

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>African Student Association</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$25,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$0</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>5 in favor, 2 against, 2 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve no funding for this organization for the academic year of 2008-2009. This was an incomplete application with no speculations for the year of 2008-2009 and false information for the year of 2007-2008. The President informed the committee that the values seen on the application for this year were values that they had hoped to receive but not the actual values that were met. There was no description for multiple expenses along with \$4000 in funding seen directly as a “cushion” for the upcoming year. This organization was given funds last year but failed to show what happened to them, how they were used, or how much is left.

### **Minority Rationale:**

The minority felt that this student organization deserves to have funding in order to have the opportunity to improve and learn from the process without being severely affected as a result of possible financial hardships from receiving no funding for the next academic year, in spite of the issues the majority had with the justifications of some of the numbers in the provided budget.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that for future requests, this organization look at examples of other organizations’ fees applications, get feedback from those in the Student Unions & Activities Office, and conform to the application format provided.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>All-Campus Election Commission</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$15,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$13,000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$13,000. The committee felt that the ACEC did a good job acknowledging the problems with past elections, and explained proposals for remedying these problems that, if successfully put in place, should increase student confidence in the voting system and the ACEC overall. However, the committee did not feel that the ACEC showed enough fiscal responsibility nor demonstrated increased advertising that justifies an increase in funding. Also, the ACEC did not justify in their proposal the significant deviation from past projected budgets in the category of “other” for programming expenses.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee strongly recommends that the ACEC follow the suggestions from the audit for their organization. Meeting minutes, where budgetary decisions are being made, should be easily available to the public. In addition, the committee would like to see an expansion of the ACEC website to include such things as information about the ACEC, commissioners and their roles in the process, how to become a commissioner, meeting minutes, and possibly information about candidates in ACEC-run elections. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Al-Madinah Cultural Center</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$64,500</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$62,500</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$62,500. The committee felt that this organization showed success in outreach to other groups on campus, numerous events, and increased attendance. The organization demonstrated some compliance with audit recommendations through better recordkeeping, but does not yet have meeting minutes easily available to the public. In addition, the organization has not maintained the required 10% operating reserve. Therefore, the committee reduced their overall request by \$2000.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that meeting minutes be posted to the organization's website. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>American Indian Student Cultural Center</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$50,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$0</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>8 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve no funding for this organization for the academic year of 2008-2009. This organization did not complete the presentation requirement of the fees application process.

### **Minority Rationale:**

The minority felt that the organization provides great resources for students on campus and should receive some level of funding for the next academic year, given some of the circumstances that occurred with a board member, because students who are going to be involved in this organization next year should not be penalized as a result of the miscommunication.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Amnesty International</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$5200</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$5200</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

**Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$5200. The committee felt that this organization did an excellent job of explaining how the funds would be used in a way that is beneficial to the University as a whole, with plans for events and ways to get the entire community involved.

**General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that this organization document all funding and expenses as well as event attendance numbers for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Asian-American Student Union</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$72,610.66</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$69,548.59</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$69,548.59. The committee felt that this organization demonstrated that it is a successfully expanding group. However, the committee did not see justification for such an increase for events, especially when funding from other sources has also increased.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee notes that this organization's events appear to be attended by the same group of people and their friends repeatedly and recommends that the organization branch out with advertising to reach those who do not yet go to meetings. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Black Student Union</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$90,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$46,000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$46,000. The committee saw a distinct lack of effort made to expand programming for the upcoming year, with the same number of events planned and the substantial requested increase earmarked almost entirely for more well-known speakers. However, the organization appears to have failed to take into consideration the draw of such speakers when reserving space and food for these functions, as well as demonstrating a considerable lack of realistic planning to secure such speakers. The committee also felt that student fees should not be used to fully fund travel that is not directly beneficial to all students or is available only to a specific and limited pool of people, and particularly notes that student fees should not go toward transportation of high school students to campus in order to show them around the University.

