

Student Organization: African Student Association
Amount Requested: \$14,000.00
Amount Approved: \$5,407.24

Constraints:

It is the expectation of the committee that future applications for student fees be completed in such a way that any deviation from the accepted format is minimized.

Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$5,407.24 be allocated from student services fees for the African Student Association. Unfortunately, the full committee felt that the budget and application were disorganized. The committee also felt that since the African Student Association was only able to maintain an average meeting size of 20-45 people, the request for the large budget was not justified to be allocated from student fees. In order to justify a higher funding level from student fees, the committee feels that more of the campus needs to be involved. The committee also felt that since a plan for the money requested for the retreat was not clearly presented, student fees should not be used for this event. In addition, it was unclear as to the amount of funding from outside sources was received. The committee commends the African Student Association on their ability to bring in a large number of people for the African Night event.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: American Indian Science and Engineering Society
Amount Requested: \$20,000.00
Amount Approved: \$2,950.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$2,950.00 be allocated from student services fees for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. It is the feeling of the full committee that the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) did not present adequate rationale for student fees to be used to create local chapters of AISES. It is also the feeling of the committee that the use of student funds to send a small number of individuals to conferences was not justified. The committee does support the idea of a speaker series and hopes that the allocation of funds will be used to bring a larger percentage of campus to AISES events.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: All Campus Election Commission
Amount Requested: \$13,000.00
Amount Approved: \$13,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny amount approximately equal to \$13,000.00 be allocated from student services fees for the All Campus Election Commission. The committee recognizes the need for an unbiased election moderation system. It is the feeling of the full committee that the amount requested was justified by the All Campus Election Commission (ACEC). Further, the committee feels that the efforts of ACEC to increase voter turnout on campus have value to the entire campus.

Minority Rationale:

It is the feeling of the minority that student service fees should not be used to fund individual student income. Rather, monetary compensation to individuals should be minimized or provided by an alternate source of income.

Student Organization: Al-Madinah Cultural Center
Amount Requested: \$64,440.00
Amount Approved: \$64,440.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 4 for, 3 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$64,440.00 to be allocated to the Al-Madinah Cultural Center. It is the feeling of the full committee that this amount is justified, as the Al-Madinah Cultural Center directly contributes to a sense of community, understanding, and mutual respect on campus. In addition, the committee feels that the estimates in attendance for 2007-2008 are reasonable.

Minority Rationale:

The minority of this committee finds the roughly \$16,000 increase in student services fees, with a projected decrease in alternative funding, somewhat disconcerting. The minority feels that if such a drastic increase in funding is required, Al-Madinah should be more aggressive in finding alternative sources of income.

Student Organization: American Indian Student Cultural Center
Amount Requested: \$30,000.00
Amount Approved: \$20,484.10

Constraints:

The committee will require documentation that the American Indian Student Cultural Center incurred expenses in the amount of \$1,455.00 for telephone and fax services for the 2006-2007 school year.

Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$20,484.10 be allocated to the American Indian Student Cultural Center. It is the feeling of the full committee that the increase in salaries, wages, and stipends is not warranted. In addition, the committee feels the amount of telephone and fax charges is somewhat high, and therefore requests documentation of these expenses before the final deliberations. Finally, as with other groups, the committee does not feel that sending a small number of students to a conference is adequate justification for student services fees dollars.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Asian-American Student Union
Amount Requested: \$62,592.29
Amount Approved: \$55,592.29
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 5 for, 3 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$55,592.29 be allocated to the Asian-American Student Union. It is the feeling of the full committee that for more expensive speakers, the Asian-American Student Union should charge a nominal admission fee. The decrease in funding of \$2000 reflects an estimated \$3 admission fee for participants.

Minority Rationale:

The minority of this committee feels that the large amount of money spent on dances and/or large social gatherings using student fees is excessive for this group. It is suggested that for a large part of these events that the Asian-American Student Union seek additional funding outside of student services fees.

Student Organization: Black Student Union
Amount Requested: \$65,000.00
Amount Approved: \$50,000.00

Constraints:

The committee requests clarification on how individuals are chosen to receive compensation for attendance to the Big 12 Black Student Government Conference.

