending one Summer Session at the current summer fee level is more than students would pay for the proposed year-round fees over the course of a four year academic career.

Boynton was the first student health service in the country which attempted to transform from nine month to twelve month coverage through student service fees. If successful, this could have been a model for other schools across the country. Year-round fees would have created a more even distribution of services throughout the year. Students would no longer have to scramble to schedule an appointment in April and May before their coverage ended, nor will they delay care until the start of coverage in September. Year-Round fees would help eliminate these high demand periods. Finally, more than 80% of students live in the Twin Cities area during the summer and will be able to take advantage of year-round fees.

Boynton provided ample statistics regarding the potential beneficiaries of the new service, but the minority would agree with the majority that it was difficult to discern if students would prefer such a program. If Boynton requests a similar program in the future, the Committee would expect some information regarding how popular such a program would be among students and if the 80% of students who live in the Twin Cities area during the summer would actually use such a benefit.

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Unit: **Learning Abroad Center**

Amount Requested: **\$92,430** Amount Recommended: **\$92,430**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee recognizes the value of a global work, intern and study experience to the students at the University of Minnesota. The fee request increased due to the addition of a re-entry conference, used to help with reverse cultural shock. Also an additional staff professional staff member has been added. The requested amount has been granted showing the Committees commitment to ensuring the success of this program, which we feel is necessary for the global success of the University.

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Amount requested: **\$94,600** Amount Recommended: **\$94,600**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Committee granted the LAC this increase for mandatory salary and fringe benefit increases.

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Unit: **Minnesota Daily**

Amount Requested: **\$550,000** Amount Recommended: **\$525,000**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The recommended funding level is \$525,000. It is \$25,000.00 less than the requested amount of \$550,000.00. The reduction shall be from the *Replacement Reserve* request. The reduction is motivated mainly by the following fact:

The forecasted total income for 2006-2007 is \$2,502,897.00 and the forecasted total expense is \$2,477,489.00. This represents a net income of \$25,408.00. The Committee feels that this large amount of net income is not necessary. A reduction of \$25,000.00 can easily be absorbed without affecting any of the line items in the projected expenses.

The Committee believes that the Minnesota Daily should look into the following recommendations:

1. The term *Relocation Reserve* is misleading. The Committee realizes that the Minnesota Daily receives a significant portion of its income from Student Services Fees. If an expense is necessary, the Daily should present the request to the Student Services Fees Committee before it occurs. Reserves should be used only to fund unexpected expenses.
2. The Minnesota Daily should establish an *Equipment Replacement Plan*. Instead of purchasing all of the necessary computers at the same time, new computers and equipments should be purchases in several years. This will help the Daily avoid high costs of equipment purchases in one year and thus, reduce fluctuations in its fees requests.
3. Currently, there is an item called *Depreciation* in the Daily's list of expense accounts. This could be confusing. The Minnesota Daily receives a significant portion of its income from Student Services Fees. Furthermore, the Daily is not in a position to issue debt. Therefore, any significantly large equipment expenses or capital investments should be directly presented to the Student Services Fees Committee. It will simplify the understanding of the requests. For example, the Minnesota Daily plans to spend \$180,819.00 in 2006-2007 for purchasing computers and software. However, this amount cannot be traced to any items in the list of projected expenses.

4. The Daily should attempt to target its distributions of newspapers. Any wastage in the form of un-circulated copies of the Daily should be minimized.

Minority Rationale

The minority felt that the \$50,000 requested relocation reserve should be granted. The total \$150,000 for relocation expenses was requested over a three-year period with this year being the second installment. The minority feels that it was fiscally responsible for the organization to request this amount over three years. Given the volatile nature of costs within the newspaper industry, the Daily has a need to maintain a large reserve.

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Unit: **Radio K - Operating**

Amount Requested: **\$143,100** Amount Recommended: **\$143,100**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee unanimously approved the operating budget request. The majority believed that in order to maintain a top caliber student radio station the operating request should be granted. Past Committees have mentioned concern about Radio K's visibility on campus. This year the majority felt that Radio K has been doing a good job at increasing its visibility on campus. Furthermore reducing funding would hinder the unit's ability to actively promote itself, increase its visibility, and operate a radio station that is on par with student expectations. The majority felt that with the recommended amount of funding, Radio K should continue to promote their identity, target new students, and continue to offer a variety of programming that offers listeners a new perspective. The Committee also requests that Radio K recognize the students of the University of Minnesota as benefactors in on-air messages and in other publicity items.

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Amount requested: **\$147,400** Amount Recommended: **\$147,400**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Committee unanimously approved a modest increase in the 2007-2008 operating budget. The increase in the operating budget is largely due to salary and fringe increases. The increase is inline with the University-wide salary increase schedule. The majority felt that this level of funding would allow Radio K to continue to operate as a student radio station.

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Unit: **Radio K – AM Improvement**

Amount Requested: **\$81,000** Amount Recommended: **\$81,000**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee recognizes that Radio K cannot exist as a radio station without an AM tower capable of broadcasting the signal. Many of the necessary repairs are long overdue including some violations of FCC regulations. Improvements in technology will mean that some of the repairs done with this money will not have to be done again and others will make the tower capable of handling higher technology radio signals coming into use in the coming years.

The Committee urges Radio K to bring these types of requests in a more timely fashion in the future so they don't find themselves in violation of federal regulations.

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Unit: **Radio K – Refurbish Project**

Amount Requested: **\$115,290** Amount Recommended: **\$115,290**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee recommends funding the entire request for the updating of the main recording studio at Radio K. Studio K is using equipment that is more than thirty years old and becoming impossible to repair so replacement is necessary if students expect to receive the same level of service from the station's engineers.

The amount recommended reflects approximately one seventh of the estimated total cost of the project with the remainder to come from grants and private donations. The Committee commends Radio K for seeking out these alternative sources of funds and applauds their success.