### **Minority Rationale:**

The minority felt the organization's president addressed most of the committee's concerns in the March 6<sup>th</sup> public hearing. One of the concerns was how the organization planned their events, and based on the president's statements during the public hearing, most events are planned during the summer. The minority felt that even if the organization was not going to be approved for the full request, the committee should at least have considered the request a little more.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that more funding be spent on advertising around the entire campus in order to reach more students. The committee also recommends that this organization create more events designed to increase awareness of what it does. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Campus Atheists Skeptics &amp; Humanists</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$8000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$8000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

**Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$8000. The committee felt that this organization did an outstanding job of showing the benefit to the entire student body and University as a whole.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Chess Club</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$4100</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$0</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to award no funding for this organization for the academic year of 2008-2009. The committee felt that there was not sufficient information provided to demonstrate the benefit of this organization to all students. The organization did not provide examples or ideas of how they already do or plan to inform students outside of Coffman Union about their existence and activities. The committee did not feel that the substantial leap in the organization's funding was justified, especially when combined with the facts that the organization is pursuing no other sources of funding, there were significant errors in budget on their application, their projected expenses far exceed their total income for 2007-2008, and they do not maintain the required 10% operating reserve.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that this organization provide more examples of efforts to raise awareness of their organization, specific attendance numbers at events, and an effort to secure outside support, whether monetary or in-kind. The committee also recommends that the organization find ways to include students who may not have an interest in playing chess in order to justify use of student service fees. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT)</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$88,000 (\$4.13 R/R)</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$82,000 (\$3.57 R/R)</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>6 in favor, 3 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding in a refusible/refundable fee amount of \$3.57. The committee felt that the organization demonstrated significant efforts to secure outside funding and good use of advertising. The committee had initial questions about the benefit to the student body as a whole to justify the increased request, which were adequately addressed by the organization. The committee remains concerned about this organization's fiscal responsibility, but is satisfied that the organization has and will be taking steps to remedy past inadequacies, including rebuilding their operating reserve over the next two years. The committee increased the amount awarded from the initial recommendations with the expectation that the organization will demonstrate progress in this area, will be able to specifically justify the "other" expenses in programming breakdown, and will either offer verified numbers or not include the "number of people reached" categories for events.

### **Minority Rationale:**

The minority felt that the organization adequately addressed the budgetary issues referenced in the initial recommendation. However, the minority felt that the other issues mentioned in the initial recommendation, in particular the intern program's benefit to the University as a whole, were not reconciled to warrant a final allocation of \$82,000. The minority would have approved a recommendation higher than the initial \$70,000, but lower than the final \$82,000.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The committee once again would like to remind the organization that fees applications are evaluated independently, and accordingly, their presentation time and application should be focused more on the merits of their organization and less on comparisons of other organizations. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be expected when this organization no longer uses the refusible/refundable fees mechanism, and will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Community Child Care Center</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$75,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$75,000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$75,000. The committee felt that the organization did an excellent job of demonstrating the benefits it provides, not just to students with children, but to the entire University community, especially the ongoing relationship with similar organizations and academic programs. However, the committee is concerned about the organization's fiscal responsibility. Despite an increase in fees request and an increase in program tuition, as well as using the operating reserve for expenses, the organization still has projected budget shortfalls.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee is concerned about the organization's ongoing operating deficit and failure to maintain reserve funding. In fully funding this request, the committee does so with the stipulation that we expect the Community Child Care Center to operate in the black, and maintain the 10% reserve. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Como Community Child Care</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$60,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$60,000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

**Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to award the amount of \$60,000. The committee felt that this organization did an excellent job at explaining how these funds were justified for the upcoming year along with how their services to the University benefited the whole community.

