



Services and Activities Fee Committee (SAFC)

April 4th, 2025

**3:30pm
GWP 320**

Zoom Link: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/98089084773>

MEETING MINUTES 20

Attendance:

<p>Voting Members Norah Duncan – Present Madai Espinoza – Present Kailey Lawless – Present Samuel Pena-Rojas - Present Anchal Turna – Present Kaily White – Present (Zoom)</p> <p>Administrative Staff Sean Schmidt - Present Hayden Busic - Present</p>	<p>Ex-Officio Members Bernard Anderson – Present (Zoom) Alicia Whitten – Present (Zoom) Gordon Craig – Present Cherie - Present (Zoom)</p> <p>Guests Holly Wetzel Juanita Garcia Conor O’Leary Daniel Nash</p>
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Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:31 pm by Sam.

Land Acknowledgement. A land acknowledgement was given by Sam.

Safety Briefing. A safety briefing was given by Sam.

Roll Call, Guest Introductions, Connection-Building Activity. Roll Call is documented above. Guests were introduced.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes. There being no objection from the committee, the Chair approved the agenda and minutes as amended from last week’s meeting.

Open Public Forum

- Holly mentioned the ASUWT is grateful for however close that the SAFC can get to the proposed amount that they were able to work with what is at hand and are appreciative with the amount as it is or even a couple thousand more.

- Conor mentioned that the OSCARs will take place on May 2nd (Friday) at the Y in rooms 303/304 and will start at 6 pm.
- Spring Involvement Fair is on April 7th and 8th in the WPH from 11:00am-2:00pm.

Reports & Updates

- **Chair/Vice-Chair**
 - Sam: Has been working on the allocations and taking into consideration the responses from the proposers. Has met the Chancellor alongside Sean and others. Sam says that we should investigate being more modest by increasing from .5% to 3.3% with the cost and the demand for [the cost of] living. Also, he mentioned that he updated S&A revenue projections with a spreadsheet to see fee revenue increases.
 - Norah: Goal is to hire SAFC committee members for next year by the end of this spring. If anyone would like to be on the hiring committee, please let her know.
- **Members**
 - Sean: will update the tracking document with the graph by next week.
- **Committees**
 - None.

Old Business: Second Reading

- **CSI - Giving Garden**
- **CSI – Student Publications**

Anchal: Reached out to Conor and asked for a 3% decrease. \$253,000 was the request for this year. Anchal recommends setting them up by giving them at least more than 100k. Norah says that the Chancellor doesn't seem opposed to using some of the deficit spending and at least submitting a draft, not opposed to bumping up to 100k. Madai also supports the 100k as the counter proposal to not be 90k is valid. Anchal so moved to approve the Student Publications annual allocation at \$100,000. Kaily W. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **CSI – CSI/University Y Student Center & Dawg House**

Kaily leans on Sam's original recommendation for the CSI. Norah Duncan moved to approve the CSI's UWY and Dawg House annual allocation at \$78,000. Anchal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Center for Equity & Inclusion**

Sam recommends an allocation of \$175,000 and then moved towards the amount of \$160,000 in order to limit the amount of spending, prioritizing specific positions at the CEI. Norah wants to bump it up higher just to see where possible. Sams wants to limit any bumping as much as possible given the constraints currently at hand for sustainability and the long-term effect of the allocations themselves. Kaily L. moved to approve the CEI annual allocation at \$160,000. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **First Gen Fellows**
- **Pantry**

Kaily W. mentions that this was for one full-time staff member and 5 student jobs. She mentions that the Chancellor commented that this is one of the higher priorities for the annual allocations. Sam mentions only doing the full-time. \$86,719 eliminates the other student positions requested. Kaily recommends adding two student positions instead of five just to alleviate the tasks from just one to a few others. Norah moved to approve the Pantry annual allocation at \$100,000. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **CSI – Husky Sustainability Fund**

The reduction amount was \$93,000. Kaily L. says that this fund was just for the positions themselves. The Chancellor mentioned that this was something more up to us with the question: is this as important as the pantry? Kaily L. moved to approve the HSF annual allocation at \$160,000. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Global Ambassadors & Language Lessons**

