African Student Association

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $18,360  
Recommended Allocation: $14,215

Majority Opinion

Comments: The committee believes that the African Student association is providing a great benefit to our campus. We believe you had a good presentation and are committed to educating the entire campus about your rich culture. There are a few tweaks we wanted to make to your budget that you will find below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A deduction of $300 for Flyer design fee. We do not feel this benefits campus as a whole, nor do we believe this is a cost fee-paying students should pay more. Many groups are able to design their own flyers or get other students to do this for them. GDM: 1,3,4,5,6,7,8

2) A deduction of $250 for Hourcar. We do not feel this is something all fee-paying students should have to pay for. This benefits a limited amount of students and is more of a “convenience” item. We feel that you are able to get around on public transportation or on the connector without this. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

3) We are deducting $300 for beginning of year banquet food. We do not feel that this benefits all fee-paying students but a select number of board members. Along with this we are deducting $300 for silverware because we are not funding the food (thus you won’t need silverware) GDM: 6, 7, and 8

4) Under your other operational expenses we are deducting $725. We as a committee this year are not paying for any groups registration fees (-$25 SUA Registration). We also believe your members should pay for their own shirts and that this does not benefit all fee-paying students (-$200) and finally we are not convinced you need $500 to do collaborations with other groups (-$500) GDM: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

5) We are deducting $200 dollars from your open house event. After much discussion about the benefits of your event we believe we should match your contributions and pay $1000 and have you pay $1000 GDM: 1a, 7, and 8

5) We are deducting $100 for travel from your “Voicing for Africa” Program. We are confused as to why you need travel for this event. GDM: 3, 8, 1b

5) We are deducting $400 from African Night; this is again related to travel. We do not understand why you need money for travel if the event is on campus. If this money if for
the any performers we think it should be part of their honorarium. If it is for students to
go and pick up food we do not think SSF funds should pay for this. GDM: 3, 8, 1b

5) We are deducting $400 dollars for your farewell BBQ. We do not think this is central
to your mission or for advertising for your group. SSF funds should not have to pay for
this event. There are other ways to pay for it. GDM: 2, 1, 4, 6, 8

5) All student groups are supposed to act as if they are nonprofits. According to your
budget you plan on earning a profit of $1,169.58 dollars for fiscal year ’14-’15. Because
of this we are deducting $1,170 from your overall request as it is excess. GDM:
requirements for being a registered student group, requirement for receiving fees, 8, 7

Directives: You may update your budget to reflect where the $1,169.58 came from or is
going and why it shows up as earned income.
All-Campus Elections Commission

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $12,226

Recommended Allocation: $10,397

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee appreciates the ACEC’s role in improving student government.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The Committee removed $275 for SUA fee and advertising apparel. The Committee finds that these expenditures do not aid those outside of the group’s membership, could be funded without SSF money, and are unnecessary to the group’s functioning. GDM: 1, 6, 8

2) The Committee removed $1,250 from stipends as the group failed to fully justify the need for paid officers. GDM: 10

3) The Committee removed $200 from Get Out the Vote Rally because it felt the requested funding level of advertising was unnecessarily high. GDM: 1, 6, 8, 9

4) The Committee deducted $124 as the submitted budget had an unexplained positive difference of $124. GDM: 9

Directives: Explain/correct the differential in your budget. Demonstrate the need for stipends/compensation for officers.
Al-Madinah Cultural Center

Vote: 7-2-1

Requested Allocation: $78,400  Recommended Allocation: $69,750

Majority Opinion

Comments: The programming and operational expenses of the Al-Madinah Cultural Center largely pleased the committee. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee recommends a $250 cut from T-Shirts. Although the committee understands T-shirts serve as advertising for the group, there is insufficient benefit to the student body for a full subsidy. GDM: 4, 5, 7, 8

2) The committee recommends a $400 cut from the water station. With an adequate supply of water provided by Coffman’s facilities, the benefit to the student body was marginal. GDM: 4, 2, 1

3) The committee recommends a $1000 cut from travel for Islam Awareness Week. The student's benefit from subsidizing travel for students outside our university was not enough to justify funding. GDM: 1, 4,

4) The committee recommends a $4000 cut for I-Cultures Festival. The committee feels entertainment could be found at a more affordable cost, or from outside funding. GDM: 8, 7

5) The committee recommends an $800 cut for breakfast, since the benefit to the wider population of the university is vague. GDM: 2, 5, 7

6) The committee recommends a $600 cut from the mentor program since it is unclear how it benefits the majority of the student body. GDM: 2, 5

7) The committee recommends a $1000 cut from the ski trip since it is unclear how this benefits the entire student body and if external funding has been sought. GDM: 1, 2, 7

8) The committee recommends a $400 cut from the study day. Evidence of outside funding, and a benefit to the vast student body was ambiguous. GDM: 1, 2, 7
Directives: Continue to provide effective diverse services, but focus attempts to secure outside funding and reach the widest student audience.

Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $78,400  
Recommended Allocation: $63,250

The minority believes $6,500 should be deducted for the Brothers’ Bashes and Sisters’ Socials as both events violate the Equal Opportunity Statement this all SSFC-funded groups must adhere to. – $3,300 and $3,200 (GDM 5)
Alpha Phi Omega

Vote: 5-0-0

*Requested Allocation: $24,985* \*Recommended Allocation: $7,010*

**Majority Opinion**

*Comments:* The committee feels that although the programming is largely consistent with the standards of the SSFC. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee recommends a $1400 cut from the international trip since it is not clear how this benefits the wider university body. GDM: 4, 2, 1,

2) The committee recommends a $2,500 cut from the international Con. It isn't clear how this program benefits the wider university body. GDM: 5

3) The committee recommends a $725 cut from the banquet. Although there is culture generated from hosting banquets, the benefits are not sufficiently large to merit student funding. GDM: 3, 5, 8

