
Organization: **African Student Association**

Amount Requested: **\$14,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$5,407.24**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of five thousand, four hundred and seven US dollars and twenty four cents to the African Student Association to be used to fund extended programming. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that the ASA fulfills the requirements of the committee and successfully fosters a spirit of community by working together on separate events with other student groups. We, as a committee, value the ASA's efforts to secure outside funding for events and would like to see more of these measures taken in the future. It is the belief of the committee that this application's disorganization and lack of accurate information is unacceptable, even with the power change. It is our expectation that if needed, more financial information will be produced and that any future application will be much more clear and filled in to the standards acceptable for a committee to fully understand the information presented. We as a committee see that an average attendance to meetings of 20-45 people may not be enough in the future to sustain a group budget this high, we would like to see more attendance and more organization. It is important for the committee to know the outside levels of funding, without this information included (revenue from the dance, donations etc.) the committee cannot make a reasonable decision. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$5407.24 dollars to the African Student Association for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

-Hard to assess the proposal of this organization; some information not included/explained.

-What is this retreat? We expect if you know you need \$500 for a retreat you know who can go or what you can do. Can you really use these fees?

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$2,950.00**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub-Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of two thousand nine hundred and fifty US dollars to the AISES to be used to fund programming. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that the AISES has not adequately informed the committee, some of the information is misleading. We as a committee value the AISES but the university already has many different tutoring programs, the general student body should not be funding outside school grants for other chapter creation. The student body does not need to fund individual trips to conferences for 1 or 5 students; activities of a student funded group should benefit the entire university student population. We do support the speaker series and it is our hope a greater effort will be made to use funds responsibly. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$2950 dollars to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

-Travel to conferences is not a valid project expense

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **All Campus Elections Commission**

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

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

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The sub committee feels that the low voter turnout might be attributed to the fact that the "Get Out The Vote" event runs from 11am-1pm. The sub committee recommends that this particular event be held from 10am-2pm. The sub committee feels that the student group's efforts in increasing voter turn out, particularly for MSA, are genuine. The sub committee feels that if the student organization thinks they require more resources to increase voter turn out, we encourage them to apply for more next year, as long as the amounts are well justified.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Al-Madinah Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$64,440**

Amount Recommended: **\$64,440**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

This committee recognizes that Al-Madinah holds extremely popular events. Al-Madinah has provided numbers that indicate a trend towards

increased attendance and we felt that the amount requested was well justified. The budget was extremely well prepared and detailed. Al-Madinah has also demonstrated organization and fiscal responsibility via the use of Microsoft Money and other project management tools. Al-Madinah has also actively sought out external funding which is commendable.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **American Indian Student Cultural Center**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$20,484.10**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 5 for, 0 against

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub-Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of twenty thousand four hundred, eighty four US dollars and ten cents to the American Indian Student Cultural Center to be used to increase programming and to pay for speaker series. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that the AISCC fulfills the requirements of the committee and successfully fosters a spirit of community by working together with other student groups, but we would like to see greater responsibility in spending and documentation. We as a committee value the AISCC, and the work of the individuals involved but looking at the budget provided for this year we did not like to see the increase in stipends, salaries and wages that was proportional to the increase of a fees request for that year. Another question or confusion was that of the phone line and whether or not that number was appropriate. One other concern was that of the "in-kind expenses", it was not explained. As with many groups, we would like to see an increase in efforts to secure outside funding. It is the opinion of the committee that individual trips to conferences should not be funded through student services fees money. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$20,484.10 dollars to the American Indian Student Cultural Center for the 2007-2008 year.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Asian-American Student Union**

Amount Requested: **\$62,592.29**

Amount Recommended: **\$55,592.29**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The sub committee believes that the ASU should charge an admission fee for their more expensive speakers. A nominal admission fee of \$3 can be considered. A reduction of \$2000 reflects this decision. The committee also feels the cost of food is high but the attendance numbers for their events are good. Given the manner in which the attendance numbers are increasing the sub committee thinks that a 300% increase in the food budget is not justified but rather a 200% increase is more reasonable. The amount to reduce to reflect this is \$5000. The committee would like to see actual numbers per event rather than per affiliate. The committee would like to commend ASU's ability to bring multi-cultural student groups together and hold quality events while maintaining visibility.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Black Student Union**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$50,000**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The committee determined that the \$11,000 budgeted for furniture was on the high side for a room in Coffman. Hence, the committee will recommend the amount of \$3000 to replace furniture, approximate to the level for furniture in 2005-2006. With regards to the Big 12 conference, this year's committee will adopt last year's committee's recommendation that the BSU take up to 15 people. This subcommittee will fully fund 15 people to attend the Big 12 conference but it is the BSU's discretion to use the allocated money to bring more students to the conference at a reduced price.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists**

