

IRA Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 6th, 2012
8:00am

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

Members absent: Callie Juarez

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

Guest present: Steven Jordan

I. Meeting called to order

8:02am

II. Approval of the minutes of December 4th, 2012

Approved.

III. Category 1 proposals

Chair explained consensus and encouraged Committee members to not block consensus over small amounts under \$1000. Motioned that total available is approximately \$251,330 after removing \$5000 for OPC Chargebacks.

Running total is \$27,524.25 for category 1's.

One member blocked consensus and suggested 524 and 525 be combined and IRA allocate \$2500 total for both, as they are same professor, so we would follow similar procedure as we did for 516, 517, 518. Motion seconded.

Motion to allocate a combined funding amount of \$2500 for Proposals 524 & 525. Motion seconded.

Approve: 6

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 1

Motion passed.

Chair sought motion to approve all Category 1 proposals at a combined total of \$25,126.25. No member blocked consensus. Motion carried.

IV. Category 2 proposals.

Chair asked if anyone would block consensus on \$50,443 for category II's.

Proposal 542

One member blocked consensus and motioned to change funding for Proposal 542 to zero. Motion seconded.

Discussion.

Member commented that MUN has to know by January and that it is in the guidelines as MUN activity. Member suggested that trip could be once a year, not twice a year. Comment that the trip that happened this year was approved by last year's committee and mentioned a lack of connection to the MUN class or club for last's year's activity, in contrast to this year's event. Discussion of implications and application of E.O. 429. Member commented that MUN fits the standard of being instructionally related. Chair moved to cap discussion at 8:17am.

Member mentioned that 542 seems like a Category 3 proposal; discussion ensued. Comment that they supports the proposal for this year, but that he trip needs to be encouraged to find funding through other means, i.e. co-curricular.

Wants to see it be treated as field trip. Another member commented that it is a strong program, but encouraged committee that, even considering precedent committee needs to be comfortable with their vote.

Motion was amended suggesting the proposal be funded at 2/3, for a total of 9853.33 at 2/3. Motion seconded. Member commented that the event won't be able to be funded. Another member commented that going forward, such as next year, possibly the sponsors could find funding elsewhere, but that for this year, given the current timeline, there wouldn't be enough time to secure other funding. Comment that the proposers are not asking for transportation costs and they supports either 2/3 or whole funding for this year, but that next year, they need to start looking for other funding.

Motion to fund 542 at 2/3 for a total of 9853.33.

Approve: 3

Oppose: 5

Abstain: 0

Motion failed, so funding for 542 stands at \$14,780.

Chair Plat sought motion to approve \$50,443 for all Category 2's. Asked if anyone would block consensus.

Proposal 523- CCACA Ceramics sculpture event

One member blocked consensus and motioned to change funding of Proposal 523 to zero. Motion seconded.

Chair opened floor for discussion. Discussion of problems with proposal- that it seems to be disorganized and is inappropriate in its request for funds; and that the proposal is not fully thought out.

Motion was amended to fund at 2/3. A friendly amendment was made to fund at 1/3. =\$1521.30. Member suggested that funding at that amount would not be helpful and in that case, proposal should just not be funded. Chair called no agreement. Motion recalled; called question.

Vote to fund proposal 523 at zero.

Approve: 5

Oppose: 3

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

Chair announced that Category 2 proposals currently stand at \$45,833. Chair asked if anyone blocks consensus on passing Category 2 proposals at 45,833. No one blocked consensus and funding for Category 2's stand at \$ 45,833.

V. Category 3 Proposals

Chair again explained that voting for Category 3's will take place by blocking of consensus, and that voting will be done individually on Category 3 proposals.

Proposal 505- César Chávez Day of Service and Learning

Two blocked consensus of funding at \$14,922. Chair opened floor for discussion. Motion to fund at \$11,422 which cuts out 3000 in advertising, \$400 in printing (leaving \$100 for printing) and taking \$2000 out for matting, framing, etc. Advisor gave point of information that allocations are currently at \$180,040 for Category 3's.

Called question. Vote taken to approve Proposal 505 at \$11,422.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

Proposal 506 – International Business- Germany & the European Union

One blocked consensus. Member mentioned that he was least impressed by this international proposal and motioned to fund proposal at zero. Chair seconded the motion and opened the floor for discussion.