4) The committee recommends a $150 cut from the banquet. Although there is culture generated from hosting banquets, the benefits are not sufficiently large to merit student funding. GDM: 3, 5, 8

**Directives:** Continue to provide effective and broad programming to the University, and try to search for outside sources of funding.
Alpine Ski Team

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $21,877  
Recommended Allocation: $4,127

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $21,877 and voted to approve $4,127 for the student organization, Alpine Ski Team. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the impact on students, breadth of programming, and purpose of the organization.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) An $11,500 deduction for A Coach under the consultant/professional fees breakdown. The SSFC feels that while this is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found.  
   GDM: 6, 7, & 8

2) A $3,664 deduction for MCSA/UCSA Registration fees under the other operational expenses breakdown. The committee is of the opinion that student services fees funds should not go towards the registration fees of any group. The SSFC feels that because the organization requested for the fees to be fully funded from SSF, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found.  
   GDM: 6, 7, & 8

3) A $2,586 deduction for Marquette Meet under the programming breakdown. The SSFC feels that while this is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources due to the fact that the fees requested would go wholly to travel to this event. The amount requested for travel, while reasonable considering the distance and amount of participants, does not benefit students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services.  
   GDM: 6, 7, & 8

Directives: Continue to grow organically and increase the scope of the organization’s impact to the campus. Consider cost per student when travelling and distance travelled for larger events.
American Indian Student Cultural Center

Vote: 8-3-0

Requested Allocation: $42,351       Recommended Allocation: $41,034

Majority Opinion
Comments: The committee really appreciated the presentation that AISCC gave. The committee was happy to see the impact that the group provided to students on campus. The committee further applauds the group’s ability to not only include American Indian Students, but also include Non-American Indian Students. Furthermore, the committee also felt that AISCC responsibly used SSF funding.

However, the committee did feel that there were certain requests that did not line up with the GDMs and hence cuts were made accordingly.

*The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:*

1) A cut of $1800 is recommended from the stipends given to the student worker. The committee did not feel this was an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 10b

2) A cut of $36 is recommended from operational parking. The committee did not feel that this was an appropriate use of SSF funding and did not think it was required to reimburse the group for parking expenses. GDM: 7, 8

3) A cut of $50 is recommended from the board retreat. The committee strongly felt that outside funding should be used. GDM: 2,3,7,8

4) A cut of $100 is recommended from the office supplies. The committee felt that the amount requested was too high for the expense. GDM: 2, 3

5) A cut of $25 is recommended from the registration fee. AISC should use external funding to provide for this fee. GDM: 7, 8

6) A cut of $1400 is recommended from the Fall Round dance event. The committee felt the food expense for this event was too high with respect to the service provided. GDM: 3, 4

7) A cut of $600 is recommended from community retreats. The committee felt that there was not enough justification provided for the impact it has on the student body. GDM: 1,2,3,4
8) A cut of $130 is recommended from the Sunrise Ceremony. The committee felt that there was not enough justification on how the event impacted the larger student body. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4

9) A cut of $1025 is recommended from the 40th annual celebration. The committee strongly felt that this event did not include or impact the larger student body GDM: 4, 5

10) A cut of $351 is recommended due to operational reserves. GDM: 9b

*Directives:* Keep up the good work and the committee would like to see efforts made towards seeking external funding.
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $10,379

Recommended Allocation: $8,550

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $10,379 and voted to approve $8,550 for the student organization, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the impact on students, breadth of programming, and purpose of the organization.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deductions of $100 for Travel Expenses to Conferences, $15 for Coffee, and $85 for Food/drinks for fundraising under operational travel and food breakdowns. The SSFC feels that while this is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found. GDM: 6, 7, & 8

2) Deductions of $379 for Distinguished Speaker under the programming breakdown. The SSFC feels that because the organization requested for the fees to be fully funded from SSF, more funding can be sought from other sources, such as corporate or departmental collaboration. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found. GDM: 6, 7, & 8

3) A $250 deduction for Paper Conference under the programming breakdown. The SSFC feels that while this is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources due to the fact that the fees requested would go wholly to travel to this event and students attending could contribute part of the funding. Finally, the committee believes the programming does not benefit students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services. GDM: 6, 7, & 8

4) A $1,000 deduction for Space Design project under programming breakdown because the information provided was insufficient to understand the impact to the campus and quantity of students listed. GDM: 3 & 9

Directives: Fully provide information on the program breakdowns to justify needs of funding and seek funding in from other sources.
American Medical Student Association – Pre-Med

Committee Vote: 10-1-0

Requested Allocation: $37,075                   Recommended Allocation: $ 12,275

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee thanks AMSA – Pre-Med for the work that went into their proposal and presentation. The Committee would also like to thank AMSA – Pre-Med for the work they do on campus related to providing educational, social, and professional development for students that are considering careers in the medical fields.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $200 deducted for gifts GDM: 4, 7, and 8
2) $400 deducted for sweaters GDM: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
3) $150 deducted for parking GDM: 1, 4, 7, and 8
4) $6,000 deducted for general meeting food GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8
5) $50 deducted for registration GDM: 7, 8
6) $1,500 deducted for networking blankets GDM: 3, 5, and 8
7) $1,500 deducted for Fall Dinner GDM: 6, 8
8) $1,500 deducted for Spring Dinner GDM: 6, 8
9) $3,500 deducted for Chicago Conference GDM: 1, 5, and 6
10) $3,500 deducted for Texas Conference GDM: 1, 5, and 6
11) $4,500 deducted for DC Conference GDM: 1, 5, and 6
12) $2,000 deducted for Leadership Forum GDM: 1, 3, 5, and 8

Directives: The Committee again commends the work that AMSA – Pre-Med does on campus, but encourages the organization to continue partnering with other groups and academic units to ensure that as many events and opportunities are as open as possible to many students. Continue seeking funding external to SSF, both on campus and off campus.
Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $37,075  
Recommended Allocation: $15,035

Comments: The Minority disagrees with the Majority in cutting both the Fall and Spring Pre-Med Dinners. The Minority argues that these events provide an important service and opportunity to students on the University of Minnesota campus to engage in dialogue with health care professionals and faculty, and should therefore be fully funded.
Anthropology Club

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $16,450  Recommended Allocation: $0

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Committee appreciates Anthropology Club’s value, but does not feel it meets the guidelines for SSF allocations.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The Committee found this group lacked control of its own finances, was largely oriented to and focused on a single academic department, and failed to fully justify their need for SSF funding having long existed without SSF funding.  GDM: 4, 6, 8, 9
Art of Living

Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $9,720

Recommended Allocation: $4,395

Majority Opinion

Comments: The committee really enjoyed the presentation. During the presentation the committee strongly felt the group showed their mission and the service they provide to the larger student body.

