

IRA Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 29th, 2012
8:00am

Members present: Simone Aloisio, Kristina Cervi, Callie Juarez, Jana Plat, Ashley Walters, Tobin Streamland, Christine Wamba, Brennan Wood.

Administrators/Staff Present: Lisa Ayre-Smith, Dan Wakelee

Guest: Steven Jordan

I. Meeting called to order

8:00am

II. Review of the minutes of October 30th and November 29th, 2012.

a. Chair requested motion to approve the minutes of October 30th. Motion to approve, motion seconded.

Approve: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Not voting: 1

Motion passed.

b. Chair Plat requested motion to approve the minutes of November 29th. Motion to approve, motion seconded.

Approve: 5

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Not voting: 1

Motion passed.

III. Proposal 478- Beatles Guest Lectures- Request for change in funding

Chair introduced this agenda item. Proposal already includes \$50 for parking permits. Proposal sponsor is seeking to use monies previously allocated for other uses- \$200 for on campus sign postings and/or \$250 for local advertising- for additional parking spots. Chair sought motion to allow for this line item change in funding. Motion to approve. Motion seconded.

Approve: 6

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

****Late members entered the meeting at this point****

IV. Proposal 547- Mathematics seminars.

Chair gave background on this item. Member commented, that we should not fund this or at least wait until everything else is approved; added that technically it is a late proposal, not requesting emergency funds.

Chair sought motion to consider Proposal 547 a late proposal & table discussion until the Committee goes over current proposals. Motion to approve, motion seconded.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

III. Continued Review of Category III proposals

Chair asked if the committee would prefer to go over proposals individually- or approve a certain percentage of each. D. Advisor suggested discussing first and then coming to agreement on each of the categories as a block. Committee came to agreement on preliminary funding amounts as indicated below, in order to facilitate voting at the next scheduled meeting.

506- Germany and the European Union

Chair asked for comments. Member voiced that said trip is organized and in line with courses. Member suggested that we remove \$400 in supplies and that we fund per matriculated students. Set preliminary funding amount at 2/3 of what they are asking for, which equals \$35268.50. When divided by 15, equals \$2351 per matriculated student up to 15 students.

508- UNIV 392- Globalization in South Korea

Committee indicated that they would like to minus the \$175 in supplies and vendor printing from the \$30,012 requested that will equal a funding total of \$29,837 or \$1989 per matriculated student up to 15 students.

519- UNIV 392- Social Change in Spain

The Committee set an expected funding amount of \$2468 per matriculated student up to 15 students, to a maximum total of \$37,016.

520- UNIV 392- Cuba Today

Committee set a preliminary expected funding amount of \$2031 per matriculated student up to 20 students, for a maximum total of \$40,629.

521- CERN internships

Chair introduced additional information on this proposal that was sent via email. Committee discussed the Course fee covered by lottery funds. Staff provided an explanation and clarification of lottery funds and guidelines for their use. Member noted math errors in proposal and that activity is unlikely to bring a broad benefit to campus, has an unclear role of a faculty member and noted that the cost is high for a two-month activity. Suggested that typical 1/3 ratio of funding should be adjusted.

Member spoke in favor of the proposal. Noted that there is strong academic tie to class; students have to take classes to prepare. Suggested IRA fund at lower level than they are requesting. Chair commented that in their email response to Committee questions, the sponsor admitted an error; the amount requested should have been 26,526 instead of 22,530. One member voiced a desire to support air travel, but not lodging or food. Discussion; another member commented that it is a good opportunity, and that a student wouldn't necessarily pass it up even if lodging, food, & insurance weren't covered.

Committee indicated preliminary funding amount of \$11,200, or \$1867 per matriculated student, up to 6 students. Member suggested we include ground transportation, and asked what proposals have highest out of pocket charges.

0522- UNIV 392 – France & Switzerland

Members of the committee showed general reluctance in funding this proposal- is not well-constructed, and is not clearly tied to the course. Chair sought motion to remove this from category 3's then asked are there objections to remove it from final tally. There were no objections; the item was removed.

530- ESRM 463 Field Trip and UNIV 298 Joint Field Study

Chair read responses to emailed questions. ESRM 463 does not have a course fee, but UNIV 298 does not. Member inquired about what event travel involves. Advisor noted that course fees need to be approved a semester in advance by SFAC. Member noted that this event serves over 60 students from various disciplines (but mostly from ESRM & Biology).

Another member commented that the Committee should send the message that students should pay part of their fair share for recurring field trips. Funding amount to be voted upon stands at \$9200.

533- UNIV 392- Biotechnology in India

Chair asked for consensus about whether this proposal should be tabled until next semester's meetings begin. Committee agreed.

539- UNIV 392- Art in Paris.

Discussed responses to questions that were emailed to sponsor. One member suggested a condition- if a student has gone before, they should pay their own way. Discussion. Another member commented that tracking and putting restrictions on repeat attendees has often been difficult in the past. Will put condition in award letters that IRA will not fund students going more than once.

Member stated that there are issues with their application, budget, and timeframe. Suggested that students can only go if they have not attended a previous IRA trip/not gone on this Trip before; "repeat" students could go on this trip, but would have to pay the full price.

Staff indicated that this trip was proposed before for 4 weeks before, while being funded on a grander scale- and the resultant IRA response at the time was that the sponsors adjust the length of trip.

IV. Chair Wrap-Up

There will be an additional Committee meeting on Tuesday 8am, in order to conclude businesses. Chair suggested that members rank the proposals. Chair will send out a Google doc so that student committee members can exchange information and hopefully reach a general consensus before Tuesday's meeting.

V. Adjourn

8:53am