Approval Motion Vote Results: 4 for, 3 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$50,000.00 be allocated to the Black Student Union. The full committee recognizes that the Black Student Union is a valuable asset to campus and believes that the organization strives to promote a sense of community on the University of Minnesota campus. However, the amount requested for attendance to the Big 12 Black Student Government Conference was reduced, due in part to feelings among the committee that expenses for the conference were excessive.

Minority Rationale:

The minority of this committee feels that the expenses of the Black Student Union which are allocated toward the Big 12 Black Student Conference should be reduced more than they have already been. It is the belief of the minority that these expenses are not justified, as they do not produce the a benefit to the greater University of Minnesota proportional to the amount requested.

Student Organization: Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists
Amount Requested: \$8,000.00
Amount Approved: \$8,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$8,000.00 be allocated to the Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists (CASH). It is the feeling of the full committee that CASH has succeeded in furthering out-of-classroom education, promoting a sense of community, and helping to promote tolerance on the University of Minnesota campus. The committee is also pleased to see that CASH has been able to extend programming and influence on campus, without requesting more funding from student services fees.

Minority Rationale:

No rationale was provided by the minority which voted against the motion to approve.

Student Organization: Clarion
Amount Requested: \$21,000.00
Amount Approved: \$0.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided to deny funding from student services fees to Clarion. While this committee feels that Clarion is an important student group on campus, the amount of money spent on food is staggering, and seems to indicate the presence of fiscal irresponsibility. In addition, it is understood by the committee that money allocated to Clarion would be used to fund an administrative fellow or to create “start-up kits” for other schools, both costs which are, in the opinion of this committee, not reasonable uses for student services fees. This committee feels that the costs incurred by Clarion are not justified by the attendance at their events.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow
Amount Requested: \$4.13 Refusable/Refundable
Amount Approved: \$2.98 Refusable/Refundable
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 7 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a refusable/refundable fee in the amount of \$2.98 be allocated to the Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT). Under the guidelines set forth for the use of student services fees by the Board of Regents, student services fees may not be used to fund activities for which academic credit is offered. It is the feeling of this committee that the funding of the internship coordinator, a position designed to directly supervise students earning credit through CFACT's internship program, violates this rule.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Comfort 4 Courage Veterans Student Group
Amount Requested: \$24,428.00
Amount Approved: \$4,870.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$4,870.00 be allocated to the Comfort 4 Courage Veterans Student Group. While the committee respects the work of the Comfort 4 Courage group, it feels that the amount of money intended to be utilized for food to provide members of the organization with meals twice a week was excessive. In addition, this committee believes, based on the application and presentation given, that the group is somewhat insular and does not reach a large group of students on campus. For this reason, the committee feels that the amount requested is not proportional to the student affected by this group's efforts.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Community Child Care Center
Amount Requested: \$60,000.00
Amount Approved: \$60,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$60,000.00 be allocated to the Community Child Care Center. The committee congratulates the work done by the Community Child Care Center, especially in regards to surveying the student population with respect to needs. This committee felt that the amount requested by the Community Child Care Center was well justified and fell within the guidelines set forth for allocation of student services fees.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Como Community Child Care
Amount Requested: \$55,000.00
Amount Approved: \$55,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$55,000.00 be allocated to Como Community Child Care. The committee applauds Como Community Child Care for their attention to last year's fees committee's recommendation to attempt to expand involvement to other areas of campus. Additionally, the committee felt that the amount requested by Como Community Child Care was well justified and fell within the guidelines set forth for allocation of student services fees.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Council of College Boards
Amount Requested: \$44,651.00
Amount Approved: \$0.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: N/A

Majority Rationale:

After deliberation, it was decided by the chair that the Council of College Boards' application for student fees would be declared invalid due to the incomplete nature of the application, and the lack of clarity and accuracy apparent in the budgets. This action was taken in accordance with powers set forth in Resolution #2 (02-03) of the Student Services Fees Committee.