However, the committee did feel that there were certain issues with the application. The budget sheet request and the application request for funding did not match. Furthermore the committee felt that certain operational and programing requests did not match with the GDM’s and hence cuts were made accordingly.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A cut of $50 is recommended from operational food. The committee did not feel there was enough justification provided with the amount requested. GDM: 2, 3

2) The committee decided against funding the $25 registration fee. This is something the group must find external funding for. GDM: 7, 8

3) A cut of $800 is recommended from the YES+ fall event. The committee felt that there was not enough justification provided for event’s impact on the student body. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

4) A cut of $1650 is recommended from the YES+ spring event. The committee did not feel there was enough justification provided for the event to be hosted twice in the spring. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

5) A cut of $2800 is recommended from the Art of Silence course. The committee did not feel there was enough justification provided for the impact it had on the larger student body. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Asian American Student Union

Vote: 8-1-0

Requested Allocation: $106,898  Recommended Allocation: $76,044

Majority Opinion

Comments: The programming and operational expenses of the Asian American Student Union largely pleased the committee. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee recommends a $2979 cut due to the income less expense. The committee feels a student organization should not be operating at a net income.
   GDM: 1, 7

2) The committee recommends a $25 cut for the Student Unions and Activities fee. The committee does not see the benefit to the wider student body.
   GDM: 1, 7

3) The committee recommends a $1000 cut for the Summer Board Retreat. It is not clear how this activity benefits the wider student body.
   GDM: 1, 5, 8

4) The committee recommends a $1700 cut for the Winter Board Retreat. It is not clear how this activity benefits the wider student body.
   GDM: 1, 5, 8

5) The committee recommends a $3000 cut for the Annual gala. It is not clear how this activity benefits the wider student body, or that student fees are necessary to subsidize this expense.
   GDM: 1, 5, 7

6) The committee recommends a $4350 cut from the 2nd annual career workshop since the benefit to the wider student body does not justify the requested cost.
   GDM: 5, 7

7) The committee recommends a $250 cut from the community event since benefits of this program are not localized to the University of Minnesota and its student body.
   GDM: 5, 7, 8

8) The committee recommends a $10000 cut from the thirty seventh spring conference. The committee does not see a benefit to the wide student body, or a reason funding cannot be secured elsewhere.
   GDM: 5, 7, 8
9) The committee recommends a $50 cut from the rice bowl since it does not feel travel subsidies benefit the university.  
   GDM: 2, 5

10) The committee recommends a $200 cut from the Malaysian Night since it does not feel travel subsidies benefit the university.  
   GDM: 2, 5

11) The committee recommends a $500 cut from FACT since it does not feel travel subsidies benefit the university.  
   GDM: 2, 5

12) The committee recommends a $6000 cut from the Tet Show since it feels the cost for room rental is higher than the student body should subsidize.  
   GDM: 7, 8

Directives: Continue to provide effective diverse services, but focus attempts to secure outside funding and reach the widest student audience.

Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $ 106,898  
Recommended Allocation: $ 90,394

Comments: The minority does not agree with the recommendation proposed as a result of the first deliberation. The minority felt that the group deserved more funding given the size of their group and the work that they do in order to increase the cultural diversity within the University. The minority believes that the group should receive the requested amount for the 37th Annual Spring Conference as well as more funding for the 2nd annual career workshop. As a group representing a huge number of international students within the University, these events provide a unique perspective to the entire student body and also feeling sense of American culture for a lot of international students. Seeing their hard works in order to secure funding from outside the SSF is strongly encouraged in the future and their hard work for the University will be very much appreciated.
Be the Match on Campus

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $5,000  Recommended Allocation: $4,200

Majority Opinion

Comments: This was one of the exemplary start-up budgets the committee saw this year. The programming and operational expenses of Be the Match on Campus largely pleased the committee. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee recommends an $800 cut from the registry drives since there is insufficient evidence of outside funding or need for student subsidies.   GDM: 7, 8, 9

Directives: Continue to provide effective diverse services, but focus attempts to secure outside funding and reach the widest student audience
Black Graduate and Professional Student Association

Vote: 5-1-0

Requested Allocation: $13,340  Recommended Allocation: $8,985

Majority Opinion
Comments: The committee appreciates the impact that the Black Graduate and Professional Student Association have on the student body here at The University of Minnesota. The committee also thanks BGPSA for an encouraging and strong presentation and ultimately feels the BGPSA has been responsible with the money they have received in the past.