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Unit: **Recreational Sports – Capital, Depreciation, Maintenance**

Amount Requested: **\$1,725,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$1,725,000**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee remains committed to funding Recreational Sports in the amount necessary to keep its facilities in the best state of repair. As many of its facilities rank among the most-used on campus, the Committee feels that it would be lax in its responsibility to students to prevent Recreational Sports from maintaining its facilities.

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Unit: **Recreational Sports - Operating**

Amount Requested: **\$2,124,720**

Amount Recommended: **\$2,099,720**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The majority was pleased with the efforts undertaken by DRS to keep costs down. The need for an equipment reserve to fund replacement equipment is evident, given the fact that this is the most popular venue within the department and the equipment is well used.

The majority, however, did not feel that student service fees should be used to fund the LETS Program given the limited number of students that the program benefits. Although we commend the efforts of this program and encourage the department to look for alternative funding, the Student Services fee is not the correct place to seek this funding.

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Unit: **Recreational Sports – Capital Planning**

Amount Requested: **\$700,000** Amount Recommended: **\$350,000**

Committee Vote: 6 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The proposed plans that were presented by the Department of Recreational Sports regarding future expansion were welcomed by the Committee. Members also believe that building a pool of funds, for the Department to tap into when approval is given by the appropriate authorities, is also a smart move to make. However, the issue of the time value of money presented the Committee with misgivings. Any funds set aside by students would be placed into an account in which the Central Offices of the University, not the students, would capture the interest. Although the Committee does not wish to the Department of Recreational Sports to resort to issuing loans to expand, we feel that the loss out weighs the potential cost of interest on any loans that students would asked to pay off. The Committee also feels that with raising costs among other Administrative Units a large sum of funds to be set aside at this time is not appropriate. The further reduction in the amount recommended between the initial and final recommendations reflects an effort of the Committee to save students as much money as possible while giving Recreational Sports adequate funds to move forward with the next stages of their capital processes.

Minority Rationale:

This account is intended for future capital planning for new projects for DRS including a University Recreation Center Expansion and University Park. Recreation Sports has been proactive in educating the Committee each year on long-term goals for future projects. By funding up-front, Recreation Sports is saving the students money in the long term. Currently, some value in the account is “lost” due to lack of interest in the account, but by funding at the appropriate level, students will save money by not having to pay interest (on a loan) later.

In a Brailsford and Dunlavey Report, 61% of students said that improvements to facilities ought to be a moderately high or very high priority for the University of Minnesota. Also, new construction will help alleviate overcrowding at current facilities thus providing more recreational options for students. The minority would prefer that the full request be granted so that students may enjoy quality facilities in the future. Recreational Sports is one of the most admired units on campus and they deserve full-funding to continue to provide an excellent level of service.

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Unit: **Student Conflict Resolution Center**

Amount Requested: **\$201,574** Amount Recommended: **\$201,574**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee feels that the Student Conflict and Resolution Center (SCRC) is an excellent resource for students in need of assistance resolving complaints with staff and faculty. The SCRC provides students with a neutral perspective and guidance on how to handle and address concerns with professors, grades, and a variety of other matters. The Committee also wishes to see the SCRC to remain financially independent of Central to stay unbiased when aiding students in their conflicts. Also over the past year the SCRC has moved to become a unit under the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. As such the SCRC has had to update its salary and fringe benefits, along with hire an additional full-time employee. The Committee feels that the increase to the SCRC budget will allow them to continue to provide a valuable resource to the student body.

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Amount requested: **\$211,058** Amount Recommended: **\$211,058**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Committee sought to echo its earlier statements and provide the SCRC with an increase to provide for inflationary increases in salary, fringe benefits, etc.

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Unit: **Summer Cultural Programs**

Amount Requested: **\$65,000** Amount Recommended: **\$65,000**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee is pleased with the quality and responsibility of Summer Cultural Programs and has supplemented its fees allotment to ensure that program quality does not decrease with slightly declining summer enrollment.

The Committee requests that Summer Cultural Programs not cancel its large, evening event but fund any shortfall from its healthy reserves. The Committee feels that there is an ample amount of reserves (including projected carry-forwards) to keep its level of programming constant and have enough money to replace its bandstand in the next few years when that becomes necessary.

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Amount requested: **\$67,000** Amount Recommended: **\$67,000**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Committee continues to support Summer Cultural Programs' contributions to the campus climate for students during Summer Session.

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Unit: **Twin Cities Student Unions - Operating**

Amount Requested: **\$4,338,509**

Amount Recommended: **\$4,278,662**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

With the completion of Coffman Union within recent memory and its added benefit to students across the Twin Cities campus, the Committee recognized the value in the Unions to student life.

TCSU was very helpful in accounting for the change in the amount requested from FY06 to FY07. The Committee still felt that TCSU should pick two of the three requested additional positions. Furthermore, the Committee reduced the request by \$18,897 that had been requested to replace lost revenue. The Committee felt that TCSU should make every attempt to make up this amount with the new initiatives in place to host more conferences.

In summary, the Committee recommends decreasing the TCSU's request by an amount that reflects the lost revenue of \$18,897 of the proposed increase and an additional decrease of \$40,950 from additional positions given student financial constraints.

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Unit: **Twin Cities Student Unions – Bond Repayment**

Amount Requested: **\$3,716,516**

Amount Recommended: **\$3,716,516**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

Agreements already made between units and past Committees cannot be reneged.

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Unit: **Twin Cities Student Unions – Capital, Depreciation, Maintenance**

Amount Requested: **\$724,207** Amount Recommended: **\$724,207**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee remains committed to funding Twin Cities Student Unions in the amount necessary to keep its facilities in the best state of repair. As its facilities have extremely high traffic, the Committee feels that it would be lax in its responsibility to students to prevent TCSU from having the funding to maintain its facilities.

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Unit: **University Student Legal Service**

Amount Requested: **\$947,002** Amount Recommended: **\$933,702**

Committee Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The recommended funding level is \$933,702.00. It represents full funding of the unit's requests.

The Committee believes that the University Student Legal Services provides a very valuable service to the students. It also recognizes the need for the independence of the University Student Legal Services from the University administration or the State so that all services provided to the students of the University of Minnesota are comprehensive and totally unbiased. The Committee is satisfied with the level of commitment of the persons involved with the University Student Legal Services and commends the level of student involvement in the organization.