Discussion of proposal's merits and flaws. Comment that the proposal is not very well articulated, and seems to have a more tourist focus. Another member disagreed and mentioned that students will be attending school there, taking their final abroad, learning & reading. Other member raised the concern about courses taking place over summertime- mostly whether or not students are matriculated, and the course is serving students.

Member commented that even funding a proposal at a low amount gives "light at end of tunnel". Another member voiced the opinion that historically the business trips haven't always had thought-through proposals and that funding at zero could give other proposals money. Another member commented that we should not fund a reduced number of students as IRA funds are meant to reach as many students as possible

Motion to fund proposal 506 at zero. Called question.

Approve: 4

Oppose: 2

Abstain: 2

Motion passed.

Proposal 508- Globalization & South Korea

Chair asked if anyone block consensus on funding for this at \$29,837 (or \$1989 per matriculated student up to a total of 15). Motion to fund at \$29,837 carried.

Proposal 512- Performing Arts Spring Production

Chair asked for any blocks to consensus at funding at \$21,025. One member blocked. Discussion. Chair sought motion to fund Proposal 512 at \$21,025 Motion seconded.

Approve: 6

Oppose: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

Proposal 513- NCUR

Chair asked if anyone would block consensus on funding at \$13,553. One member moved to block. Discussion of alternative funding. One recommendation to fund at zero. Another member mentioned \$10,000 available for entire campus student research activities from the Student Research Steering committee.

Motion to fund proposal 513 at \$4500. Original blocking member accepted it as a friendly amendment and called the question:

Approve: 6

Oppose: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

519 - Social Change in Spain

Chair asked if anyone would block consensus on funding this proposal at \$37,016. Two members blocked consensus. Motion to combine Proposals 519 & 520 to give them a total of \$38,000. Motion seconded. Floor was opened for discussion.

Chair suggested to give each proposal half at \$19,000. Member expressed desire for department to choose how they will allocate. Discussion as to both are relatively well-thought out & constructed. Member retracted second.

Motion amended to approve \$19,000 for Proposal 519. Motion seconded. Comment that Spain is more flexible and not as dependent on travel as Proposal 520. Member asked if we can we recommend with them to communicate with Cuba trip. Committee pointed out that trips are not necessarily related.

Motion for \$19,000 in funding for Social Change in Spain. Called the question.

Approve: 4

Oppose: 4

Abstain: 0

Motion denied.

Motion to approve Proposal 519 at original requested amt of \$37,016 (or \$2468 per matriculated student up to 15 students). Motion seconded.

Approve: 5

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 2

Motion passed.

Proposal 520 – Cuba Today

Chair asked if anyone blocks consensus for funding at \$40,629. One member blocked consensus then retracted blocking. Motion to approve Proposal 520 at \$40,629 (or \$2031 per matriculated student up to 20 students). Motion seconded.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1

Motion passed.

Proposal 521- CERN internships

Chair asked if anyone would block funding at \$11,200 (or \$1867 per matriculated student, up to 6 students). No one blocked consensus. Proposal 521 funded at \$11,200.

Proposal 0522 – UNIV 392- France/Switzerland

As per previous meetings, proposal will not be funded.

Advisor offered a running tally so far of remaining funds at \$18,411 and voted funding totals stand at \$255,688.

Point of information- Proposal 533 Biotech in India, Proposal 533 was tabled.

Proposal 0530- ESRM 463 Field Trip and UNIV 298 Joint Field Study

Chair asked if anyone would block consensus for funding this proposal at \$9200. No one blocked, so proposal is funded at \$9200.

Proposal 539- Art in Paris

Member commented that this was course taken multiple years, multiple times. Motion to fund Proposal 539 at zero. Motion seconded. Chair opened floor for discussion. There was no further discussion. Chair called question.

Approve: 7

Oppose: 1

Abstain: 0

Motion passed.

VI. Meeting wrap-up

Member gave suggestions for next round of funding- that sponsors should give a robust report & include images of activity/event including student participation. Motion was seconded.

Approve: 8

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

VII. Adjourn

8:58am