However, majority of the committee feel that there were some essential cuts needed, as they did not follow certain GDM guidelines. This does not mean the committee does not support the organizations missions, but would like to definitely see external funding as another source of income.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A cut of $2000 is recommended for stipends. This is because of the fact that majority of the committee did not see the need for stipends for the leadership positions at BGPSA. Furthermore majority of the committee did not feel that stipends where a necessary component of BGPSA’s ability to provide high quality and relevant services to students. GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 10b

2) A cut of $600 from operational travel is recommended. This is because a majority of the committee did not see the need and overall student benefit of the requested amount. GDM: 1, 4, 5

3) A cut of $350 from operational food is recommended. This is because a majority of the committee did not see the essential need for food for the executive board only and also did not see this as an appropriate use of SSF money. GDM: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8

4) A cut of $45 from the Black History month Banquet is recommended. The committee did not feel the high per head cost of food was appropriate use of SSF money. GDM: 3, 4, 5

5) A cut of $100 from the Each One, Reach One program is recommended. The committee did not see the gift given as an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 1, 2, 6
6) A cut of $480 from the spring reception is recommended. The committee did not see the need for this event to be hosted at a place where room rental was $500. The committee also felt the event did not benefit a larger student body. GDM: 2, 5, and 6

7) A cut of $155 from the general body meetings is recommended. The committee did not see the high cost of food for general meetings and did not see the gift as an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 1, 2, 5, 6

8) A cut of $600 from the First Thursdays Social Networking event is recommended. The committee did not see the need for room with high cost of room rental. GDM: 1, 3

Directives: The committee would definitely like to see a greater effort towards external funding for many programs and operations expenses.

Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $13,340

Recommended Allocation: $6,985

Comments: The minority felt that the stipends requested by BGAPSA was not fully justified. The minority felt that the group's size and the quantity of work the group put into the student body was not enough to pay for the stipends for the officers. There are a lot of groups within the University that put more hours into their groups without officers getting stipends and I felt that this might trigger many other groups requesting stipends from SSF. Even though there are positions that should get stipends in order to make up for their time and efforts put into the group, positions in BGAPSA should be stressed as unique opportunity and experience that will help them succeed in the future even if it means that those positions are without any stipends.
Black Motivated Women

Vote: 6-0-0

**Requested Allocation:** $10,450

**Recommended Allocation:** $5,450

**Majority Opinion:**

*Comments:* The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $10,450 and voted to approve $5,450 for the student organization, Black Motivated Women. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the impact on students, breadth of programming, and purpose of the organization.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deductions for Parking Vouchers for $500 under operational travel breakdown, $1,000 for Snacks for the Board, and $200 for Board T-Shirts under the operational food and operational supplies breakdowns, respectively, were made. While the committee recognizes that benefits of being a board member should be extrinsic in some cases, the operational food is not justifiable because programs and services should be targeted to the largest number of students consistent with the need. The committee is of the opinion that student services fees funds should not go towards the parking vouchers of any group. The SSFC feels that the funds could be provided by other sources. Finally, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found. **GDM: 5, 6, 7, & 8**

2) $150 deduction for BMW Retreat, $50 for Girl Talk, and $1,100 for Woman Empowerment Gala under the programming breakdown. The SSFC feels that because the request is for this to be fully funded by student services fees, more funding can be sought from other sources. The committee is of the opinion that student services fees funds should not go towards travel unless a sufficient need is presented and the funds could be provided by other sources in this case. The committee recognizes that retreats can be important to the development of a board’s cohesiveness and took into account the lack of stipends requests. The other category left ambiguity in the decision to fund and the committee chose to not fund unless other information is provided. However, the programs and services should be targeted to the largest number of students consistent with the need. In addition, the benefits of programs to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs could not be found. Finally, the scale of the event in proportion to the number of participants does not demonstrate a significant enough impact upon the campus to justify funding at the requested level. **GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9**

3) A $2,200 deduction for Heart Week under programming breakdown. The committee is of the opinion that student services fees funds should not go towards travel unless a sufficient need is presented and the funds could be provided by other sources in this case. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student fees...
services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found. The
other category left ambiguity in the decision to fund and the committee chose to not fund
unless other information is provided and the contribution from the cosponsoring
organization could not be found. Finally, the scale of the event in proportion to the
number of participants does not demonstrate a significant enough impact upon the
campus to justify funding at the requested level.

Directives: Consider cost per student at events and explore alternative, cheaper venues
with some events. Continue searching for outside sources of funding for costs that were
not funded by the SSFC, but still align with the organization’s mission. Corporate
funding has been beneficial for many organizations with similar goals.
Black Student Union

Vote: 5-1-0

Requested Allocation: $32,967
Recommended Allocation: $21,402

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee would like to thank the Black Student Union for the time and work that went into the proposal and presentation. The Committee would also like to thank the Black Student Union for the work they do in creating an inclusive and diverse campus community.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $2,000 deducted from officer stipends  GDM: 7, 8, and 10
2) $25 deducted from paint the bridge  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
3) $500 deducted from cable  GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8
4) $1,940 deducted from board retreat  GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
5) $500 deducted from general member meetings  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
6) $3,000 deducted from Unity Dinner  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
7) $1,500 deducted from Leadership Conference  GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8
8) $2,100 deducted from Ebony Ball  GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8

Directives: The Committee would like to encourage Black Student Union to continue pursuing non-SSF funding to help cover the costs of some of the events it hosts. Also, pay close attention to costs of catering, room rental, and the Committee would like to again encourage that student organizations pursue the most fiscally responsible choices when selecting space and menu.

Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $32,967
Recommended Allocation: $19,402

Comments: The minority felt that BSU justified its high food costs and room rental. The estimated attendance per this event is 100 students and costing 10,500 for food and room rental is highly exaggerated. Even though, Ebony ball is the biggest event with great reputations, the minority feels that BSU can collaborate with other groups or with the
local businesses in order to lower the cost as well as putting more efforts for a better advertising that will allow for reaching the entire university body in order to make this event more successful.
Campus Atheists Skeptics and Humanists (CASH)

Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $19,905  
Recommended Allocation: $12,300

Majority Opinion
Comments: The programming and operational expenses of CASH largely pleased the committee. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee recommends travel be cut $75 from the operational budget since it has not been demonstrated that student services fees are needed to fulfill this cost. GDM: 7, 8

2) The committee recommends a $30 cut from Officer Transition Meetings since it is not clear how this benefits the wider student body. GDM: 1, 2