Student Organizations Recommendations

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Organization: **African Student Association**

Amount Requested: **\$21,000** Amount Recommended: **\$4,768**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 2 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The committee recognizes that ASA provides a forum for the African students on campus to raise awareness about Africa and to build community.

However, their submitted budget was unsatisfactory. For example, the addition of all the programs in Project Breakdown comes to \$13,356 and not \$24,420 as stated in the expenses section. Based on these and other numerous inaccuracies, the committee has decided to ignore the submitted budget.

In the written submission the Committee observed that they fund contributions to student cultural groups, this is in direct violation to Resolution #1 (04-05) which prohibits non-student governing organizations to fund fees towards internal grants.

Based upon the project breakdowns the committee feels the following programs lacked sufficient information or were ineligible for funding: ASA Retreat, Painting the Bridge (the cost of this event should be \$0 as the paint and brushes are provided by SAO), contributions to cultural groups, and the ASA End of Year Event. In terms of operational expenses the committee felt 2005-2006 operational expenses were reasonable and added 1,500 to contribute to furnishing the office. When all these project and operational expenses are added up and subtracted from all sources of income, the committee found \$4,768 to be the difference.

The committee feels that ASA does contribute to the campus community and the addition of an office space will help it in fulfilling its mission. However, it requests that in the future ASA take more care when submitting budgets for review.

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Organization: **All-Campus Elections Commission**

Amount Requested: **\$13,000** Amount Recommended: **\$13,000**

Committee Vote: 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees committee recommends that the All Campus Elections Commission be funded \$13,000 representing full funding of their request. The committee feels, however, that the commission do several things to improve their success and justify their fees for future requests. The committee recommends that ACEC administer a survey at its events and with the website to better understand for what reasons students vote, and how effect the ACEC is. The committee recommends that the ACEC find more cost effective advertising efforts than the Daily and to allocate much of its food budget towards its other programs. Voter apathy is a difficult challenge and believes ACEC can address it and justify its cost to fees paying students. Next year, however, the committee expects to see directed, demonstrated, and verifiable intentions to increase voter turnout and ACEC should be aware their level of funding this year will be judged in that regard. Finally there was a suggestion of using online voting methods and the committee would like to see ACEC look into this.

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Organization: **Al-Madinah Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$62,000** Amount Recommended: **\$48,267**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

Al-Madinah has demonstrated a strong commitment to increasing community awareness of diverse issues and the Committee further commends Al-Madinah's low stipends and encourages their continuation.

However, Al-Madinah has repeatedly expressed disregard for the Committee's requirement of a 10% reserve. Through a one-hour individual meeting with Al-Madinah as well as subsequent e-mail communication, Al-Madinah indicated that it did not intend to comply with Committee requirements. The Committee has kindly assumed that this will be corrected for the coming year and has allocated funds in accordance to a reserve carry-over of \$5,050.

While the Committee felt that the Al-Madinah leadership retreat was aptly designed to develop community leadership, concerns over the high number of participants resulted in a funding cut of \$1,800 (computed for a retreat for 30 participants instead of 75).

The funding for competitive and small grants was removed in accordance with Committee Resolution #1 (04-05). The small grants appeared to be allocated solely to affiliate organizations without regard to any sort of application process and served as an excellent archetype of the funding which the Resolution strives to eliminate.\

Minority Rationale

There are three points on which I disagree with the majority 1) accounting numbers 2) reserves and 3) cultural grants.

The majority alleges that the carry-over from last year was not properly accounted for. First, let me state that if you go through the different proposals, then there are two distinct methods of accounting for carryover. The most popular is to state it in the income section of the budget. The second way is to not refer to it in the Income Section, but to calculate the difference in the Income and Expense section, use that as the Reserve. This is exactly what Al – Madinah has done. There have been other groups which have done the same accounting procedure and have not been penalized. The majority has alleged that if this

difference (as calculated above) was to be put in the income part of the budget, the income would increase by that amount (\$5,050 for last year and \$6,133 for current year). Based on standard accounting procedures (any that you can think of in the world), if you move an amount into the financial statement from outside, then you need is a corresponding offsetting entry in the financial statement (if you credit an amount, then you need to debit another amount, etc.). So, as the majority wants, if Al-Madinah moved the difference into the Income section, then the corresponding offsetting entry into the Expense section would be Reserves/Carry Over. After all, the majority does want Al Madinah to maintain the reserve. This in turn would make the income equal to expense. In short the accounting of Al Madinah is correct. There are no unexplained numbers in it. I feel that the majority has penalized Al Madinah for the lack of accounting knowledge/understanding of the full committee members.

The second point is reserves. As mentioned in the previous paragraph, a brief perusal of the accounting statement shows that the difference (as calculated in the previous paragraph) is the reserve. It is 10% of the total income as required by the Fees Committee guidelines. These numbers are above board. The carry-over from previous year in their Income section represents the incremental amount that would be added to their reserve. At the current level of income, they do not need to add any more reserves and that is clear. In the meeting they explained that they did not intend to add to their reserve as they had one –off construction works planned in the summer which would draw down the money. This is perfectly fine as, they do not violate the 10% reserve requirements. Again, the committee has chosen to interpret the words spoken by Al Madinah that befit a reduction in funding to the organization.