**General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that the organization explore opportunities to coordinate internships or other learning opportunities with the University. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Council of College Boards</b>
<b>Amount Requested; \$65,164</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$63,010</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$63,010. The committee felt that student fees should not be used to fully fund travel that is not directly beneficial to all students or is available only to a specific and limited pool of people. However, the committee felt that the organization explained the benefit to the student body in a way that justified the amount awarded.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

Now that the organization's reorganization is complete, the Student Services Fees Committee will expect any future requests to demonstrate specific expenses and income, with supporting documentation and past accounting. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will also be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>CRU</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$12,855</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$12,855</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$12,855. The committee felt that the organization easily demonstrated the justification for funding, showing extensive collaboration with other organizations, hugely and steadily increasing attendance numbers, outreach to all students, and successful and widespread advertising. In addition, the organization extensively and substantially seeks out other sources of funding.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee would like to compliment this organization on both their fees application and their presentation, and recommends that other organizations follow this request as a model. The application was complete and clear, provided hard data as well as narrative, and showed excellent financial management. The presentation made use of photographs from their events, and the presenters were knowledgeable about the organization and extremely well-prepared to answer questions.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Democracy Matters</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$8700</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$3500</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$3500. The committee felt that the benefit of the organization was clearly demonstrated, and past efforts to secure funding have been excellent. However, the committee did not feel that the organization has adequately justified the need for the full amount requested.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends the organization demonstrate more thorough and detailed bookkeeping, and provide specifics about sponsored events. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Disabled Student Cultural Center</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$15,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$15,000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

**Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$15,000. The committee felt that the organization did an excellent and thorough job in demonstrating these funds would be used to benefit the entire student body. The organization also explained past budget discrepancies to the committee's satisfaction.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Engineers Without Borders</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$5000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$3000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$3000. The committee awarded this money to compensate for on-campus activities and to partially fund later travel. Because the entirety of the University cannot benefit from the travel, yet without it the organization is effectively moot, the committee felt partial coverage was justified.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that this organization work to raise awareness on campus of their projects abroad. The committee also recommends clearer budgetary breakdowns for future fees requests. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Entrepreneurship Club</b>
<b>Amount Requested; \$3000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$0</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>7 in favor, 1 against, 2 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to award no funding for this organization for the academic year of 2008-2009. Though the committee felt that the organization adequately addressed the extent of the benefit they provide to students, their application had numerous and extensive flaws and omissions. There were mistakes in arithmetic, reserves were not accounted for, and other funding sources were entirely omitted. In light of these facts, the committee did not feel that this organization's request could be justified.

### **Minority Rationale:**

The minority felt that the Entrepreneurship Club should have been awarded a portion of the requested fees as it has shown great efforts in reaching out to the greater University community. Furthermore, it has proven the organization's benefits to all students, not just ones who are involved with the organization.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee strongly recommends that this organization take advantage of available assistance from the Student Unions & Activities Office for future requests. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Event Partnership Grant</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$75,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$62,079.84</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$62,079.84. The committee felt that the organization demonstrated its benefits to the student body, but had substantial carryover from past years. Because of this, the committee adjusted the award to provide the organization with \$75,000 to give out as grants, plus operating expenses.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that this organization exhaust its grant resources yearly and not maintain such significant carryover. If there is not enough demand for \$75,000 of grants each year, adjustments may be made for future requests.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Graduate and Professional Student Assembly</b>
<b>Amount Requested; \$376,363.32</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$376,363.32</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>6 in favor, 2 against, 2 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$376,363.32. The organization fully demonstrated its benefit to the entire student body and the University as a whole. Their presentation was extremely professional and the organization maintains very thorough records of past and projected expenses. The organization clarified that in light of a significant carryover amount, they reduced their request accordingly.

### **Minority Rationale:**

The minority voted against full funding for this organization due to the inclusion of an expense line item for “reserve contribution.” The minority felt that reserve funding should be the result of fiscal responsibility and cost containment efforts over the course of the funding year rather than money specifically given to fund a reserve. The minority views this line item as an unnecessary expense that should not be directly funded through the student services fees mechanism.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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**Organization Name:**  
**Amount Requested; \$31,250**  
**Committee Vote:**

**Hillel: The Jewish Student Center**  
**Amount Approved: \$31,250**  
**10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining**

**Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$31,250. The committee felt that the organization clearly demonstrated a benefit to students, and showed a considerable amount of planning for future events, presenting a very clear request.