Sam mentioned that the preliminary fringe rate is up to 2%. \$51,000 is the proposal this year. Madai recommends a 70% reduction. Vanessa's top priority is the OGA study abroad ambassador. Sam's recommendation is \$0; Madai's recommendation is 11k. Norah recommends reconsidering, and Sean wants to clarify that the students need to at least find out about study abroad opportunities as \$0 takes away the student position to fully market the advertising of study abroad opportunities. Sam thinks that this is not necessarily a necessity as it is not a priority of the overall alignment of the SAFC committee. Next year, the committee will know what may be spent without dipping into the contingency. Madai recommends the 10k to 11k recommendation as they are able to handle what they currently have but with less hours. Kaily W. moved to deny the annual allocation to be 0\$. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Veteran & Military Resource Center (VRMC)**

There were some updates due to some recent approvals of a staff position by Juanita and Mentha. Kaily W. updated the new proposal amount in the breakdown. The VRMC works closely with Boeing, the company, as well as Alaska Airlines to cover stipends. They continue to move up in the ranks towards friendliness to vets on campus, and there is even an increase in revenues each year. Kaily recommends a 30% reduction. Sam questions if the positions themselves are drivers of revenue. Only one is funded by the SAFC. All the other advisors are work-study positions or paid for by Alaska Airlines.

Annual holiday/special event dinners/lunches are the reasons for the high amount of food proposal with three per quarter. Sean mentions that there are also some community-connected events like these with other programs that military-connected families and keynote speakers are attending. Cherie notes that the worry is the compliance factor of the use of state funds for food. Sean mentions also to consider the flexibility. Sam recommends \$80k as the proposed reduction and to keep applying for the special allocations for fall and winter. Ensuring that it is kept in mind that with the given constraints, we can't make exceptions and to ensure that we have funds for future events and programs.

Seans recommends giving them enough food for fall to get started for fall quarter. Gordon recommends splitting the difference in the likely event of moving out on the possibility of special allocations may be delayed. The recommendation is \$87,500. Kaily L. moved to approve the VRMC annual allocation at \$87,500. Madai Espinoza seconded. Kaily W. abstained. 4-0-1.

New Business

- **Review of Approved Allocations**

ASUWT is \$290,000. Holly mentions that however close that the SAFC can get to the proposed amount that they were able to work with what is at hand and are appreciative with the amount as it is or even a couple thousand more. Norah moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$290,000. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Career Development: Madai moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$35,000. Kaily L. seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CSI – CTF: The initial amended recommendation request is at \$45,000, and later, the recommendation shifted to \$35,000. Norah brings up the thought and the recommendation of amending the amount to keep it as is. Norah moved to approve the annual allocation at \$45,000 instead of \$100,000. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

CSI – Husky Volunteers: Norah moved to approve the current allocated annual allocation at \$40,000. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CSI – RSOs: Norah moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$35,000. Madai Espinoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CSI – Welcome Days: Kaily L. moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$5,000. Anchal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DRS: Norah moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$20,000. Madai seconded. The motion passed unanimously. -1

Husky Success Series - Norah moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$4,800. Madai seconded. The motion passed unanimously. -1

Student Advising - Madai moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$12,000. Norah seconded. The motion passed unanimously. -1

Student Life – Norah moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$652,380. Madai seconded. The motion passed unanimously. -1

TLC – Hospitality Fund: Anchal moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$0 and to reject the requested proposal. Madai seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TLC – Peer Success Mentor Program: Madai moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$4,700. Anchal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Student Health Services: Madai moved to approve the amended annual allocation at \$218,801. Anchal seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- Sam brings up how the Chancellor mentioned a .5% to 3% percent increase from 164-165 to 169 to help stay with the cost of living as the fee itself continues to increase with an updated fee revenue projection to 2.6 million.
- Sean mentions how the projection is important and that we have some flexibility in what happens next year. With the increase itself of one dollar, the recommendation doesn't include the process of asking and telling students about the increase, but this allows us to further continue along. The budget amount of the positions is what goes up 4%.
- Conor mentions the possibility in the STFC of a 3% increase so about a 40-to-50-dollar STFC fee as many reductions have taken place. Anchal recommends finding a middle ground and asking students about their own opinions on the topic itself. The trick is to find the amount and the recommendation for every two years to increase a small amount each year. Madai also thinks that we should increase but also take into consideration the amount of student enrollment. Sam recommends that the committee review how the SAFC at both Bothell and Seattle operate and what they are doing to account for the STFC fees.

Announcements

- None

Adjournment

- The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:35pm.