Regarding Cultural Grants, the committee has been unduly harsh in punishing Al Madinah. It was decided in the first full committee deliberation, that in light of Resolution #1 (04-05), and the fact that most student organizations were not aware of it, we would give the benefit of doubt only for this current year to organizations which had an above board grants program. First, it was stated by the sub-committee chair that he was satisfied with the grants program of Al Madinah. In the last meeting, it was felt that organizations which gave grants only to its affiliates and were in turn voted by these affiliates lead to a conflict of interest and so should be ineligible for grants. In the case of Al Madinah the grants are given to the affiliates but the entire membership (500 members) vote. This suggests that there is no conflict of interest with the grants program. So clubbing, Al Madinah grants program with that of other cultural centers is distorting and misrepresenting the entire issue. The last argument used by the majority that Al Madinah is giving grants only to its affiliates and not to the entire student body is disingenuous. All organizations have a particular mission and they are supposed to fulfill it. Now, the grants may have been allocated by Al Madinah to its affiliates, but the programs hosted by these grants are open to all students. After all SAO, MSA and GAPSA do give grants which are open to all organizations. It is not the goal of the committee to encourage duplication of effort. Thus, the main reason to cut the grants to Al Madinah does not hold water as these programs are open to all students and so the entire student community can benefit from it.

Based on their performance, leadership, and outreach effort, this cut is not justified. Minority believe that the committee has taken an ill-informed decision based on their lack of knowledge of accounting and further feels that Al Madinah deserves the full funding.

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Organization: **American Indian Student Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$30,000** Amount Recommended: **\$20,000**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The fees Committee was pleased to note the changes undertaken by AISCC. First, although the audit report has questioned the financial responsibility of the organization, the Committee feels that AISCC has/ is taking steps to be financially accountable. AISCC has bought QuickBooks accounting software and has stated that they will make QuickBooks training mandatory for all incoming leadership. The Committee is satisfied that AISCC is making good faith efforts to improve financial responsibility and does not feel that the current leadership needs to be penalized for the actions of previous leadership. Second, in response to the suggestions by the previous year's Committee, AISCC has actively pursued options for increasing outside funding. The Committee was glad to note that in 05-06 AISCC has \$8,000 in outside funding while in 04-05 outside funding was \$0. Third, we feel that the set of programs like Vine Deloria Jr. Memorial Event helps to build community on campus and raise awareness about diverse issues. The Committee is pleased to increase the funding of AISCC by \$4,467.

The budget shows a huge carry –over from previous year (\$37,000 in 05- 06, and \$16,513 is projected for 06 -07). We feel that holding such a high reserve is not financially prudent. A reserve of 10% would be adequate. Hence the \$10,000 less than the \$30,000 requested.

The Committee cautions the readers to not interpret this decrease of \$10,000 from the amount requested as a reflection of the concern by the Committee on the leadership, programs, or financial responsibility of AISCC. The Committee is happy with the performance of AISCC over the last year. The recommended amount is aimed at only decreasing the cash reserves of the organization.

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Organization: **Asian American Student Union**

Amount Requested: **\$70,000** Amount Recommended: **\$33,037**

Committee Vote: 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees committee recommends that the Asian Student Union be funded \$33,037. The committee believes that ASU plays an important role on campus but should spend less on its conference at approximately \$2,400. ASU acknowledges that their retreat is only open to board members and affiliated groups and so can not be funded by student services fees. Moreover, the committee found that grants were dispensed only to ASU members and these members then voted for the ASU board of directors. The committee felt these grants were not viewpoint neutral and so can not fund any grant expenses. The committee recommends more effort in the area of fundraising by members considering the strength in attendance the organization shows. Finally requested fees were reduced to match 10% reserve levels.

The committee also expects that ASU will comply fully with the recommendations of its audit.

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Organization: **Black Student Union**

Amount Requested: **\$60,000** Amount Recommended: **\$49,300**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that Black Student Union (BSU) be funded \$49,300 representing a decrease of \$10,700 from their request. The committee believes that BSU plays an important role on campus. Part of the decrease reflects a 10% reduction in the overall food budget; the committee believes that BSU can be more cost effective in many areas of its food budget. The other part of the decrease reflects the committee's feeling that BSU expects to send too many individuals to the Big 12 Conference. Forty-five people is too many, the committee recommends 15 attendees and the expectation that those attendees seek matching grants.

The committee also expects that BSU will comply fully with the recommendations of its audit.

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Organization: **Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists**

Amount Requested: **\$8,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$8,000**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees committee recommends that Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists be funded \$8,000. The committee believes that CASH plays an important role on campus. The Committee applauds CASH's intent to analyze its advertising and programming, but recommends CASH take more care in how they present their data.

Minority Rationale

The minority agrees that the initial cut was unnecessary and CASH deserves full funding.

The minority recommends, however, that CASH not utilize MN Daily advertisements but instead increase their guerrilla marketing campaign or possibly find ways to improve their programming to attract more interest.

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Organization: **Campus Conservative Cultural Program**

Amount Requested: **\$30,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$12,800**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The major concern the committee had going into this presentation was about their current affiliation to any political party. In their presentation they were able to satisfy us of their current non-partisan affiliations. In good faith we accept their arguments that they are a non-partisan organization. We leave it to the future committees to judge their performance in living up to their ‘non-partisan’ promise.

Based on viewpoint neutrality, we have refrained from judging them solely based on their opinions. For our decisions we have looked at the variety of programs being offered by CCCP. We are happy to fund Debates. We feel that this will increase awareness amongst students on different topics and issues. We are concerned about the number of Speaker events they plan to offer. In the opinion of the committee it is highly unlikely that they will be able to have two speakers next year (especially in fall). A more realistic scenario would be 1 speaker per year (most probably in Spring). Additionally, given past attendance rates, we feel that the group is overly optimistic about the projected attendance for speakers. The other project of concern was the Monthly Newsletter. Primarily the explanation given in the fees request “in order to spread its Republican message” violates the spirit of the fees allocation. Hence, the committee has decided to not fund the Monthly Newsletter. We feel the amount of \$12,800 would allow programming for debates and one major speaker for the year.

The budget request submitted was sloppy. In a significant number of pages they refer to themselves as “Campus Republicans”, we could understand one or two such references as typos, however repeated mistakes, suggest that the organization has not proofread their submission. The budget request was not thoroughly documented including the non-inclusion of some activities mentioned in their presentation but not in their written submission. This made it impossible for the committee to deliberate on these programs. We also feel that equipment and operating expenses are over-estimated.

Given that this is the first time they are receiving funding, and the lack of proven track record of how they have performed or how they will perform we are nervous about giving them a larger funding.