3) The committee recommends a $2500 cut from Skeptech since it feels travel doesn’t provide sufficiently broad services to the student body. GDM: 1, 5

4) The committee recommends a $5000 from the major speaker since it feels funding could be secured from alternative sources. GDM: 7, 8

Directives: Continue to provide effective diverse services, but focus attempts to secure outside funding and reach the widest student audience. Regarding the major speaker, sources of academic funding for an event like this are diverse. Both the humanities and sciences have a vested interest in bringing a speaker of the caliber you plan here, and many other student groups would likely partner with CASH.
Catholic College Student Group

Vote: 3-2-0

Requested Allocation: $16,800
Recommended Allocation: $3,450

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Majority recommends that Catholic College Student Group receives $3,450 for the 2014-15 fiscal years. The majority recognizes the organizations ability to foster community. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees that are detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $500 from Swing Dance. The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach. GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

2) Deduction of $6400 from Mission Trip. The majority felt that the evaluation process for which students can go on the mission trip was not designed in a way that will broaden the types of students that can gain access to this trip. Further there is evidence that this event is successful enough that alternative methods of funding can be used. GDM: 3, 4, 8

3) Deduction of $5000 from bus rental. The majority did not feel the need to pay for services that will benefit non-student individuals and that based on the limited number of students that use the service the majority finds it reasonable for those individuals to use existing resources for transportation. GDM: 1, 3

4) Deduction of $350 from Halloween Party. The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach. GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

5) Deduction of $1100 from Friday Night Coffeehouse. The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach. In addition there is no advertising for such an event thus non-members are less likely to know of the event. GDM: 1, 2, 5, 7

Directives: For activates such as the coffeehouse partner up with music groups/musicians/other music based events on campus to directly reach a greater audience and not need to pay for equipment. In addition, create more awareness of your outreach programs.
Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $16,800          Recommended Allocation: $2,900

The minority believes that SSFC funding is inappropriate for prayer services, and thus would deduct $550 from Ash Wednesday.  GDM: 1, 6, 8
Chabad at the UofM

Vote: 10-0-0

Requested Allocation: $54,250  
Recommended Allocation: $46,600

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Committee would like to thank Chabad at the UofM for their proposal and presentation. The Committee also recognizes the work that Chabad at the UofM does to promote a safe and inclusive campus environment for all members of the University community, as well as the programming conducted in the furthering of the mission of Chabad at the UofM.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $1,000 deducted for custodial  
   GDM: 3, 6, 7, 8, and 10

2) $350 deducted for bookkeeper  
   GDM: 3, 6, 7, 8, and 10

3) $500 deducted for seminar  
   GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8

4) $400 deducted for marketing  
   GDM: 7, 8

5) $200 deducted for paper goods  
   GDM: 7, 8

6) $500 deducted for textbooks  
   GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8

7) $500 deducted for religious articles:  
   GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8

8) $4,200 deducted from programming: $100 from Pizza and Parsha, $200 from Girls Night Out, $300 from Bagel Lox N’ Tefillin, $500 from Purim, $1,000 from New York Leadership Conference, $1,500 from Community Building Events, $500 from Midnight Madness Breakfast, $100 from Individual Study  
   GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Directives: The Committee suggests that Chabad at the UofM continue to seek out partnerships for “get to know you” events, as it works more to secure greater funding external to the SSF, particularly for funding the custodial and bookkeeping work.
Colleges Against Cancer

Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $14,411  Recommended Allocation: $10,809

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $14,411 and voted to approve $10,809 for the student organization, Colleges Against Cancer. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends the student organization for the number of students reached with each event for minimal cost.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $2,357 from Programming. The Majority deemed that there was not enough demonstration that additional sources of funding could not be found, namely, through partnering with other student organizations for major programming events. The Majority recommended a 20% cut for Saving Second Base 5k, Kicking Ash/Great American Smoke Out, Protect Your Balls Dodgeball Tournament, and Skin Cancer Awareness (Volleyball Tournament). GDM: 7, 8

2) Deduction of $250 from Survivor Dinner. The Majority deemed that the other expense was not justified and should not be funded by Student Services Fees. GDM: 9

Directives: The Committee recommends partnering with other student organizations to host major program events and finding alternative sources of income, in addition to Student Services Fees.
Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow

Vote: 10-0-0

Requested Allocation: $188,035  Recommended Allocation: $88,700

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $188,035 and voted to approve $88,700 for the student organization, Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends CFACT for the breadth and number of students the organization’s programs expect to reach. Major deductions resulted from the lack of justification for programs and services (GDM 10), finding alternative sources of funding (GDM 7), and demonstrating benefits of programs to non-participants (GDM 6).

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

Operational:

1) Deduction of $49,000 for Salaries, Wages, and Stipends. The Majority deemed the funding for Campus Coordinator and Program Coordinator by Student Services Fees to not be fully justified. Further deductions from student stipends were issued to reflect time committed and the nature of responsibilities to the student group. GDM: 1,6,10

2) Deduction of $9,360 from Insurance, Benefits, and Taxes Breakdown. The Majority deemed these requests unnecessary after defunding both Campus Coordinator and Program Coordinator. GDM: 1,6,10

3) Deduction of $1,000 from Consultant/Professional Fees for Website Maintenance. The Majority deemed that the service would not provide benefits to non-participating students and that alternative sources of income could be found. GDM: 7, 8

4) Deduction of $500 from Operational Travel. The Majority deemed that the service would not provide benefits to non-participating students and that alternative sources of income could be found. GDM: 7, 8

5) Deduction of $2,800 from Equipment. The Majority deemed the iPad and furniture would not provide benefits to non-participating students and that alternative sources of income could be found. Further deductions were issued due to the lack of justification for their fees request. GDM: 5, 7, 8
6) Deduction of $1,500 from Office Supplies. The Majority deemed the service would not provide benefits to non-participating students and that alternative sources of income could be found. Further deductions were issued due to the lack of justification for their fees request. GDM: 5,7,8,9