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

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

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The committee was impressed overall with CASH's presentation and budget proposal. They have managed to increase expenses without increasing requested funding amount since the 06-07 school year. CASH has demonstrated a genuine effort to seek other sources of funding through various contributions and fundraising measurements. CASH has also demonstrated full financial accountability. It is encouraged that they

seek event advertisement through the Minnesota Daily since an increase in event attendance since last year has indicated event successes.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Clarion**

Amount Requested: **\$21,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$0**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub-Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of zero US dollars to Clarion. It is our understanding that the fees received would go either to an administrative fellow or to create "start-up kits" provided to other schools at the expense of University of Minnesota students. It is our belief that this group neither fosters a sense of community to the greater student body nor does it allow full participation from non-graduate students. We see no efforts made by Clarion to reach out to find new members or recruit any outside interest. We do not believe Clarion is being responsible with its funding spending more than \$13,000 on food for a population projected to be less than 200 people at their major conference. This committee does not feel it is the responsibility of the University of Minnesota student population to completely fund an exclusive Clarion National Competition nor is it the responsibility of the committee to allocate funds for projects to be used at other universities/colleges. It is because of these reasons that we wish to allocate \$0 (zero) US dollars to the Clarion student group for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

-It is commendable that Clarion has garnered such acclaim from many universities around the world. It is hoped that their good work will continue.

-It is concerning that such a large amount of funding goes to support such a small group—between 50 and 100 people. This should be carefully reviewed: is a Retreat necessary? Can any economies be made for it? Can less food be served at the events?

-While it is clear that a good deal of administrative work goes into the organizing and planning of the local and national competitions, it is recommended that the Administrative Fellow position be made a volunteer, stipend-free one. The experience alone for getting such a competition off the ground is priceless.

-For the winning teams, please consider offering a non-monetary prize, such as an award certificate or plaque; or having a business donate a service. \$20,000 in prizes seems a little excessive.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Collegians For A Constructive Tomorrow**
Amount Requested: **\$4.13 Refusable/Refundable Fee**
Amount Recommended: **\$2.98(\$59900)**
Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

In the Student Services Fees Handbook Section 4 Subdivision 5 states that the fees committee cannot fund groups or activities whose focus is to earn credits within a department at the University of Minnesota. The group's internship program, which earns participants credits, is in violation of this rule. A reduction of \$15000 allocated to the staffer reflects this. The associated \$2100 in benefits was also removed. An accounting error in the room rental, advertising, travel, and the blogging event led to a difference of \$1000. Due the lack of track record for larger speakers at higher rates, the sub committee has decided to reduce the entertainment budget from \$15,000 to \$10,000. The attendance numbers for the group's events are on the low side. We encourage the student group to seek partnership grants and establish a better track record for next year. The sub committee would like to see a better organizational chart.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Comfort 4 Courage Veterans Student Group**
Amount Requested: **\$24,428**
Amount Recommended: **\$4,870.00**
Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of four thousand eight hundred and seventy US dollars to the Comfort 4 Courage Veterans Student Group to be used to fund programming and general expenses. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that the Comfort 4 Courage group should not be allocating stipends due to the amount of work done by the board chairs, and the current and expected participation level. We as a committee value the Comfort 4 Courage group and believe the **speaker series** is a great way to spend student services fees money and helps to foster a sense of community and understanding. It is our opinion that at this level, members of a student group should not be involved in unsupervised counseling services to students, it is not safe and insurance and liability could fall to the individuals of that group. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$4870 dollars to the Comfort 4 Courage Veterans Student Group for the 2007-2008 year. We encourage this group to continue to actively seek for outside funding or other grant possibilities.