Minority Rationale

The minority does not feel that Campus Conservative Cultural Program in any way demonstrates that it meets the minimum requirements for a fees receiving group. The belief is that CCCP is indeed a partisan organization. The minority points out that the contact email listed for the group (mncr@umn.edu) stands for Campus Republicans, and several times in the application the group refers to itself as the Campus Republicans, including when discussing a newsletter to “spread its Republican message.”

These errors demonstrate the group is in fact partisan thus meaning it does not qualify for student service fees. The minority would like to point out how other groups were judged more harshly when they had obvious errors in their application. Finally, the minority feels there is an inappropriate precedent being set that will allow other partisan groups to change their name in the hopes of securing student service fees.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow**

Amount Requested: **\$4.13 Refusable / Refundable**

Amount Recommended: **\$2.25 Refusable / Refundable**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT) receive \$2.25 through the refusable refundable fee. The committee recognizes the value the organization brings to the student body and its unique cultural and ideological contribution. The only cut to the budget came because the committee reduced the salaries wages and stipends amount to 30% of total income.

The committee was, however, questioned the role of non-student employees and in future requests would like to see a more detailed breakdown of how they both directly benefit students and why their role in the organization is indispensable.

Finally, the committee would like to note the difficulty in analyzing their funding request and making a recommendation as we have no idea how a change in the fee will effect overall funding. In the future the committee would strongly recommend changing or eliminating the mechanism.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Community Child Care Center**

Amount Requested: **\$60,000** Amount Recommended: **\$60,000**

Committee Vote: 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that Community Child Care Center be funded \$60,000 representing full funding of their request. The committee believes that Community Child Care Center plays an important role on campus. The committee commends Community Child Care Center for their service and fiscal responsibility.

Finally, the committee recommends that the Community Child Care Center pay particular attention to any resolution changes for student services fees for the upcoming year as any changes may prevent this organization from receiving more than 30% of total income in the form of salaries.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Como Community Child Care**

Amount Requested: **\$52,600** Amount Recommended: **\$49,050**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 4 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The majority feels that CCCC serves the needs of the students by providing affordable child-care services to meet the needs of student-parents. The current amount requested is subsidizing child-care for student-parents beyond a reasonably competitive amount. Therefore, we decided that an increase of \$232 per student-parent served would reduce this problem, bringing the total student fees amount approved to \$49,050. We feel that this amount will not impact the quality of services provided by CCCC but will shift the burden to those who use these services.

The main area of concern continues to be the number of students served vs. the number of student who pay for this service. CCCC informs us that a total of 30 student parents are served while this cost is borne by the entire student body. Despite suggestions by previous fees committees, CCCC provides services exclusively to student-parents while ignoring programs targeted to the larger student body.

Finally, the committee recommends that the Community Child Care Center pay particular attention to any resolution changes for student services fees for the upcoming year as any changes may prevent this organization from receiving more than 30% of total income in the form of salaries.

Minority Rationale

The minority feels that the central reason used to justify the majority rationale was the comparison to Community Child Care Center. This comparison is unfair as Community Child Care Center has facilities which can handle a larger number of customers which reduces the cost per student-parent served. In addition, the minority feels that the purpose of supporting a child care center is to provide student-parents with a reduced fee. This purpose is defeated by making the fees for these services competitive across child care centers. The minority supports full funding for this organization.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Council of College Boards**

Amount Requested: **\$65,695** Amount Recommended: **\$43,070**

Committee Vote: 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee feels that CCB serves the needs of the undergraduate student population by presenting a unified voice of the individual college boards it represents. In addition we are pleased to note that they have acted on the suggestions of the previous fees committee by providing budget for individual boards and having representatives from these boards to answer the questions.

Perusal of the individual budgets was troubling. We observed high per student costs on many events by different college boards. In addition, the spending on some programs is highly questionable. In addition the Committee was not convinced on the need for the number of retreats held by the different boards or an increase in travel expenses. The Committee strongly suggests that CCB controls the amount spent on each event per person. CCB should have a cap on the maximum per person per event which will in a large way eliminate abuse of student fees money.

CCB has asked the Committee to increase their funding by \$6,645 from the amount allocated the previous year. However, the Committee has declined to increase their funding for two reasons. First, the Committee feels that CCB has not satisfied us about which additional programs CCB will support with this increased funding. Second, the carry over from previous years is \$23, 219.44 for 05 -06, and the projected carry over in 06-07 is \$19, 522.99. Holding such amount in reserve is poor financial management on the part of CCB, and is an unjustified burden on the students who pay these fees.

The Committee suggests that CCB be more financially responsible and be more selective in the programs they fund.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Crisis Point**

Amount Requested: **\$20,000** Amount Recommended: **\$2,000**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 3 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that Crisis Point be funded \$2,000. The committee felt that the majority of events held by Crisis Point were first directed to help and teach members of the student group itself. Only secondarily was the group concerned in reaching out to the larger community. Although it seemed that Crisis Point was interested in reaching out in the future, there was little in the presented budget that the committee felt could be considered outreach. In this light the committee chose to fund the “outreach” program for \$2000.

Minority Rationale #1

It is the view of the minority that Crisis Point Theatre does not deserve student service fees. The belief is that Crisis Point does not adequately fulfill the specific requirements outlined for the committee to follow. The minority feels that Crisis Point, while a unique endeavor, does not directly contribute enough to the campus community to justify asking University of Minnesota students to pay for their projects. The minority respectfully disagrees, and believes Crisis Point should not receive any student service fees money

Minority Rationale #2

The minority believes a funding of \$2,000 is not appropriate for Crisis Point.

Crisis Point demonstrated in their subsequent meeting with the committee an understanding of their potential role on campus to provide value to both the students producing and performing their performances and also to the general student body.

The minority does not feel that Crisis Point understood fully what the previous fees committee expected of them. They did make a good faith effort to improve outreach (as requested in 2005) through the addition of an outreach officer.

The minority feels that Crisis Point offers the potential to add a unique value to all University students by exploration of Student issues through theater.