It is also the understanding of this committee that as an organization, the Council of College Boards does not currently exist. As such, each individual college board applied for student service fees. As the individual college boards are inherently exclusionary, individual applications could not be considered without violating guidelines for the allocation of student services fees. Furthermore, as the full Council of College Boards does not have an official standing with the Student Activities Office at this time, this committee is unsure as to how money would be utilized if allocated to the Council as a whole.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Disabled Student Cultural Center
Amount Requested: \$40,696.21
Amount Approved: \$32,023.20
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$32,023.20 be allocated to the Disabled Student Cultural Center (DSCC). The committee felt that the presentation of the budget for the DSCC, while honest, was not as clear as necessary. It is the feeling of this committee that funding cannot be provided for a technology update, the cost of which was undisclosed. Further, this committee felt that student fees should not be used to send a single individual to a conference, as that does not benefit the greater campus community.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Engineers Without Borders
Amount Requested: \$4,000.00
Amount Approved: \$1,500.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 7 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$1,500.00 be allocated to Engineers Without Borders (EWB). While the committee applauds the humanitarian efforts of EWB, the effect of international projects to the greater community of the University of Minnesota does not seem large enough to warrant the amount requested. The committee feels that EWB should focus more on local projects, as well as attempt to involve a greater percentage of the overall student population.

Minority Rationale:

No rationale was provided by the minority which voted against the motion to approve.

Student Organization: Entrepreneurship Club
Amount Requested: \$5,000.00
Amount Approved: \$0.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 6 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided to deny funding from student services fees to the Entrepreneurship Club. Last year's Student Services Fees Committee charged the Entrepreneurship Club with the responsibility to provide more activities on the East Bank, in order to generate a larger percentage of members from the greater University community. While the Entrepreneurship Club did hold several informational booths at Coffman Union, all of them were near the end of last semester. The current committee feels that this is an insufficient effort at complying with last year's request to warrant funding this year. It is the feeling of this committee that fees previously allocated to the Entrepreneurship Club can be better used toward organizations which better promote a sense of community and inclusion among all members of the University of Minnesota.

Minority Rationale:

The minority feels that by completely denying funding to the Entrepreneurship Club, the organization will have no reason not to become an exclusive Carlson School of Management organization. The minority feels that while last years' student services fees committee's mandate to expand to the East bank of campus was not carried out to the extent requested, the Entrepreneurship Club contributes greatly to the campus as a whole, and risking the secession of the group is a mistake.

Student Organization: Event Partnership Grant
Amount Requested: \$75,000.00
Amount Approved: \$75,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$75,000.00 be allocated to the Event Partnership Grant. The committee felt that this grant helps to promote community on campus by encouraging student groups to work together in the coordination of events. In addition, the committee felt that adequate documentation and accountability were provided to justify the amount requested.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Graduate and Professional Student Association
Amount Requested: \$395,268.00
Amount Approved: \$392,268.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$392,268.00 be allocated to the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA). It was the understanding of this committee that \$3,000 of the money requested would be utilized for parking expenses for the President of GAPSA. The committee felt that student services fees should not be used for this purpose.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Hillel: The Jewish Student Center

Amount Requested: \$31,250.00

Amount Approved: \$31,250.00

Constraints: None

Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$31,250.00 be allocated to Hillel: The Jewish Student Center. The committee felt that Hillel demonstrated their outreach to the greater University community adequately to justify funding in the amount requested. Additionally, the committee would like to commend Hillel on clearly expressing their intention for student service fees, as well as for the lucidity of their budget.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: La Raza
Amount Requested: \$42,600.00
Amount Approved: \$33,089.56
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 5 for, 4 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$41,134.56 be allocated from student services fees to La Raza. This amount includes a deduction of \$1,465.44 in order to account for a maximum allocation of 30% of La Raza's total income toward salaries, wages, and stipends. It is the feeling of the full committee that the spending of student services fees in order for a small number of students to attend the NACCS conference was not justified. The amount approved reflects a decrease from the initial subcommittee's recommendation by \$8,045, which is the amount requested for use during the conference.