General recommendations/Comments:

-The raison d'etre for this organization is to be praised; however, some of the Student Fees request seems a bit premature. This organization is a very new one, and has some interesting projects under consideration: War Stories, Breakfast Rise and Shine, etc. It is of concern, however, that the organization may be growing too great too quickly; and, by providing somewhat duplicative project-services [tutoring and counseling] may be unconsciously making their members more insular, rather than assisting them with acclimating [or re-acclimating] to the University. In particular, scheduling events several times during the week where substantial meals are served, yet little actual programming is offered, is not the best use of Student Fees; counseling undertaken by someone other than a professionally-trained psychologist is probably not the safest method to assist this particular group—liability is an especial concern; lastly, there are many tutoring services already in existence on campus. Please consider partnering with the various support services that are already in existence, rather than making several, more expensive and insular doorways to others.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Community Childcare Center**

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

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

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The committee felt that the 12% of the total income that comes from student fees is reasonable. The budget was well put together and they did a good job with surveying the student population with respect to needs.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Como Community Child Care**

Amount Requested: **\$55,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$55,000**

Committee Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of fifty five thousand US dollars to the Como Community Child Care to be used for general funding and service needs. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts

to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that the Como Community Child Care fulfilled the requirements of the committee last year and successfully fosters a spirit of community by making groups work together on separate events and provide greater volunteer and job training experience to the university students. We as a committee value the Como Community Child Care's efforts to secure alternative funding with a \$16,000 increase in income. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$55,000 dollars to the Como Community Child Care for the 2007-2008 year.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Council of College Boards**

Amount Requested: **\$67,568**

Amount Recommended: **\$0**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

Many of the applications were either incorrectly filled out or contained accounting errors. Resolution #2 (03-04) states that it is at the committee chair's discretion to regard a student group's application as incomplete. The sub committee decided that the CCB's application did not meet a number of basic guidelines such as an organizational chart containing the names of people who hold positions on the actual board. Resolution #3 (02-03) states that the subcommittee is not allowed to accept any new budgets after the deadline set by the SAO. Our sub committee feels that in order to make sound, consistent decisions we must apply the rules especially when issues like this come up. The sub committee voted on the validity of the CCB's application based on the resolutions above. By a majority vote, this sub-committee felt that we could not evaluate CCB's application. The rationale was simply an application of the resolutions. We understand the role the CCB plays for the undergraduate population and that special consideration was given to them. We feel that it is not this committee's responsibility to extend this special consideration while doing our job at the same time, by ignoring a set of resolutions for one group and applying them for another. Therefore this sub committee does not have the capacity to evaluate the application under the group's circumstances and because of the special considerations made by another organization.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Disabled Student Cultural Center**

Amount Requested: **\$40,696.21**

Amount Recommended: **\$32,023.20**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub-Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of thirty two thousand, twenty three US dollars and twenty cents to the Disabled Student Cultural Center to be used to increase programming and campus diversity/ awareness. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that the DSCC fulfills the requirements of the committee and successfully fosters a spirit of community by working together with other groups. We as a committee value the honesty of the presentation to explaining exact costs and do not feel student services fees should be used for a single member to attend a conference in another state, nor should funds go towards and undisclosed update in technology due to a vague answer. DSCC efforts to secure outside funding are an important part of the fees process, so the committee encourages them to look for more grants and corporate sponsorship. After adding numbers and subtracting equipment, travel, and non-fees serving events and the undocumented \$5000 in grants the committee has come up with a number. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$32,023.20 dollars to the Disabled Student Cultural Center for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

- This organization is to be commended for decreasing its \$10,000 carry-over to \$2,000 within two years.
- The project budget is decreasing, yet events are more successful, which shows good money management.
- Please consider applying for internal/external grants to obtain additional funding not awarded through the Student Fees process.

Minority Rationale:

After sub-committee 2 approved funds to the Disabled Student Cultural Center a little more calculating/evaluating was done and some opinion changing information was identified. The DSCC was not voluntarily forthcoming or honest about their financial statement. Only after direct questions did representatives admit an approximate \$5,000 additional donated income. Also, they admitted knowing that between \$1,250 and \$1,500 rent charges were duplicated in the application after being questioned. The addition of these previously unidentified grants and subtraction of duplicated rentals brings their 2007-2008 income to \$45,692.21 and expense to \$36,192.21. This information should be used in the calculations of how much student services fees should be calculated instead of what was provided.