Previously Crisis Point did not understand fully the charge and duties of the fees committee and the two entities were misaligned. Crisis Point demonstrated a willingness to bring their shows to campus and to focus on student involvement.

The minority feels that the committee would be more consistent with other decisions if it were to allow Crisis Point a second-chance. It will be very difficult for Crisis Point to survive on \$2,000.

The minority would recommend a dramatically reduced budget (App. \$10,000) with the understanding that Crisis Point would not receive funding next year if it did not bring students into the process as its current leadership has promised.

The minority hopes that Crisis Point is able to survive, through partnerships, grants, and audience revenues, and to demonstrate their value to the campus as a whole and not as a supplement to a small number of students.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Disabled Student Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$27,962.28** Amount Recommended: **\$27,513**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The majority feels that the DSCC provides a unique service to the student body by building community amongst individuals with disability and with students without disability. In addition they are instrumental in increasing the level of disability awareness on campus. The fees committee notes that DSCC is audited every year by the University and so has adequate financial controls in place. The only deduction was \$450 for a video phone installation which the DSCC explained turned out to cost \$0.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Entrepreneurship Club**

Amount Requested: **\$2,000** Amount Recommended: **\$2,000**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee feels that the Entrepreneurship Club provides a diverse range of programs, and provides opportunities for extra curricular activities. We are happy to note that they have two speakers every week. We were also pleased to note that Entrepreneurship Club has taken steps to increase its outreach to non-Carlson and non West Bank students. However, this still remains an area of concern. The Committee suggests that they hold at least one program every month on the other side of the river (East Bank) preferably in Coffman.

The Committee was troubled to see that the budget numbers did not add up. Their explanation that they have the budget in a different format and they had to create a budget to meet the requirements for submitting the request does not justify a sloppy budget.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Event Partnership Grant (SAO)**

Amount Requested: **\$75,000** Amount Recommended: **\$75,000**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Event Partnership Grant is a good resource for funding the programs of the various non-fee funded student organizations. As other fees receiving groups have been deemed unallowable to award grants, and as we do not want to have unfunded mandates, we have accepted their request for an increase of \$25,000.

The Committee fears that the increase in Event Partnership Grant will result in proliferation of student groups. We suggest that Event Partnership Grant (EPG) have stricter controls to reduce the proliferation of student organizations. In addition, we are concerned by the number of times the same organization was being funded for different programs. The Committee suggests that EPG monitor and enforce parameters which limit the dollar amount and the number of times the same organization gets funded and makes sure that all the groups involved are non-student fees receiving organizations.

The Committee feels that the grants foster programs which increase community building and so is happy to recommend the full amount requested.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly**

Amount Requested: **\$377,230** Amount Recommended: **\$373,230**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 2 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that the Graduate and Professional Student Association be funded \$367,230 representing a decrease of \$4,000 from their request. The committee believes that GAPSA plays an important role on campus but should spend less on food. The \$4,000 represents a 10% reduction in GAPSA's food budget. The committee otherwise commends GAPSA's efforts to keep costs in check for Graduate and Professional Students.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Hillel: The Jewish Student Center**

Amount Requested: **\$31,000** Amount Recommended: **\$28,000**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

In opinion of the majority Hillel has performed admirably in fulfilling its mission to build community on campus. It provides an environment in which students from different backgrounds can meet, explore, learn and celebrate Jewish culture. The wide range of programs and educational events target both the Jewish and the non- Jewish students. The fees committee is also pleased to note that Hillel gets a significant part of their funding from non-university sources.

We are aware that the current request of \$31,000 is an increase of \$6,000 from what they had requested last year. However, they were not able to explain how they would use the increased funding. In the future, more detailed planning/breakdown of how the increased funding is going to be used should be provided. We do not feel that their planning for the year 2006-07 justifies the \$6,000 increase. Hence, our decision to cut half the amount and reduce from the amount requested \$3,000.

This increase in funding of \$3,000 is needed for Hillel to grow. As demonstrated in their presentation, Hillel needs to have more speakers for their educational programs. In addition, the amount of money they have been receiving from the national body has decreased. This suggests that an increase in funding from last year's amount is justified.

In light of Hillel's funding from other sources, we do not feel that the recommended amount will negatively impact the quantity or quality of programs being offered. We are happy to recommend the continued fees allotment of \$28,000.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **IT Student Publications**

Amount Requested: **\$24,000** Amount Recommended: **\$16,100**

Committee Vote: 9 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Committee feels that ITSP provides opportunities to students for getting involved in writing and publication of science and technology research and opinions. The Committee notes that they have a computer since 1998, hence their request for \$1,000 under Equipment is justified.

The Committee also recognizes that this amount is less than the \$24,000 requested. We were unhappy to note that the organization has not put in any effort to generate outside funding. Despite the suggestion from the previous year's committee, this is the second consecutive year in which Student Services Fees continues to be the sole source of income for ITSB. The Committee has removed the \$3,000 requested under Travel in Programming/Project Expenses as we feel that travel can be funded through external grants.

We note that ITSB has published fewer issues than justified by the cost (only one Minnesota Technolog was published against their goal to publishing four every year). The committee believes that 16,100 will be enough to fund 2 issues of the Technolog and the IT connection. Finally the committee reduced the overall budget by \$1,500 as the committee does not believe glossy covers benefit the UofM community at large.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **La Raza Student Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$42,600** Amount Recommended: **\$36,745**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that La Raza Cultural Center be funded \$36,745. The committee believes that La Raza Cultural Center plays an important role on campus and should continue its programming. The decrease represents a cut to salaries, wages, and stipends to better conform for "Resolution #1 (02-03) Monies to Pay Staff" of the Student Services Fees Committee Handbook. The resolution placing a cap on wages to 30% of total income.

The committee, is concerned by the high number of students La Raza is sending to the NACCS conference but approves of the policy that funding is based solely on matching funds. Further, the committee recommends greater effort in the area of fundraising.