7) Deduction of $2,400 from Telephone and Fax. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found. The deduction was also issued due to the lack of justification for their fees request. GDM: 8, 9

8) Deduction of $500 from Rent and Utilities. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found. The deduction was also issued due to the lack of justification for their fees request. GDM: 8, 9

9) Deduction of $25 from Other Expenses. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found and that there was a lack of justification for their fees request. GDM: 8, 9

Programs:

10) Deduction of $500 from Firearms Safety Training. The Majority deemed that there was a lack of demonstration that the program benefited non-participating students. GDM: 6

11) Deduction of $13,100 from Ron Paul Speaking Event. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found (such as charging admission). Due to the high demand for such an event, a reasonable admission charge per student is feasible. GDM: 7, 8

12) Deduction of $250 from Arbor Day. The Majority made the deduction from Entertainment due to the lack of justification for the fees request in relation to the nature and purpose of the event. GDM: 9

13) Deduction of $2,450 from Eco-Summit. The Majority deemed that the program would not provide benefits to non-participating students. The program benefits mainly participants instead of the general student body. GDM: 6

14) Deduction of $450 from Debate Watch. The Majority deemed that both the Travel and Food expenses were unnecessary, due in part to the proximity of the event to the University campus and alternative means of transport to the event. GDM: 9

15) Deduction of $400 from Day at the Capitol. The Majority deemed that both the Travel and Food expenses were unnecessary, due in part to the proximity of the event to the University campus and alternative means of transport to the event. GDM: 9

16) Deduction of $5,000 from CPAC. The Majority deemed that the event was too exclusive, failing to provide benefits to non-participants, and failing to contribute a
17) Deduction of $150 from Mississippi River Clean Up. The Majority deemed that the Food expenses were unnecessary, failed to be justified, and could be fulfilled by other sources of income.

18) Deduction of $600 from Adopted Lakes Testing and Pick Ups. The Majority deemed that the Food expenses were unnecessary, failed to be justified, and could be fulfilled by other sources of income.

19) Deduction of $1,100 from Minnesota Mining Month. The Majority deducted from both Travel and Entertainment due to a failure to justify their request, in addition to failing to show alternative sources of income could not be found for Travel and Entertainment.

20) Deduction of $650 from Christmas Tree Pick Up. The Majority deemed that this event was not consistent with the mission of the organization and a failure to justify the need for the event to be funded by Student Services Fees, in addition to a lack of benefit to non-participating students.

21) Deduction of $5,000 from CFL Recycling Program. The Majority deemed that this initiative was not justified in its distinctiveness from other recycling programs on campus, and why this particular recycling program should be funded by Student Services Fees.

22) Deduction of $600 from Broom Ball Team. The Majority deemed that this event was not consistent with the mission of the organization and a failure to justify the need for the event to be funded by Student Services Fees, in addition to a lack of benefit to non-participating students.

23) Deduction of $2000 from States Rights. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found (such as charging admission). Due to the high demand for such an event, a reasonable admission charge per student is feasible.

**Directives:** The Student Services Fee Committee recommends providing detailed justification for the benefits paid; non-student staff benefit not only the student organization, but the entire University of Minnesota campus. Further justification for why alternative sources of income could not be found is recommended for future SSF requests. The Committee applauds the collaboration between CFACT and other student groups on campus, specifically for the Ron Paul Event. The Committee further encourages partnering with other student groups on campus to provide events and offset costs.
Community Child Care Center

Vote: 10-0-0

Requested Allocation: $85,000    Recommended Allocation: $85,000

Majority Opinion
Comments: The committee respects and commends the service that the Community Child Care Center provides for the student body, more specifically services to students with children.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee felt the center request meet with all the guidelines.    GDM: All

Directives: Keep up the good work.
Como Early Learning Center

Vote: 9-0-1

Requested Allocation: $80,000
Recommended Allocation: $80,000

Majority Opinion
Comments: As in previous years, the committee felt the service provided by the Como-Early Learning Center was vital to many students on campus.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The Committee found this group met all guidelines. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Compassionate Action for Animals

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $15,935  Recommended Allocation: $1,084

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Committee appreciates the diversity Compassionate Action for Animals brings to campus, but feels that much of its request was superfluous to its purpose or could be funded without the SSF.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The Committee did not feel this group fully justified its need for paid staff, and thus reduced the allocation by $5,525 for compensation and $460 for taxes related to compensation.  GDM: 10

2) The Committee removed $180 for operational food, $370 for other expenses listed under operations (that perhaps should have been under programming), and $75 for registration and a locker as these operational expenses did not need SSF funding.  GDM: 1, 6, 8

3) The Committee removed $1,000 from advertising for Veg Week, as the requested allocation seems unnecessarily high.  GDM: 1, 6, 8, 9

4) The Committee removed $4,000 from Veg Fest, as the Committee believes this event could be fully funded without SSF money.  GDM: 8

5) The Committee removed $210 from other programming (Valentine’s, potluck, and volunteer appreciation) as these seemed outside of the group’s mission and primarily benefited members of the group.  GDM: 2, 6, 8
Council of Graduate Students

Vote: 9-0-0

Requested Allocation: $121,280  Recommended Allocation: $105,825

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee appreciates the time and energy put into the preparation and presentation on the request from the Council of Graduate Students (COGS). COGS provides important services for graduate students at the University, and contributes to their academic, professional, and personal development.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $1,500 deducted from GEC Representatives  GDM: 1
2) $5,000 deducted from Fixed Amount Scholarly and Professional Travel Grand Program  GDM: 5, 6
3) $1,000 deducted from COGS Sponsored Workshops  GDM: 3
4) $1,000 deducted from Event Co-Sponsoring Pool  GDM: 7, 8
5) $550 deducted from Executive Board Meetings  GDM: 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8
6) $380 deducted from Outstanding Faculty Award  GDM: 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8
7) $325 deducted from Leadership Awards  GDM: 2, 6, 7, and 8
8) $5,700 deducted from Social Events  GDM: 6, 7, and 8