Organization: **Engineers without Borders**

Amount Requested: **\$4,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$1,500**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of one thousand five hundred US dollars to the Engineers Without Borders to be used for a General Fund Expenses. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. In future applications we as a committee expect better clarification on proposed project ideas and specification as to what fees money will be funding. It is also the recommendation of this committee that an application process be instated to insure that this group's non-fees funded trips are also equally available to all students and not just those within the groups main membership. We as a committee encourage the Engineers Without Borders to pursue local projects as well, to supply learning experience opportunities to a wider student base.

General recommendations/Comments:

-Although EWB is to be commended for their good work regarding sustainable development, in order to meet Student Fees guidelines, the organization must continually strive, in their programming and operations, to continue to make decisions with the larger student body in mind, outside of the members of the EWB.

-Accordingly, please consider refocusing some of the energy currently expended projects outside of the State into Minnesota development projects; greater numbers of students will be able to participate in more local projects.

-Additionally, please consider holding presentations, and/or discussion groups for the campus at large, to increase awareness of your work, and to share the good work being done.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Entrepreneurship Club**

Amount Requested: **\$5,000**

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

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 4 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of one thousand US dollars to the Entrepreneurship Club to be used to be used in the expansion of outreach to include a greater community. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that this student organization should continue to look for more funding outside of student services fees, we encourage partnerships with other student groups. We as a committee value the Entrepreneurship Club as a contributing member of this campus

and it is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$1,000 dollars to the Entrepreneurship Club for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

- It appears as though the main projects that the Entre. Club hosts are the annual CEO dinners and the CEO conferences. It is hard to justify giving Student Fees to an organization that seems to benefit its members, primarily, and not the University community as a whole.
- This organization does fill a niche; it is hoped that in the future, it will have a broader impact.
- Please consider planning activities to include a more diverse student body; perhaps hold more events on the East Bank of campus, where distance is not as great an issue for students.

Minority Rationale:

The minority feels that the Entrepreneurship club should receive \$0 from student services fees.

Organization: **Event Partnership Grant**

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

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

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of seventy five thousand US dollars to the Event Partnership Grant to be used to distribute amongst other student groups. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that the Event Partnership Grant fulfills the requirements of the committee and successfully fosters a spirit of community by making groups work together on separate events. We as a committee value the Event Partnership Grants efforts to ensure proper usage of funds through a system of 50% payment initially and 50% paid off after the receipts have been received following the event. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$75,000 dollars to the Event Partnership Grant for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

- Only accolades here for having a good selection/evaluation criteria; being a safety net for smaller organizations to get their events funded; and for acting as a resource for students to get additional support, outside of the Student Activities Office, for the application process.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly**

Amount Requested: **\$39,5268**

Amount Recommended: **\$39,5268**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

It is very clear to the sub committee that the student group plays a very vital role for graduate students. The group has demonstrated fiscal responsibility with a detailed budget. Programming is diverse and attendance numbers are very impressive. We feel that the requested amount was completely justified and that this sub committee is confident in the way the organization's distributes funds to their constituents.

Minority Rationale:

None

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

Amount Requested: **\$31,250**

Amount Recommended: **\$31,250**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of thirty one thousand, two hundred and fifty US dollars to the Hillel: The Jewish Student Center to be used to increase the current level of programming and maintain current programming efforts. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that Hillel fulfills the requirements of the committee and successfully fosters a spirit of community by working with other student groups and supplementing academic curriculum. We as a committee value the Hillel's efforts to ensure proper usage of funds and celebrate Hillel's efforts to secure outside funding! It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$31,250 dollars to the Hillel: The Jewish Student Center for the 2007-2008 year.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **La Raza**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$41,134.56**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

La Raza is a well organized student group. The fact they have sought external funding through University grants is extremely impressive. They did have stipends at 35% of the total income so the committee has adjusted

this to reflect the resolution stating that groups cannot have more than 30% of their total income. The group has also incorporated the recommendations from last year which is commendable.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Minnesota International Student Association (MISA)**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$10,840**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of ten thousand eight hundred and forty US dollars to the Minnesota International Student Association to be used to increase the programming efforts and participation. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that MISA will not distribute grants that it cannot administer properly at this time. Adobe is a free software online and does not need a budget of \$2000, also office redecorating is no the responsibility of the student body's student services fees. We as a committee value MISA's work on campus, but the salary and wage increase is not warranted, nor the slight increase in all of the project line items. The student body should not have to fund a private massage! Efforts to secure outside funding have not been made and it is not the student group's decision to decide whether or not they should be seeking outside funding to allow other groups that money. We would like to see more of the fees money spent on programming and less on an operational budget or new technology that is not even needed, the increase in budget is not directly correlated to the increase of international students coming to the university next semester, even with more events and a greater participation level (75-500 more people estimated at each event) as outlined in their request. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$10,840 dollars to the Minnesota International Student Association for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