Minority Rationale:

It is the opinion of the minority that the amount approved is not adjusted for the resolution requiring a maximum of 30% of the total organizational income being allocated to salaries, wages, and stipends. In addition, the decision does not address the fact that nearly half of the travel expenses budgeted are not intended to be funded using student services fees. Moreover, it is the feeling of the minority that the expenses for the conference were fully justified during the presentation to the subcommittee. It is therefore the feeling of the minority that a total of \$41,134.56 be allocated to La Raza, as recommended by the subcommittee.

Student Organization: Minnesota International Student Association
Amount Requested: \$65,000.00
Amount Approved: \$26,528.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$26,528.00 be allocated to the Minnesota International Student Association. The committee felt that the estimations for attendance at events for the 2007-2008 school year were unattainable. Additionally, it is the committee's understanding that MISA did not present any intention of renewing outside funding sources for the 2007-2008 school year, instead intending to rely almost exclusively on student fees for funding. As this is one of the criteria used to determine allocation of funding, the committee felt that student fees should not make up the difference in income simply because MISA did not want to procure outside grants or donations. Finally, the committee viewed the increase in salaries, wages, and stipends to contradict the purpose of student fees. MISA's allocation of student fees toward salaries, wages, and stipends does not further the goals of student fees funding as outlined by the Minnesota Board of Regents.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Minnesota Student Association
Amount Requested: \$179,353.00
Amount Approved: \$100,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 4 for, 3 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$100,000.00 be allocated to the Minnesota Student Association. The committee had concerns with both the MSA Express project, as well as the “Lend a Hand, Hear the Band” project. With regards to the MSA Express, the committee felt that this was not a project which should be taken on by MSA. The committee viewed this as a “reinventing the wheel,” in the sense that there are many methods of transportation available to students, and that there is no need for another one. If MSA is serious about this project, the committee advises the organization to lobby the transportation administration to operate a similar program, partially funded by MSA. The committee feels that the costs associated with the MSA Express project vastly outweigh the benefits.

Additionally, while the committee believes that the “Lend a Hand, Hear the Band” project is an excellent project, there were some concerns. One of the concerns was that aside from \$35,000 from the Provost/President, this project seems to be funded exclusively from student fees. MSA does not appear to be looking for outside assistance with this project. Also, the committee felt it is unreasonable to require students to pay initially through student service fees for this concert, but still demand that students donate volunteer time to attend the concert.

Finally, the committee felt that too much of MSA's budget was allocated in salaries, wages, and stipends. The committee recognizes MSA's trimming the budget from 2005-2006 to 2006-2007, however, the general consensus was that more of the salaries, wages, and stipends should be cut.

Minority Rationale:

The minority felt that the MSA Express project was justified due to the attendance numbers recorded during the first weekend of operation.

Student Organization: Minnesota Public Interest Research Group
Amount Requested: \$4.13 Refusable/Refundable
Amount Approved: \$3.45 Refusable/Refundable
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a refusable/refundable fee in the amount of \$3.45 be allocated to the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG). The committee was disappointed to see an increase in salaries, wages, and stipends from last year. Additionally, the committee felt that MPIRG should find new methods of procuring funding other than student services fees. It is suggested that MPIRG consider attempting to gain funding from corporations or non-profit sponsors. While it can be seen that the performance of MPIRG is proportional to the amount of funding they acquire, this could be said of any group. The committee feels that MPIRG must utilize the funds they are allocated more efficiently, with the recommendation to further cut salaries, wages, and stipends, as this seems to be the bulk of their budget.

Minority Rationale:

The minority feels that in order for MPIRG to achieve the goal it has been tasked to accomplish on this campus, it requires more funding. The minority argues that while MPIRG was operating at an excellent level for 2005-2006, the group was devastated by a loss of funding for 2006-2007. The minority feels that increasing student services fees funding to its previous level would allow MPIRG to grow and foster education on campus.

Student Organization: Premier Dance Team
Amount Requested: \$6,000.00
Amount Approved: \$0.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided to deny funding from student service fees to the Premier Dance Team. The Premier Dance Team's use of "tryouts" to exclude certain members of the University of Minnesota student population violates rules set forth for allocation of student service fees by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Queer Student Cultural Center
Amount Requested: \$40,000.00
Amount Approved: \$40,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 6 for, 1 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$40,000.00 be allocated to the Queer Student Cultural Center. The committee felt that the Queer Student Cultural Center furthers the community of the University by advocating a sense of understanding and tolerance. Additionally, the hosting of the GLBTA conference on campus advances the cultural education of all students, faculty, and staff of the University of Minnesota.