Directives: The Committee recommends that COGS continues pursuing partnerships with other University units and student organizations to secure funding for recognition events, and that some money be allocated to advertisement for the Intellectual Community Building Grant program, to best reach out to a diverse student population.
CRU

Vote: 4-1-0

Requested Allocation: $17,110  Recommended Allocation: $6,775

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee recommends CRU is granted $6,775.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

Not enough information was provided to justify the property tax cost – $900 (GDM 3, 6, 7, 8)

Printing costs of CRU Cards seemed redundant with other budget items – $100 (GDM 2, 3)

Mailing labels were seen as an unnecessary cost where needs can be met for less money – $200 (GDM 8)

Fall leadership training does not benefit non-members of the group – $300 (GDM 4, 5, 6)

It was not clear what give away costs were for, and food cost seemed unnecessary for the Fall Activity Fair – $400 (GDM 3)

It was not justified to provide additional funding for surveys, and food costs seemed unnecessary for the Fall Dinner Line Surveys – $600 (GDM 3)

The frequency of Fall Social Events was unjustified; the committee is willing to fund half of the events – $400 (GDM 2)

There was no other attempt at funding for the Fall Retreat, and the retreat does not benefit students who do not go – $2,125 (GDM 4, 6, 7, 8)

Food was not justified for the World Vision Night event – $100 (GDM 8)

Scholarships for the TC X-perience Conference do not benefit students who do not attend – $2,850 (GDM 4, 6)

The frequency of Spring Social Events was unjustified; the committee is willing to fund half of the events – $200 (GDM 2)

Valentine’s Day dinner and dance do not seem to meet group’s mission – $250 (GDM 2)
The Man Maker / Women Maker Retreat does not seem to meet group’s mission – $500 (GDM)

Spring Freshman Dessert is exclusive to non-freshman students – $50 (GDM 4, 5, 6)

Senior Dessert is exclusive to non-senior students – $60 (GDM 4, 5, 6)

The Spring Retreat does not benefit students who do not go, and no alternative sources of income were attempted – $400 (GDM 4, 6, 7, 8)

**Minority Opinion**

*Requested Allocation: $17,110*        *Recommended Allocation: $875*

The minority believes that SSFC funding is inappropriate for prayer services, and thus would deduct $100 from World Vision and $4800 from weekly meetings. The Manmaker/Womanmaker events violate the Equal Opportunity statement that is a requirement for all SSFC funding.   GDM: 1, 6, 8
Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature Student Association

Vote: 3- 2-0

Requested Allocation: $10,430  Recommended Allocation: $5,150

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Majority recommends that the Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature Student Association receive $ 5,150 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The majority recognizes the organizations ability raise awareness in the community and unique experience the group could bring to the student body. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees that are detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $2,780 from Exploration and Analysis of Cultural Representations in New Interactive Media. The majority felt that the organization clearly outlined other possible ways to secure the equipment needed to allow for this event to occur. GDM: 7, 8

2) Deduction of $500 from Scenes from the Telescreen. The majority agreed that this event has a clear mission and can educate the greater student body. However, there was lack in evidence supporting the need to host this event so frequently. Thus the majority wished to partially fund the event. GDM: 3, 9

3) Deduction of $1,000 from the CSCLSA Conference. The majority felt that there was lack in evidence explaining the need for the other section in expenses. Further there is clear evidence that this organization has the ability to gather other sources of income to make up for this cost. Due to the education benefit this event can provide the majority will partially fund. GDM: 8, 9

4) Deduction of $1,000 from Student Film Festival. Since the event was taking place at the University and meant for University students to showcase their work the majority felt that there was not enough evidence to warrant the travel expenses. Due to the education benefit this event can provide the majority will partially fund. GDM: 9

Directives: Seek alternative methods of funding such as departmental, grants, and even partnerships with other organizations for films or resource sharing.

Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $10,430  Recommended Allocation: $6,930

Comments: The group should receive funding for EACRIM with exception for $1,000 for the gaming laptop + $1,780
Dance Marathon

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $7,325    Recommended Allocation: $6,896

Majority Opinion
Comments: Overall, this group demonstrated a need for financial aid, and showed an ability to provide a benefit to campus ranging across the student body. Only a few deductions were made from their budget.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $100 was deducted from the printing expense as it was determined to be high for the size of the group. GDM: 1, 3, 4, 6

2) $25 was cut for the SUA fee. This is a cut that was applied to all groups. GDM: 8

3) An additional $304 was subtracted because of the surplus of income minus expenses. GDM: 8

Directives: None.
Disabled Student Cultural Center

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $30,779  Recommended Allocation: $9,950

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Student Service Fee Committee would like to express our appreciation for the service that your group offers to the disabled students at the University of Minnesota. The committee wants to commend the DSCC for making campus lives for the disabled students much easier and efforts to bring all the disabled students on campus. However, without projected operational expenses, the committee had to cut all the requested funding for the operational expenses. Therefore, the recommended allocation is solely based on the funding for programming budgets. The committee strongly recommends the group to submit their projected operational expenses upon the following meetings and appeals.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $320 deduction from monthly Lunch and Learn events. The certain expenses you have slated is too high and the committee was not convinced by the group’s justification. GDM: 9

2) While the committee can see the benefit of the Disabled Services Fair, we felt that the cost of traveling that you have slated is too high. Considering the fact that the guest has not been decided doesn't allow us to give the full funding that the group requested. Total $4,000 was deducted from both Fairs. GDM: 9

3) It is not the role of SSF to cover the social events that do not benefit students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs. GDM: 5, 6

4) It is not the role of SSF to cover the food and materials for bridge painting as it doesn't benefit all the students who pay the fee. GDM: 5, 6

5) 10% overall cut was assessed due to the lack of efforts to secure funding in addition to SSF. GDM: 7