The committee also expects that La Raza will comply fully with the recommendations of its audit.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Minnesota International Student Association**

Amount Requested: **\$70,000** Amount Recommended: **\$15,536**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 2 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The committee recognizes that MISA provides services to international students on campus, as well as the larger university student body.

The committee feels that MISA has not been able to satisfy the committee about the how they allocate the Cultural Grants. Since these grants are only given to MISA members or affiliates and these affiliates elect the MISA board, the committee believes the grants can not be distributed in a viewpoint neutral manner.

The stated goal of MISA is to provide services to the international student body and the larger student community; however, the committee feels that the current set of programs do not help it in fulfilling its mission. While socials are important functions of such an organization, MISA seems to sponsor off-campus socials and trips excessively. From the amount requested, the committee has decided not to fund the full amount from Chicago trip, ice-skating, ski trip, the Itasca trip, the international night, and the intramural soccer teams. Moreover the committee has decided not to fund travel expenses for on-campus events or for gathering supplies because it does not believe reimbursing students for gas money or rental cars is a proper use of student services fees.

Moreover the committee can not fund operational expense for which there is no direct evidence for necessary increase. This meant decreasing amounts from equipment, supplies, printing and copying to last years levels, and reducing rent, In-Kind expenses and Other to 0\$. Once salaries and wages were adjusted to match 30% of total income, the committee recommended \$15,536 in funding.

The committee feels that MISA should reconnect with students on campus and improve its services by holding more on-campus programs.

MISA also claims to represent all international students, however, the committee was troubled by many international groups claims that they were not represented.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Minnesota Public Interest Research Group**

Amount Requested: **\$4.13 Refusable / Refundable**

Amount Recommended: **\$2.40 Refusable / Refundable**

Committee Vote: 7 for, 2 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The committee recognizes that MPIRG is one of the oldest organizations on campus. We feel that MPIRG plays a role in adding to the diversity of opinion on campus. Furthermore, we feel that the MPIRG contributes to the student body by bringing different views to the campus. However, as a group applying for student services fees, the committee reduced fundable salaries and stipends to 30% of total income.

Finally, the committee would like to note the difficulty in analyzing their funding request and making a recommendation as we have no idea how a change in the fee will effect overall funding. In the future the committee would strongly recommend changing or eliminating the mechanism.

Minority Rationale

It is the minority opinion that MPIRG's stipend structure be treated similarly to the other exceptions to Resolution #1 (02-03).

MPIRG's mission statement declares its intentions to train students for future activism within their communities.

The stipends MPIRG pays are to train its members. The budget the fees committee received frames stipends in terms of the events held. It was for this reason that the committee felt MPIRG was not any different from a student group with an ideology.

The minority contends that this logic is flawed. MPIRG simply framed and allocated its stipend expense by events as was expected of them in the past or as they thought could demonstrate the trickle down effect of their training. This is not grounds for reducing stipends.

The minority compares MPIRG to the Daycare Centers, the two groups that fall under the exception to Resolution #1 (02-03). Justification for funding the small number of people that benefit, is that students that utilize the daycare services might not otherwise be able to attend school. Thus, their voice would be missing from the marketplace of ideas. The idea

being that there are positive externalities associated with subsidizing childcare for a small number of University Students. MPIRG has demonstrated its use to the campus and some of its positive externalities are experienced by students every day (e.g. tri-recycling bins on campus).

The minority feels that the committee should have been more willing to take the breakdown figures from MPIRG's leadership to arrive at a number that would represent costs allocated to University students and use this as a basis for funding.

For example, the coordinator described at the appeal spent half of her time performing research for all MPIRG chapters and half of her time training MPIRG members. Of that training time the MPIRG leadership estimated 90% of the coordinator's time was spent with University of Minnesota, fees paying, students. Based on this the minority would recommend funding approximately 75% of this person's stipend. Though somewhat arbitrary it would illustrate the coordinator's value for this campus (time spent training students, U of M MPIRG members benefit from research).

Finally, the minority feels that this treatment of MPIRG's fees request would be consistent with the committee's treatment of other budgets and also the other refuseable/refundable mechanism group, CFACT.

The committee has shown the desire to fund groups despite flawed budgets. The committee will in fact go to great lengths to ensure funding utilizing a "bottom-up" rebuilding approach, for example, with the Minnesota International Student Association. The minority understands this but expects the same effort to be applied equally to the groups. With respect to MPIRG, the minority would entertain figures from MPIRG leadership regarding stipends to statewide officers and determine their value to this campus and what funding they should get. This is opposed to an across the board cut to meet the 30% guideline.

With respect specifically to CFACT, the minority does not feel the two groups are comparable by any other measure than their fee mechanism. CFACT's mission is to provide a unique voice to the campus. MPIRG's mission is to train individuals for public activism. Thus, whatever the ideology, the two groups are fundamentally different.

The minority feels that the fees committee is being consistent between the two mechanism comparable groups, CFACT and MPIRG, by dealing with both groups by cutting (if necessary) an amount from their fee. For the committee to be inconsistent it would have to cut one of the group's fees by an amount smaller than the whole, and treat the other group's mechanism as all-or-nothing; which it hasn't and wouldn't under the minority recommendation.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Minnesota Student Association**

Amount Requested: **\$131,539.17** Amount Recommended: **\$131,539.17**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 1 against, 2 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The fees Committee is pleased to note that MSA is reducing its expenditure and has decreased its fees request. Although, the audit report observes that MSA has not been able to show evidence for all their expenditures; the Committee is satisfied with their reply that they are/have taken steps to increase financial accountability. They have demonstrated fiscal responsibility by implementing stricter procedure for expenditures.

The fees Committee is concerned about the allocation in their budget under “conferences” and about the ambiguous nature of some of the yet-to-come new ideas for activities.

The Committee feels that MSA has demonstrated that they are prudent with their spending in providing unique benefits and needed service to the undergraduate student body and the University community.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Queer Student Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$37,000** Amount Recommended: **\$31,951**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that the Queer Student Cultural Center be funded \$31,951. The committee believes that QSCC plays an important role on campus and should continue its programming and services. The committee recommends, however, that QSCC bring its reserves up to the required amount, continue to apply for all applicable grants, and keep student worker costs down. Moreover, the only cut to their budget came in the form of reducing salaries and stipends to 30% of total income.

