

University of Minnesota / Twin Cities Campus

Student Services Fees Committee

Subcommittee Recommendations for *2006-2007* Funding

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Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **African Student Association**

Amount Requested: **\$21,000** Amount Recommended: **\$14,138**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The sub-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 sub-committee has decided to ignore the submitted budget.

In the written submission the subcommittee 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 sub-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 subcommittee felt 2005-2006 operational expenses were reasonable and added 1,500 to contribute to furnishing the office.

The sub-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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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **All-Campus Elections Commission**

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

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee 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.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Al-Madinah Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$62,000** Amount Recommended: **\$55,900**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that Al-Madinah Cultural Center be funded \$55,900 representing a decrease of \$6,100 from their request. This decrease represents a reduction in advertising by \$2,350 and a decrease in programming by \$3,750 for the leadership retreat. The committee feels that Al-Madinah can find more cost effective measures for advertisement than the Daily. The committee also feels that a leadership retreat should not require advertising and the rest of that project was decreased by two-thirds representing an opinion that 20 participants would be more cost effective and be closer to the number of Officers.

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **American Indian Student Cultural Center**

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

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The fees sub-committee was pleased to note the changes undertaken by AISCC. First, although the audit report has questioned the financial responsibility of the organization, the sub-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 sub-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 sub-committee, AISCC has actively pursued options for increasing outside funding. The sub-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 sub-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 sub-committee cautions the readers to not interpret this decrease of \$10,000 from the amount requested as a reflection of the concern by the sub-committee on the leadership, programs, or financial responsibility of AISCC. The sub-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.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Asian American Student Union**

Amount Requested: **\$70,000** Amount Recommended: **\$55,200**

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that the Asian Student Union be funded \$55,200 representing a decrease of \$14,800 from their request. The committee believes that ASU plays an important role on campus but should spend less on its retreat and gala at approximately \$2,400 less each. The committee also found little justification for an increase in ASU's cultural grants. The committee removed \$10,000 maintaining a level of funding similar to the previous year. The committee recommends more effort in the area of fundraising by members considering the strength in attendance the organization shows.

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

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Black Student Union**

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

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee 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.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$6,000**

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists be funded \$6,000 representing a decrease of \$2,000 from their request. The committee believes that CASH plays an important role on campus but should spend less on its advertising budget. The committee recommends not utilizing advertisements from the Daily as they are not cost effective.

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Campus Conservative Cultural Program**

Amount Requested: **\$30,000** Amount Recommended: **\$15,000**

Committee Vote: 3 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The major concern the sub-committee had initially was if CCCP had any current affiliation to any political party. In their presentation they were able to satisfy us of their current non-partisan affiliations through detailed financial analysis and proposed spending. In good faith we accept their arguments that they are a non-partisan organization.

For decision-making the subcommittee has looked at the variety of programs being offered by CCCP. Although the sub committee is happy to fund debates, we are concerned about the number of speaker events they plan to offer. In the opinion of the sub 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. We feel the amount of \$15,000 would allow programming for debates, one major speaker for the year, and a monthly newsletter.

However, the submitted budget needed further improvement. In a significant number of pages they refer to themselves as “Campus Republicans.” Moreover, 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 sub-committee to deliberate on these programs. We also feel that equipment and operating expenses are over-estimated.

Minority Rationale

The minority feels that the organization has not yet proven itself to justify the \$15,000 recommended by the majority. The minority feels that CCCP should only have \$5,000 for speakers \$3,000 for advertising \$1,000 for computer and printer and \$1,000 for rent and utilities; this leads to a total of \$10,000.

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$0**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT) be denied funding through the Refusable / Refundable fee. Attendance at CFACT's events does not justify the fees revenue the Refusable / Refundable mechanism provides. The sub committee felt that the argument that the mechanism allows choice by the students and thus reflects a 40% support for the organization is flawed. The committee was not convinced that CFACT truly reached out to students to change minds or contribute to the marketplace of ideas. The committee is highly critical that nearly half of the CFACT budget goes to officers of the greater organization that are unaffiliated to the University. When asked their role and value for CFACT, CFACT was unable to justify to the committee their cost.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Community Child Care Center**

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

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee 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.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Como Community Child Care**

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

Committee Vote: 4 for, 1 against, 0 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.

We suggest that in the future CCCC be included in the refusable/ refundable fees section. This will have two positive impacts: 1) students who don't intend to have children are not forced to subsidize services, which they are never going to use and 2) CCCC can increase their funding from students who are happy to support their programs.

Minority Rationale

The minority feels that the central reason used to justify the majority rational 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

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Council of College Boards**

Amount Requested: **\$65,695**

Amount Recommended: **\$56,783.63**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The sub-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 sub-committee was not convinced on the need for the number of retreats held by the different boards or an increase in travel expenses. The sub-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 sub-committee to increase their funding by \$6,645 from the amount allocated the previous year. However, the sub-committee has declined to increase their funding for two reasons. First, the sub-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 sub-committee recommends that CCB be paid the same amount recommended last year (\$56, 783. 63).