-While it is understood that the presence of MISA on campus helps to provide students with many opportunities for richer cultural experiences during their university careers, some of the project expenses outlined by MISA-- which are planned to be paid by Student Fees funding-- are unsettling. It is hoped that these recommendations, if followed, will help MISA be a more fiscally conservative organization in the future.

-MISA's income appears to be primarily from Student Fees.

--According to the income statement, there are no plans to acquire funding from foundations, individual contributions, or grants, both external and internal to the University for 2007-2008; although, nearly \$12,000 was

obtained through internal University grants the year before. For every Student Fees request, every attempt should be made to acquire funding from every appropriate source; Fees should not be the only means of support for any student organization.

-Project expenses seem quite great.

--Nearly \$30,000 is requested for food for 2007-2008. This is an increase of three times the amount proposed for 2006-2007; and yet the number of attendees is expected to grow only a quarter. This seems a bit excessive, and needs to be pared down.

--There are many other expenses detailed: gift cards, masseuse, subsidies, stage lights, and decorations. Again, please consider whether and how these expenses impact students who are not members of MISA. If such an argument cannot be made for an expense, it cannot in good conscience be supported by Student Fees.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Minnesota Student Association (MSA)**

Amount Requested: **\$179,353**

Amount Recommended: **\$148,000**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 4 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub-Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of one hundred forty-eight thousand US dollars to the Minnesota Student Association to be used to continue its work on campus. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that MSA fulfills the requirements of the committee and successfully fosters a spirit of community by allowing students to elect their officers. The committee also feels that the officers do enough work to merit stipends from Student Services Fees. While the committee commends MSA on their initiative to start a shuttle service, we are concerned that it is not the role of this group to conduct this service for campus. We as a committee value MSA's efforts to ensure proper usage of funds. The committee feels that the larger concert initiative also merits an increase in the fees award. It is because of the reasons stated that we wish to allocate \$148,000 dollars to Minnesota Student Association for the 2007-2008 year.

General recommendations/Comments:

-Although MSA Express seems to have gotten off to a popular start, there are a few lingering concerns.

--While a service of this type is in use at many universities around the country, student volunteer drivers is not the typical model. Instead, students and the universities partner with the city transit department OR a local cab company OR the police department, which lessens liability on the part of any individual student driver.

--If it is hoped that the service to be funded through Student Fees, rather than through the University's Parking and Transportation Services OR the Department of Public Safety, it is hoped that the following will be true:
---Extensive background checks are conducted on each driver.
---Drivers have attended, in addition to driver training, crime-prevention training, and CPR.
---Student-passengers do not use the service as a convenience, but as safe, free way to get home.
---Student-passengers who use the service are driven home, rather than a party or bar.
---The service is ADA-compliant.

Minority Rationale:

It is the belief of the minority that the transportation department is better suited to insure and handle the liability of a private van service. This service seems to promote underage drinking and the lack of outside financial support seems to show that while the bars may appreciate the gesture they do not value it enough to contribute to the cause. It is impossible for this program to be funded by the student services fees because it is not handicap accessible and that directly violates the conditions of receiving student service fees. Furthermore, we make the recommendation to the committee to consider the fact that MSA has ignored the rules of fees this past year by purchasing the van with the knowledge that they were in violation. Any student group that spends money with the intention of breaking the stipulations of the funding should lose that funding. The MSA rep. responsible for representing the DS community expressed concern in this area.

It is also the belief of the minority that students should not be receiving the majority of their wages from student services fees. The lack of effort on the part of MSA to secure outside funding would not be accepted by any other group and no group should receive special treatment, other than the Provost's/ President's 35,000 dollars for their concert, the group expects to be funded completely by the Student Services Fees. Irresponsible funding of a concert in excess of \$ 75,000 that will only serve 2,000 students is not acceptable, what if more students want to attend than can fit the venue? Should they be asked to pay for a concert they cannot attend due to poor planning on the part of the MSA? It is for these reasons that the minority believes MSA should receive \$100,000 US dollars taking into account the van project and overspending in concert.