Minority Rationale:

The minority felt there were unexplained expenses in the budget that needed to be clarified before any funding could be awarded.

Student Organization: Student Emergency Loan Fund
Amount Requested: \$25,000.00
Amount Approved: \$10,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$10,000.00 be allocated to the Student Emergency Loan Fund. The committee felt that the number of applicants that utilize the Student Emergency Loan Fund was not sufficient to justify the current number of office hours. It is the recommendation of this committee that the 30 hours/week that paid officers are currently working be reduced to 15 hours/week.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Students for a Conservative Voice
Amount Requested: \$95,200.00
Amount Approved: \$43,650.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$43,650.00 be allocated to Students for a Conservative Voice. The committee felt that the drastic increase from last year's funding amount was not justified during the presentation. Specifically, the committee was disappointed with Students for a Conservative Voice's inability to provide numbers detailing their current readership and estimated future readership. Additionally, the committee chose not to fund the speaker for this year, as the committee felt that funding allocated for a speaker last year was not adequately utilized.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: The Wake
Amount Requested: \$132,644.00
Amount Approved: \$85,016.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$85,016.00 be allocated to The Wake. The committee felt that The Wake did not comply with last year's Student Services Fees Committee's recommendation to actively seek additional advertising revenue. While the committee realizes the cut in funding for last year did not allow The Wake to employ as many staff members as they would have liked, the committee felt that the business and advertising staff were essential to The Wake's continued operation as an alternative news source. While it realizes that the decision for the business staff to leave employment of The Wake, this committee felt that the Editor-In-Chief should have immediately realized the downward spiral and placed full attention on acquiring a new advertising executive. Additionally, the committee would like to express its extreme disappointment in the inaccuracies of the budget submitted in the application. Finally, the committee would also like to re-iterate that it feels The Wake is in the wrong category for receipt of funding from student services fees. If The Wake wishes to be competitive with The Minnesota Daily, it is essential for The Wake to take every possible step to become an administrative organization with the University of Minnesota.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Undergraduate Women in Business

Amount Requested: \$1,000.00

Amount Approved: \$0.00

Constraints: None

Approval Motion Vote Results: 7 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided to deny funding from student service fees to Undergraduate Women in Business. The committee felt that the Undergraduate Women in Business do not actively seek involvement from outside the Carlson School of Management. Additionally, the committee felt that the regulation on the organization such that a maximum of 8% of it's membership can be from outside of the Carlson School of Management falls into the category of being exclusionary, and thus not eligible for funding through student service fees.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Voices Merging
Amount Requested: \$11,000.00
Amount Approved: \$11,000.00

Constraints:

The committee requires that Voices Merging maintain an operating reserve of 10% of their overall income.

Approval Motion Vote Results: 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$11,000.00 be allocated to Voices Merging. The committee felt that Voices Merging directly furthers the goal of the University of Minnesota as a liberal arts institution by educating students, faculty, and staff about culture, tolerance, and freedom of speech. However, the committee does require that Voices Merging maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% of their overall income.

Minority Rationale:

None

Student Organization: Women's Student Activist Collective
Amount Requested: \$30,000.00
Amount Approved: \$30,000.00
Constraints: None
Approval Motion Vote Results: 5 for, 1 against, 2 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

After deliberations, this committee has initially decided that a penny fee amount approximately equal to \$30,000.00 be allocated to the Women's Student Activist Collective (WSAC). The committee felt that the WSAC fosters a sense of community and tolerance on campus. Additionally, the committee was impressed by the completely democratic nature of the organization, and applauds it for its exclusively member-led decision making process.

Minority Rationale:

It is the opinion of the minority that student service fees should not be used to fund retreats for certain members of any group. The minority therefore felt that the final amount awarded to the WSAC should be reduced by \$3,000.