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

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Crisis Point**

Amount Requested: **\$20,000** Amount Recommended: **\$15,000**

Committee Vote: 4 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that Crisis Point be funded \$15,000 representing a decrease of \$5,000 from their request. The majority feels that Crisis Point provides a unique service to University students and thus supplements the curricula. However, the majority feels that Crisis Point must make a much more concerted effort to involve the rest of the campus. The committee is glad that Crisis Point is making outreach efforts to the University and feels this should be its main focus. The \$5,000 decrease represents the smallest number the committee was willing to take; there was strong sentiment to decrease funding by a larger amount.

Minority Rationale

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.

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Disabled Student Cultural Center**

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

Committee Vote: 3 for, 2 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 sub-committee notes that DSCC is audited every year by the University and so has adequate financial controls in place.

The major area of concern for us continues to be the expenses under Salaries, Wages & Stipends. This amount accounts for around 41% of the total amount requested and seem excessive. The majority suggests that DSCC actively pursue ways to decrease this expense.

Minority Rationale

The minority feels that the DSCC has not been able to satisfy us about how the Salaries, Wages & Stipends are being used. In order to make DSCC more accountable, a cut in funding by \$1,000 is justified. We feel that this rather small cut in funding will not hamper DSCC from providing the services, but will make them more forthcoming on how much they pay to different people and how Salaries, Wages & Stipends are used.

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Entrepreneurship Club**

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

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The sub-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 sub-committee suggests that they hold at least one program every month on the other side of the river (East Bank) preferably in Coffman.

The sub-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.

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 5 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 sub-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 sub-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 sub-committee feels that the grants foster programs which increase community building and so is happy to recommend the full amount requested.

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly**

Amount Requested: **\$377,230** Amount Recommended: **\$367,230**

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

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

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

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

Amount Requested: **\$31,000** Amount Recommended: **\$25,000**

Committee Vote: 3 for, 2 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 sub-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.

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 \$25,000.

Minority Rationale

In the opinion of the minority, Hillel has presented a justifiable case for the need 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.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **IT Student Publications**

Amount Requested: **\$24,000** Amount Recommended: **\$17,600**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The sub-committee feels that ITSP provides opportunities to students for getting involved in writing and publication of science and technology research and opinions. The sub-committee notes that they have a computer since 1998, hence their request for \$1,000 under Equipment is justified. The sub-committee is pleased to increase the amount allocated to ITSP by \$1,650.

The sub-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 sub-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). Also, they can reduce their Printing and Copying costs by exploring cheaper printing options. The sub-committee feels that the \$1,000 increase in Printing and Copying is not justified.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **La Raza Student Cultural Center**

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

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that La Raza Cultural Center be funded \$42,600 representing a full funding for their request. The committee believes that La Raza Cultural Center plays an important role on campus and should continue its programming. The committee, however, is reticent that La Raza is sending so many members to the NACCS conference but is glad 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

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Minnesota International Student Association**

Amount Requested: **\$70,000** Amount Recommended: **\$42,760**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

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

In light of Resolution #1 (04- 05) “Grants Offered by Student Groups” (Approved on 30 March 05), which states that “cultural centers and other non-student governing organizations not be eligible for student services fees funding towards internal grants”. The sub-committee feels that \$20,000 under Cultural Grants is in violation of this resolution. Hence the sub-committee has reduced their budget by \$20,000. In addition, the sub-committee was troubled by the lack of documentation as to how the grants to cultural organizations were allocated. The sub-committee suggests that organizations affected by this resolution actively pursue alternate sources of funding like Event Partnership Grants and other grants from SAO, MSA and GAPSA.

Although the stated goal of MISA is to provide services to the international student body and the larger student community; however the sub-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 sub-committee has subtracted the full amount from Chicago trip, ice-skating, ski trip and a half the amount from the funding of the Itasca trip. The sub-committee feels that MISA should reconnect with students on campus and improve its services by holding more on-campus programs. The sub-committee also requests the full committee to explore the legality (in terms of copyright) of the movies shown by MISA as part of its programs.

MISA also claims to represent all international students, however the sub-committee was troubled by not seeing representatives from some of the largest international students bodies present on campus.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Minnesota Public Interest Research Group**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$3.50 Refusable / Refundable**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The sub-committee recognizes that MPIRG is one of the oldest organizations on campus. We feel that MPIRG plays a key role in articulating the concerns of students on issues of general public interest. Furthermore, we feel that the MPIRG contributes to the student body by bringing different views to the campus. MPIRG also provides excellent opportunities for extra-curricular activities.