Organization: **Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (MPIRG)**

Amount Requested: **\$4.13 R/R Fee**

Amount Recommended: **\$2.45 R/R Fee**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 3 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub- Committee 2 decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of two US

dollars and forty five cents to the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group for programming and general funds. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made. It is our opinion that while the MPIRG is a valuable part of the university community, MPIRG should take on some fundraising measures of it's own in conjunction to student service fees. Students aren't always educated on the financial breakdown in a particular student group and with this in mind the committee feels MPIRG could find greater support from its constituents by asking for monetary support from within its own body if needed. If students truly care about a cause, they will continue to fund it as they see fit. We as a committee feel it is not the responsibility of the student body to pay for an increase in salaries, wages, and stipends, as they appear in this application. We feel it might be possible for volunteer positions to be made or for funding to come from somewhere other than student services fees pool. It is for these reasons that the sub-committee votes to pass on to the greater committee a recommendation of \$2.45 to be allocated to the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group for the 2007-2008 year.

Minority Rationale:

The Minority feels that the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group should receive the full \$4.13 optional fee per student. Last year, the per-student fee was decreased, speculating more students would pay the fee at a lower price. Approximately the same number of students paid the fee at \$2.45 as they had in previous years of \$4.13. Every student has a choice in paying this fee. However the price suggested will be the price donated.

The minority felt that MPIRG's requested dollar amount of \$4.13 per student is justified. This is the same amount that had been received prior to 2006-2007. There is a direct correlation between funding level and the success of the group. With the decrease in funding during the 2006-2007 year MPIRG was only able to host 17 events, compared to 33 events the year prior. Additionally, the minority expressed that the funding received by MPIRG is not a required fee incurred by students of the University, rather it is a voluntary donation to the group. Taking that into account, the minority thought the group should be able to receive a dollar amount, within reason, in which they believe is required to operate at full potential. That dollar amount being the amount requested, \$4.13.

Organization: **Premier Dance Team**

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

Amount Recommended: **\$0**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

Based on the Premier Dance Team's mission statement, the subcommittee cannot fund this group. The Premier Dance Team recruits its members through auditions and this is inherently exclusionary. The minimum criterion

for groups to receive funding is that their activities, events, and programs are open to all, and this is not facilitated through auditions. It was recommended by the committee that the Premier Dance Team reconsider their organizational structure in order to be qualified for funds next year.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Queer Student Cultural Center**
Amount Requested: **\$40,000**
Amount Recommended: **\$40,000**
Committee Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The group budget did not meet the reserve requirement of 10% of total income. The committee pointed this out. The group has demonstrated fiscal responsibility, but the sub committee would like detailed attendance numbers in the performance report. A table containing attendance numbers would be sufficient.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Student Emergency Loan Fund**
Amount Requested: **\$25,000**
Amount Recommended: **\$10,000**
Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

Given the total number of applicants that come in per year, the subcommittee considers the current number of office hours excessive. Therefore we recommend that the current 30 hrs/wk for paid officers be reduced to 15 hrs/wk. This would reflect a 50% reduction in the salaries and stipends field that is \$15,000. This amount was reduced from the total requested, and the new requested amount is \$10,000.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Students for a Conservative Voice**
Amount Requested: **\$95,200**
Amount Recommended: **\$52,650**
Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 3 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The sub-committee realizes the SCV's desire for increased funding in order to run a well organized newspaper. We feel that SCV did not justify the near

four fold increase in funding from last year well enough. Readership could not be reported with much confidence and any professionally run newspaper should have these numbers on hand. A few of their budget items were a little high. For example, the \$3,000 web hosting cost was considered much higher than what was required to run a website. The \$15,000 dollars associated with bringing in a high profile speaker needs to be justified with track record. We feel that SCV should establish attendance numbers with other lower cost speakers and events before requesting this large amount. We feel the amount awarded, approximately double, of what was awarded last year will be sufficient to further expand their newspaper and hopefully establish a track record that will allow them to request more in the future.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **The Wake**

Amount Requested: **\$132,644**

Amount Recommended: **\$85,016**

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 3 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub-Committee 2 recognizes the need for The Wake as an alternate publication here at the University of Minnesota and feels it promotes active dialogue and exposure to various subjects not otherwise discussed. It would also like to congratulate The Wake for being named the nation's best campus publication for the previous year. However, the committee is discouraged that The Wake has, for the most part, been unable to comply with last year's suggestions of increasing advertising revenue and seeking alternate arrangements for employment than paid stipends. Additionally, the sub-committee would like to express its disapproval of the inaccuracies in the 2006-2007 budgets and hope it is rectified before the full committee commences. The recommended level of funding is calculated by taking last year's monetary award and adding funding for libel insurance as well as funding for printer and server improvements.