**General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that the organization take into consideration the outcome of events compared to amount of funding spent on the event. The amounts should be proportional to one another, but it currently appears that the organization is willing to spend a significant amount of money even if there is minimal attendance at an event. The committee felt that this was an issue to bring to the organization's attention for future requests but it was not a big enough issue to decrease funds over this year.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>La Raza Student Cultural Center</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$44,550</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$35,000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the amount of \$35,000. Though the committee felt that there is a sufficient benefit to students to justify some funding, there was not a demonstrated need for funding increase, since it appears that attendance and event numbers are decreasing. The committee was further unconvinced by the organization's explanation for lack of outreach with non-Latino/a students, especially graduate and professional students.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Service Fees Committee recommends that the results of the organization's proposed summer audit be submitted with future fees requests, and the organization focus on developing records that can be passed on to future boards to avoid audit problems from lack of information. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Middle Eastern Student Association</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$4300</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$2500</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$2500. The committee felt that the organization demonstrated that it provides a service for students, but significant financial problems prevented the committee from recommending the full amount. This organization maintains no operating reserve whatsoever, much less the required 10%. There were mistakes in arithmetic in the proposed budgets. Finally, there was an abrupt cessation of requests for internal grants.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that the organization work on making their events more visible to people outside of their group, and provide specific breakdowns of attendance numbers to show members v. non-members in future requests. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Minnesota International Student Association</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$60,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$42,028</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$42,028. The committee felt that the organization demonstrated the benefits provided to the student body very well, but found no justification for the projected growth in attendance. The committee notes that the numbers for the predicted, current, and future events are identical to last year's application, and thus finds it unlikely that these numbers are accurate. The committee also noticed advertisements in the guidebooks but was unable to find out how much was generated based on the application. Therefore, the committee approved an award slightly higher than last year to allow for increased numbers of guidebooks to be distributed.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee appreciated being given examples of the guidebook created for international students during the presentation. The committee recommends that furniture expenses be itemized under "supplies" in operational expenses rather than "rent and utilities." Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Minnesota Public Interest Research Group</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$100,000 (\$4.82 R/R)</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$100,000 (\$4.82 R/R)</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding in a refusable/refundable fee amount of \$4.82. The committee felt that the organization sufficiently demonstrated its benefit to the entire student body. The committee felt that the organization did a great job of justifying increases in their request.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be expected when this organization no longer uses the refusable/refundable fees mechanism, and will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Minnesota Student Association</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$146,068</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$144,104.47</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$144,104.47. The committee felt that the organization clearly demonstrated that it provides a service to students, and justified expenses quite well. The reduction in the amount requested reflected the amount beyond 10% that the organization maintained in reserve.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee would like to remind the organization that while it is prudent to maintain reserves in long-term CDs or other accounts apart from a general bank account, this must be accounted for on the fees application. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Queer Student Cultural Center</b>
<b>Amount Requested; \$45,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$44,650</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$44,650. The committee felt that the organization demonstrated its benefit to the entire student body, and that increase in funding was justified in order to account for the projected increase in event attendance. The committee also felt that student fees should not be used to fully fund travel that is not directly beneficial to all students or is available only to a specific and limited pool of people, and adjusted the award accordingly.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Service Fees Committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

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<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Students for a Conservative Voice</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$65,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$44,500</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$44,500. The committee felt that the organization demonstrated that it provides a service that benefits all students. However, aside from the 2000/month publication number, there was no evidence of the publication's readership numbers. Without such information, the committee could not find justification for a 67% increase in printing and copying costs. In addition, the organization made no demonstrated effort to secure outside funding of any sort, including advertising revenue. The committee also felt that the request for \$2000 for computer/camera supplies was not justified since the organization received \$5000 for the same in 2007-2008. Finally, the organization appeared to be spending 20% of its budget on entertainment, which was not justified anywhere in its application.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Service Fees Committee would like to see demonstration of evidence of the publication's readership numbers in future fees requests, as well as an effort to make students who are not currently involved in the organization aware of its existence and purpose, aside from advertising in the publication itself. Finally, because fees proposals are evaluated independently from one another, the committee also recommends that this organization focus more on what the organization provides, rather than how it compares with other organizations, for future funding requests.

