

**ASI FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 3:00 PM
SUMMIT ROOM**

APPROVED 3/1/2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER-3:00 PM**
- II. ROLL CALL-SEE ATTACHED.**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/01/2022** were adopted as distributed.
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT—NONE**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Student Employment Grant applicant presentations

a. 2022-2023 Student Employment Grant applications

Grant applicants who submitted their completed application were invited to address the committee regarding the circumstances.

Degrees Project

The program was established in 2013 and designed to support the degree attainment. There was a division-wide meeting the due date of the applications when it was submitted and she notified Dr. Mills that the signature was needed. She texted him to sign the document. He let her know by text that the form was signed. She shared the merits of the program for Sac State students and helps to retain students on campus.

Education Opportunity Program

This program has a 50 year history on this campus. The program provides grants and support for first generational students. They run five (5) summer bridge programs on campus. 2000 students served through this program.

Project Rebound

The Executive Director of Project Rebound, Patricia Morris, introduced herself to the committee and they are currently serving approximately 60 students. She is also a fulltime professor. When submitting the application, she emailed Bill Macriss instead of Dr. Mills since she thought he was the correct person to sign off on the application. Dr. Mills did sign it later that night after it was discovered that it needed to be rerouted to Dr. Mills. She did not know the process previously and took responsibility for the error.

b. 2020-2021 External Grant Final Reports

The report is required for all funded programs to provide a final report by July 31, and they may be deemed ineligible for future grants if not received. A reminder was sent to all funded programs on July 19 and then a reminder sent on August 3. Three applicants had

not submitted their Year End Final report. Two immediately sent it upon notification of the missing report and eligibility.

Commit to Study

This program was started in 2017, and due to a change in leadership the report was missed. Once notified the new leadership completed the final report and submitted it to ASI. They do workshops on study skills. It assists in graduation and retention rates for STEM students. They apologized for the delays. The program supports all students in math and STEM courses. Sayonita Ghosh Hajra has now taken over the responsibility for the application and Final Year End report.

Project Hmong

They support the retention of Hmong and AIPIDA students. They foster a sense of belonging, leadership and skills. They have worked closely with HUSA – Hmong University Student Association club on the Sac State campus. In a survey, 92% of students who participate have felt more connected. The transition to the virtual nature of business due to Covid-19 caused them to misplace electronic files. Our campus has one of the largest groups of Hmong students in the CSU.

Sacramento State Strings Project

It's the 21st year of the Sacramento State Strings project. 60-110 children come on campus to take lessons in violin and cello from the most underserved communities. Twenty (20) Sac State students teach lessons to the children receiving teacher training through the program. It's an excellent experience and provides a pathway to professional employment post-graduation. The children receive a pathway to going to college and see Sac State as their community. Tried to provide services during the pandemic and he forgot in the disarray of the covid. He's sorry he forgot. He is also a fulltime teacher on campus. Children/families pay \$110 for 28 classes over the course of the semester. They have found it valuable to have the families have some financial interest in the lessons to assist in engagement and practice.

B. Review and Discussion of allocation of Student Employment Grant monies

Discuss the appeals that were presented. We discussed the application process and the timeline that the grant followed.

The committee is concerned that Sac State students will be directly impacted if not funded. It could be a disservice to the students by not fully funding programs.

All the directors are passionate about the programs they spoke on and we don't want to take that from the students. Several committee members asked the group to consider partially funding the grants that applied late. A recommendation was to consider that the partial funding is only one student wage allowance based on our formula. We should consider those applicants who turned in the report even if they did submit report but late, but turned it after being notified in January.

The budget for the Student Employment Grant comes from an approved fee assessment passed by Sac State students to pay \$5 per semester per student.

We should consider a cap for all applicants based on the funding that we have available. The grant is not intended to be the sole support for the employment. The grants ideally provide additional resources for students.

The committee took a vote on applicants that submitted their applications late and determined they will fund all applicants with cap which will be not the same as those who turned in their completed application on time.

The committee took a vote on applicants that did not submit a Final Year End report for the 2020-2021 year and determined they will fund all applicants but with a reduction from those who submitted their Final Year end report on time.

We will send an email to all applicants to let them know they will be part of the allocation. The recommended determination of funding will be sent to all applicants following our prescribed process of notifying the applicants of the recommendation of the ASI Finance & Budget Committee, have the ASI Board of Directors vote on the recommendation and then sending the recommended budget which includes the Student Employment Grants to the University President for approval.

Those who submitted their application late without the Vice President signature will receive funding for one student and 5% cap of the leftover monies.

Those who did not submit the final year-end report on time, will receive funding for one student employee per our prescribed formula only with no additional monies.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Soltero-

Friday, February 18 our ASI scholarships will be open and be due no later than March 18. There is also a scholarship just for being a student in the college of Business. She encourages you all to apply. A reminder that if you're in a Club/Orgs that they are eligible for DOC for up to \$600 per year.

Since we have no business to hear, we will cancel the meeting for February 23. We will meet again on March 1.


Gallardo – Encouraged to run for office and applications are open and due no later Cash for Clubs – top five prizes and \$5 per person who votes for a club.

VII. ADJOURNMENT- 4:50 PM



VP OF FINANCE

3/7/2022
DATE



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