General recommendations/Comments:

-It is important and necessary that there are many voices on campus; even if and especially if they are dissenting voices. It is also important that an award-winning University magazine continue to do it's best by it's readers; although, funding that truism can be a bit difficult for the Student Fees Committee to support. Staff pay is calculated to be nearly 50% of the operating budget; however, the Student Fees Committee must pay attention to rule that student organizations may not use more than 30% of their operating expenses for salaries. This is a continual issue that muddies the Fees process.

-Perhaps, the best method to obtain the appropriate funding level for this student-run magazine it to have the Wake reclassified as an administrative

unit; or, alternatively, have it garner fees using the refusable/refundable fee model.

-Additionally, please work towards getting more advertising dollars to offset some of your operating expenses. This organization has raised more than \$11,000 in advertising in 2005-2006; it can surely do this and more, for the years to come, relying on previous customers, and identifying new ones.

Minority Rationale:

The minority feels that The Wake is in the wrong category for these deliberations and does not fit the model for a student group, but instead should be placed in the administrative group. It is not the responsibility of the student body to pay the salaries of over 50 students in an unsupervised environment. The majority of The Wake's figures presented were not accurate which leads one to ask what else are they leaving out? While the minority recognizes The Wake as an important part of campus life and diversity, the minority does not feel The Wake has been as responsible as it should be with its spending, nor does the minority appreciate the fact that almost no effort has been put forth this year to secure outside funding (except on one university designated project). The minority is disappointed that The Wake has not polled a greater number of students while still asking all student to pay for the production of this magazine. It is this minority's opinion that The Wake should expect a major drive for advertisers and other possible sponsorship along with fiscal responsibility and accuracy in reporting figures to the committee. The recommendation of this committee is, rather than throwing money at a problem, to fund and nurture the growth of this award-winning publication by funding and encouraging progressive action on the part of the student group. The minority feels an amount of \$95,000 US dollars to be much more appropriate and sensible for The Wake's 2007-2008 student services fees request.

Organization: **Undergraduate Women in Business**

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

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

Sub-Committee 2 Vote: 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The Student Services Fees Sub-Committee 2 has decided to recommend to the full committee an award in the amount of one thousand US dollars to the Undergraduate Women in Business to be used on the Golf instruction event. It is the expectation of this committee that all fee usage guidelines be followed by the student group and efforts to reach out to the greater University community will be made.

General recommendations/Comments:

-Partner with other student organizations on campus to extend the awareness and presence of UWB outside of the Carlson School of Management; additionally, partnering with another organization on an

event will enable each organization to receive funds through an Event Partnership grant.

-In order for greater numbers of the campus community to participate in the proposed Golfing Event, offer all interested students the opportunity to purchase tickets to the event.

-Additionally, please consider other ways to impact students who are not in the Carlson School, nor members of your group: workshops and/or brochures covering developing resumes, interviewing tips, dressing for success, etc.

Minority Rationale:

None

Organization: **Voices Merging**

Amount Requested: **\$11,000**

Amount Recommended: **\$11,000**

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The committee noticed that Voices Merging had not budgeted 10% of their total income for reserves. This was pointed out to them and the group had expressed intention to collaborate with other student groups and apply for grants in order make up for the 10% required. The sub committee trusts that this group will pursue this.

Minority Rationale:

None

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

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

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

Sub-Committee 1 Vote: 4 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:

The committee feels that the amount requested is reasonable given the number and quality of events. The committee commends the ability of the student organization to bring together other organizations. The committee would like to recommend better scrutiny of the budget to avoid errors for next year's application. The committee noticed that 10% of the total income was not set aside for a reserve and trusts the organization will correct this.

Minority Rationale:

None