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Undergraduate Women in Business</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$5000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$0</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>7 in favor, 1 against, 2 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve no funding for this organization for the academic year of 2008-2009. The committee felt that this organization was too narrowly-focused to justify receiving student fees as presented. The presentation showed awareness of this issue, but did not provide evidence of an effort to expand the organization to students who are not undergraduate women in business. In addition, the organization not only did not maintain the required 10% operating reserve, but was unaware of the requirement to do so.

### **Minority Rationale:**

The UWB has a solid plan to expand its marketing efforts to better attract students that are not business majors. Student groups such as UWB, that is a great resource for many students on campus, should be awarded student services fees because the students the group benefit also pay fees. Furthermore, UWB is an organization that has demonstrated great value to many students on campus.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Service Fees Committee recommends that this organization provide a demonstration of plans to reach outside of CSOM for members and activities. The committee felt that the organization had a vision of this need but not a plan to address it. The committee also recommends the organization provide specific evidence in any future proposals, as well as a specific breakdown of programming expenses. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Veterans Transition Center</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$20,480</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$6000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$6000. The committee felt that the organization did an excellent job of demonstrating that their membership will grow in the future, and providing activities and community for veterans. However, the committee was concerned about the appearance that the organization has abandoned other forms of past funding, as well as some discrepancies as to where funds were coming from. The committee felt there was no justification presented for such a huge leap in fees allocation, nor such a complete transition to funding almost exclusively through student fees. Because the membership will clearly grow in the future, and the organization is providing a necessary service to the campus, the committee approved a slight increase from last year's award.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that the organization provide more information about the breakdown of the budget in future proposals, including income and expenses. The committee also encourages the organization to continue to ask the University for funding, as the administration established this as something important, from which it receives a lot of political good will. The committee also encourages the organization to grow in the educational aspect of the group, and look for ways to include more students who are not veterans in order to set up connections with veteran students and their non-veteran peers. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Voices Merging</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$8360</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$6460</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>9 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$6460. The committee was impressed with the organization's presentation, which showed that attendance numbers are increasing, regular evaluations are conducted, and the organization has a large number of events. The committee also felt that student fees should not be used to fully fund travel that is not directly beneficial to all students or is available only to a specific and limited pool of people, including travel to area high schools for outreach.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee would like to thank this organization for providing hard data with the results of past evaluations in the fees application, and particularly appreciated seeing the actual surveys from the latest event. The committee also strongly recommends that the organization conform to the application format provided in future requests. Further, the committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>The Wake Student Magazine</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$98,500</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$98,500</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$98,500. The committee felt that this organization sufficiently demonstrated its benefit to students, and the committee was especially impressed with what the organization was able to do given very large budget cuts from last year's fees request. The amount awarded is also meant to help with the two major events that the organization intends to hold to increase the public knowledge of The Wake and increase involvement.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee would like to point out that organizations are required to maintain an operating reserve of approximately 10% at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

## **Student Services Fees Committee Final Recommendations for 2008-2009 Funding**

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>Women's Student Activist Collective</b>
<b>Amount Requested: \$30,000</b>	<b>Amount Approved: \$30,000</b>
<b>Committee Vote:</b>	<b>10 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining</b>

### **Majority Rationale:**

The Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve the award of \$30,000. The organization did a great job of demonstrating the benefit to the entire student body, and sufficiently explained attendance numbers at events.

### **General Recommendations/Comments:**

The Student Services Fees Committee recommends that the organization group together all funding used to pay staff or students in the budget breakdown. The committee further recommends that the organization utilize library resources available on campus instead of adding more books to its own collection.