



GRANT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

2013 – 2014 #8

Date: September 18th 2013

Time: 5.04 pm

In Attendance:

JESSICA NGUYEN (Chair)

JOSH LE

CORY HODGSON

JAMES HWANG (proxy for ERIC GREHAN)

WILLIAM LAU (arrived 5.06 pm)

Excused Absence:

Others in Attendance:

SIRINA HAMILTON

SUSAN

SACHITHA KUSALADHARMA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by NGUYEN at 5.04 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

NGUYEN added “Packaging funding”, and “Nomination for the Wellness Project adjudication committee” to the agenda.

HODGSON moved to approve the agenda for *September 18, 2013 as amended*.

The motion was seconded by HWANG.

Vote on Motion 4/ 0 / 0

CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

NGUYEN amended the minutes to remove the name “CHLOE SPEAKMAN” from the section “Excused Absence”.

LE moved to approve the minutes for *August 29, 2013 as amended*.

The motion was seconded by HODGSON.

Vote on Motion 4/0/1
CARRIED

4.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

NGUYEN announced that Stephanie Corbett and Bashir Mohamed have already resigned from the Grant Allocation Committee (GAC). Furthermore, Eric Grehan will be resigning after the 18th of September. She said that the vacancies are expected to be filled at the next council meeting.

NGUYEN said that she has contacted Student Group Services to update Standing Orders regarding Student Group Granting, to match current practices. She further said that the aim is to get the changes done by the end of October.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Eligibility requirements for the OPA! Souvlaki Student Achievement Award

NGUYEN and HAMILTON explained about the changes made to the award, which are the name change, and the change to the number of awards given. HAMILTON further explained about the adjudication process, and stressed that it is harder to give out an award if its conditions are more specific. The committee also discussed about considering a student's financial need, with regards to giving out awards. LAU proposed to include initiatives to improve the campus community as a condition. SUSAN said that there were other awards which touched the aspects mentioned by LAU.

HODGSON moved that GAC approves conditions of the OPA! Souvlaki Student Achievement Award as attached.
The motion was seconded by HWANG.

Vote on Motion 5/0/0

CARRIED

Packaging Funding

HAMILTON explained to the committee about the need to collaborate with other awarding offices (Dean of Students office, and the International Center), to reduce the repetition for students when applying for aid. With regards to the Access Fund, she said that they would not necessarily be interviewing some potential candidates because they would trust the opinion provided by the other offices. However, she said that they will be interviewing most of the applicants. Moreover, she said that this would require an amendment to 51) of the Standing Orders.

LE inquired about the potential impact of the change, and HAMILTON replied that the impact would be quite large. HODGSON questioned about the timeline for standardizing the online application. HAMILTON replied that there was no timeline as of yet, and said that she was in talks with the Faculty of Medicine to obtain their customized online application. LAU asked whether any student applying for aid through one of the other offices be automatically considered for funding through the Access Fund. HAMILTON replied that her office would also be considering them via recommendation, and that they would trust the other offices.

The committee agreed on the proposal presented by Hamilton.

Letter of Expectation RE: Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund dispersal

NGUYEN said that a letter of expectation to the University of Alberta is being prepared to outline how the Students' Union wants the relationship to be like regarding the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund. She also gave some brief background information about the fund, and said that although it was originally supposed to be a grant, it has now become a reimbursement. LAU mentioned that by treating the Golden Bears and Pandas Legacy Fund as a grant, and not as a reimbursement, the workload on GAC would increase.

The committee also discussed about the memorandum of understanding between the Students' Union and University of Alberta Athletics, and about attending meetings with regards to the legacy fund with University of Alberta Athletics and the University Athletics Board.

Regarding moving forward with this issue, LE said that the original procedure, the current procedure, and the desired procedure needed to be looked into in detail.

Nomination for Wellness Project adjudication committee

LAU explained about the Wellness Project Fund, and about its adjudication committee. He further said that the fund is open for students, staff, and alumni when they put forward proposals for wellness initiatives. In addition, he mentioned potential projects/initiatives which would qualify for funding, and said that there were 2 positions in the Wellness Project adjudication

committee which needed representatives. The committee discussed whether these 2 positions should be filled by GAC, Students' Council, or students at large. It was ultimately decided that the Students' Council should make the decision.

6. CLOSED SESSION *NIL*

7. NEXT MEETING *Not decided.*

8. ADJOURNMENT HODGSON moved to adjourn the meeting.
The motion was seconded by LE.

Vote on Motion *5 / 0 / 0*

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at *5.58 pm.*