The sub-committee was concerned about MPIRG overstating attendance numbers on multiple occasions (un-ignorable discrepancies were discovered in comparison with the reports submitted by other organizations for the same co-sponsored events). Furthermore, MPIRG showed a disregard to the previous committee's request for a break-down of allocations for activities on the University's campuses. The sub-committee feels that students who pay this optional fee would like to know whether their contribution is being used toward the programs in the University or somewhere else. At this time the sub-committee has no clue as to how the money raised through the University's fees allocation process is being used for on-campus activities.

Based on the wide variety of programs being offered and the clear need for MPIRG, the sub-committee suggests that, if in the future MPIRG was to present how the money raised on campus is being used, then the committee may reconsider its decision.

The sub-committee further suggests that the current system of refusable/refundable system for this group should continue.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2005-2006 Funding

Organization: **Minnesota Student Association**

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

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The fees sub-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 sub-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 sub-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 sub-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

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Queer Student Cultural Center**

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

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that the Queer Student Cultural Center be funded \$37,000 representing full funding of their request. 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.

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

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Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

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

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

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee 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

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Student Emergency Loan Fund**

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

Committee Vote: 3 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that the Student Emergency Loan Fund (SELF) not receive funding. Nearly 90% of SELF's expenses is represented by Wages, Benefits, etc. The committee recommends that SELF offer its officers limited stipends in order to eliminate the cost of fringe benefits. The committee recommends that SELF set a reasonable stipend and the officers determine how much time should be spent at office hours to provide good service for students. Further, \$40,000 for 3-4 workers for the estimated workload is far beyond anything other student organizations offer. The committee also questions the level of reserves considering the given default rate and purported high speed of repayment. The committee is critical of SELF for not providing data in its application regarding loans given out. During questioning SELF could not provide definitive numbers for a variety of important financial aspects including but not limited to: the number of late loans, default rates, average time to pay back loans, the necessary cash on hand.

Minority Opinion:

For a small operation at a reasonable pay rate, the minority did 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

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Students for a Conservative Voice**

Amount Requested: **\$30,000** Amount Recommended: **\$24,000**

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that Students for a Conservative Voice be funded \$24,000 representing a decrease of \$6,000 from their request. The committee believes that Students for a Conservative Voice will play an important role on campus within the marketplace of ideas but does not need a separate office outside of Coffman. The committee recommends that if security and space are serious issues, Students for a Conservative Voice should work with Coffman to alleviate these problems. Further, the committee understands the growing pains of an organization but reminds Students for a Conservative Voice that all organizations must deal with the issues it's facing.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Students for Family Values**

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

Committee Vote: 2 for, 1 against, 2 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The student fees sub-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 sub-committee feels that they met only one. The fees sub-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 sub-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 sub-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 sub-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.

Minority Rationale

The minority feels that they provide a good service to the student body by voicing their views on different issues on campus. This diversity of opinion enriches the debates and discussions on campus. As \$3,000 of the allocated \$5,000 is currently being held in bank accounts, this suggests that SFV is financially responsible.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **Voices Merging**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$6,958.10**

Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that Voices Merging be funded \$6,958.10 representing a decrease of \$900 from their request. The committee believes that Voices Merging plays an important role on campus. The \$900 decrease represents a cut from the scholarship and a recommendation that Voices Merging instead offer cash prizes to its spoken word competition winners much like it currently does with its spoken word competitors.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

Organization: **The Wake Student Magazine**

Amount Requested: **\$113,888** Amount Recommended: **\$100,000**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The fees sub-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. In order to meet the increased frequency of publication of the Wake, the fees sub-committee is happy to increase the funding of Wake by \$10,000.

We have two concerns 1) the size of salary/stipends and 2) small size of the advertisement revenue. We feel that the size of the salary /stipend is disproportionate to the organization budget. The fees sub-committee notes that the transition from bi-weekly to weekly, should lead to an increase in costs, however it should not translate into doubling of the salary/ stipend part of the budget. As stated in the presentation, Wake is becoming more popular, and so it should not be difficult to hire student employees at lower salary/stipend. Furthermore, the fees sub-committee does not feel that any student organization should have such a large percentage of the total budget (and dollar amount) allocated for salary/stipends. The fees sub-committee notes that in the previous years, the Wake had a stated goal to move to weekly publications with a smaller budget for salary/stipends.

As Wake transitions to weekly publications, we feel that this should lead to larger revenue from advertisements than that stated in the fees request. Also, as the Wake grows in popularity it should lead to increased advertisement revenue.

The fees sub-committee suggests that Wake should actively pursue options by which the students involved in it can get academic credit in lieu of providing only stipends. This will especially be helpful as significant part of the leadership (editorial board) consists of students majoring in or interested in Journalism.

Student Services Fees Committee

Sub-Committee Recommendations for 2006-2007 Funding

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

Amount Requested: **\$30,000** Amount Recommended: **\$28,500**

Committee Vote: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale

The Student Organizations Fees Subcommittee recommends that Women's Student Activist Collective be funded \$28,500 representing a decrease of \$1,500 from their request. The committee believes that Women's Student Activist Collective plays an important role on campus but should spend less on its advertising budget.