The committee also expects that QSCC will comply fully with the recommendations of its audit.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **St. Paul Board of Colleges**

Amount Requested: **\$18,000** Amount Recommended: **\$18,000**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that St. Paul Board of Colleges be funded \$18,000 representing a full funding of their request. The committee believes that St. Paul Board of Colleges plays an important role on campus. The committee recommends that the St. Paul Board of Colleges work to not only service the St. Paul Campus but also work to draw Students from the East and West Banks to St. Paul.

The committee also expects that St. Paul Board of Colleges will comply fully with the recommendations of its audit.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Student Emergency Loan Fund**

Amount Requested: **\$24,000** Amount Recommended: **\$0**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that the Student Emergency Loan Fund (SELF) not receive funding. The committee feels that the mission statement of SELF is to service a small number of students and not the entire student body. Moreover, they intend to keep salaries and stipend at market rates of approximately \$20/hour and wish to keep reserves far above the 10% allowed by the committee. For these reasons the committee does not believe they can be funded by student services fees.

Minority Rationale

For a small operation at a reasonable pay rate, the minority does not find SELF's budget for salaries excessive. SELF provides a conveniently available, professional and prompt service for students for whom an unexpected financial burden may arise at any time.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Students for a Conservative Voice**

Amount Requested: **\$30,000** Amount Recommended: **\$25,500**

Committee Vote: 9 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that Students for a Conservative Voice be funded \$25,500. The committee believes that Students for a Conservative Voice will play an important role on campus within the marketplace of ideas. The only deduction came from SCV request for the committee to fund glossy magazine covers at \$500 per issue. The committee felt this specific request did not service the larger community and so deducted \$4,500 from their total request. The committee commends SCV for putting together a generally commendable and frugal budget.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Students for Family Values**

Amount Requested: **\$34,700** Amount Recommended: **\$0**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The student fees Committee values diversity of opinions and views on campus. However, in SFV's presentation, SFV did not show how they met the criteria for being eligible for student fees. Of the twelve stated criteria, the Committee feels that they met only one. The fees Committee was troubled to note that the audit report listed a consistent lack of financial checks and controls. Furthermore, SFV failed to mention what steps they were taking to become more fiscally responsible. Their reply that undergraduates are generally sloppy in keeping track of expenses and cash, did not seem to imply that they are concerned about financial responsibility. In addition the Committee notes that of the \$5,000 allocated last year, \$3,000 is being held in reserve. However, it would have been better if they held 10% of the funds in reserve i.e. \$500 and had used \$2,500 for programs.

It is with great sadness that the Committee notes that the approach taken by SFV during the presentation was negative. Their presentation was centered around questioning the viewpoint neutrality of the previous fees committees and the justifications for giving funding to different student organizations. A more constructive approach in which they would present the different programs, the need for these programs, and how they intended to spend the money would have been productive.

Based on the submitted budget and presentation, the fees Committee feels that the budget was not serious and suggests that they should spend some time in preparing their request. Some language in their fees request was offensive.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Voices Merging**

Amount Requested: **\$7,858.10**

Amount Recommended: **\$5,378**

Committee Vote: 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that Voices Merging be funded \$5,378 representing a decrease of \$2,480.1 from their request. The committee believes that Voices Merging plays an important role on campus. Of the decrease, \$900 represents a cut from the scholarship and a recommendation that Voices Merging instead offer cash prizes to its written word competition winners consistent with its spoken word competitions.

Of the decrease, \$1,580.10 represents a cut to the conference budget. The committee feels that Voices Merging should seek matching grants and other forms of funding for part of the conference expense.

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **The Wake Student Magazine**

Amount Requested: **\$113,888** Amount Recommended: **\$74,321**

Committee Vote: 8 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The fees Committee is pleased to note that the Wake has transitioned to weekly publication. Also, an alternative to the Minnesota Daily is needed on campus. Some of their editorials are insightful, thought provoking and lead to discussions on campus.

The committee's only concern was that the wake spent approximately 50% of total income on salaries and stipends and the committee can only fund this amount up to 30%. Although the committee recognizes this amount directly affects the quality of the newspaper, in interest of viewpoint neutrality and fairness the committee must apply the same resolution to all groups.

As Wake transitions to weekly publications, we feel that this should lead to larger revenue from advertisements. In the future the committee hopes the wake can share more of the cost of its production through its own business operations.

Overall, the committee questioned whether student services fees was the most appropriate source of funding for this group.

Minority Rationale

The minority feels that *The Wake* falls under the exception to Resolution #1 (02-03) and as such its stipends ought not to adhere strictly to the 30% rule.

The Wake's purpose is to provide both a service to the community through reporting and by training young professionals. To contrast, the MN Daily spends slightly more than 50% of its total revenue on compensation.

The committee agreed that a cut to stipends would likely hurt the quality of the *The Wake's* product but felt it necessary under the guidelines and resolutions. The committee concluded *The Wake's* fees request might be more appropriate under the Administration Committee, similar to the MN Daily.

The minority feels this conclusion does not justify the cut in funding. Instead the committee should recommend *The Wake* apply under Administration funding next year with the threat of future cuts to reach the 30% goal. This has been the procedure throughout the fees process.

This is not to say that stipends couldn't have been cut. The minority would entertain cuts that would pressure *The Wake* to increase advertising revenue (The MN Daily earns over half of its income through advertising).

Student Services Fees Committee

Final Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Women's Student Activist Collective**

Amount Requested: **\$30,000** Amount Recommended: **\$27,000**

Committee Vote: 9 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Committee recommends that Women's Student Activist Collective be funded \$27,000. The committee believes that Women's Student Activist Collective plays an important role on campus but should spend less on its advertising budget. Moreover, the committee decided that approximately \$1,500 from the co-sponsorship budget was in the form of cultural grants. Since there was no available data on this the committee voted not to fund them in the interest of viewpoint neutrality.