Directives: Please provide projected operational expenses so that the Committee is able to make the final deliberation with the proper information.
Economic Student Organization #55

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $5,300

Recommended Allocation: $3,040

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $5,300 and voted to approve $3,040 for the student organization, Economic Student Organization. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the core aspects of the organization.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A $3,000 deduction for Weekly Events under the program breakdown. The SSFC feels that while this event is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found.
   GDM: 6, 7, & 8

2) A $40 deduction for Alumni Event under the program breakdown. The SSFC feels that travel expenses should rarely be funded under the student services fees funds and took into consideration the fact that the funds requested for parking do not support current students. The SSFC feels that this travel expense using the student services fees funds does not help to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the student services fee.
   GDM: 6

Directives: Demonstrate that student services fees do not fund travel for non-students and seek external funding from sources such as corporate sponsorships.
Engineers without Borders

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $7,988  
Recommended Allocation: $5,950  

Majority Opinion

Comments: The committee enjoyed the professional presentations by Engineers without Borders and would like to express our appreciation that has greatly displayed the name of our university. The committee recognized the group's breadth and depth of programming overseas, and efforts to make the world a better place.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee does not feel that it is the role of Student Services Fee to pay the $1,000 EWB-USA registration fee  
   GDM: 6, 8

2) The SSFC does not feel it is necessary to pay for the full amount requested by the group for participants attending conferences because it does not help to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the student services fee.  
   GDM: 6

3) The SSFC does not feel that First-Aid training aids benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the student services fee.  
   GDM: 6

Directives: The committee highly commends the group's continuous efforts for all the hard work. Continue to do a great job seeking outside funding in addition to the student services.
Forensic Science Club

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $3,300  Recommended Allocation: $2,165

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $3,300 and voted to approve $2,165 for the student organization, Forensic Science Club. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Committee commends the quality and extent of programs offered to the University campus, despite the lack of similar programs and departments. The Committee commends the student organization for providing a unique service and set of programs to the University community.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $600 for International Association for Identification National Conference. The Majority deemed that the amount of funding requested was not justified for the number of attendees expected, in addition to overall cost per head and lack of additional funding. Reductions were made to provide $40 per head. GDM: 6, 7, 9

2) Deduction of $240 from Midwest Association of Forensic Sciences Conference. The Majority deemed that the amount of funding requested was not justified for the number of attendees expected, in addition to overall cost per head and lack of additional funding. Reductions were made to provide $40 per head. GDM: 6, 7, 9

3) Deduction of $280 for Guest Speakers. The Majority did not deem the justification for other (parking) expenses and T-shirt production. Reductions were made to other and advertising, with the intention of the remainder advertising funding to be allocated to services other than T-shirts. GDM: 9

4) Deduction of $15 from Fingerprint Workshop. The Majority noticed a discrepancy between Program Income and Program Expenses in the Budget of $15. According to the Budget, $15 was provided by fundraising income. The Majority subsequently reduced $15 to alleviate this difference. GDM: 9

Directives: N/A
Fraternity Purchasing Association

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $10,000  Recommended Allocation: $9,000

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Committee would like to thank the Fraternity Purchasing Association for the time and work that went into the proposal and presentation. The Committee would also like to thank the Fraternity Purchasing Association for the work they do in supporting student organizations in their continued development and growth.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $1,000 deducted for computer     GDM: 6, 7, and 8

Directives: The Committee recommends that the FPA continue working for more funding external to the SSF, whether that be on campus or off.
Graduate & Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA)

Vote: 6-4-0

Requested Allocation: $392,115

Recommended Allocation: $176,500

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $392,115 and voted to approve $176,500 for the student organization, GAPSA. The committee made deductions of $1,000 for Reps to Board of Regents Stipends; $1,000 for CPA Consultant; $5,500 for Office Supplies; $1,500 for Parking Reimbursements; $660 for Data Recording Services; $360 for Campus Club Membership; $27,000 for Academic Grant; $12,500 for Social Grant; $1,500 Small Event Grant; $144,670 for Council Pass-through Funding; $5,925 for President’s Reception; $11,000 for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week; $2,000 for GAPSA Forum; and $1,000 for Grad Teaching Award.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The deduction of $1,000 for CPA Consultant was because the committee found a CPA irrelevant when an external auditor was already funded at $6,000.  

   GDM: 6 & 9

2) A $360 deduction for Campus Club Membership because the committee does not fund registration fees and saw this both as a registration fee and an additional officer benefit for a stipend receiving group.  

   GDM: 6 & 9

3) Deductions of $5,500 for Office Supplies, $1,500 for Parking Reimbursements, and $660 for Data Recording Services, and $1,000 for Reps to Board of Regents were made under operational expenses. The stipends cut came about because the need for two Reps to the Board of Regents was deemed excessive. All other cuts were made because the benefits to those who pay Student Service Fees but do not participate in the programs and services of the organization could not be found.  

   GDM: 3, 6, & 10

4) The deductions of $1,000 for Grad Teaching Award; $1,500 for Small Event Grant; $5,925 for President’s Reception; $11,000 for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week; $12,500 for Social Grant; $27,000 for Academic Grant; and $144,670 for Council Pass-through Funding were made because of lack of information on the programming details coupled with the available information that the grants would be dispersed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Finally, the events also did not demonstrate a demand for the programming on campus with the attendance numbers.  

   GDM: 3 & 9

5) The cut to the GAPSA Forum of $2,000 was because the impact upon the campus was disproportionate to the amount requested for the event.  

   GDM: 3
Directives: Demonstrate the need for student service fees by providing details that would give the committee an understanding of the nature of the programming along with the need for it. Consider the cost per student for programming budgets.
Group Organizations for FIRST (GOFIRST)

Vote: 8-3-0

Requested Allocation: $55,154
Recommended Allocation: $35,149

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $55,154 and voted to approve $35,149 for the student organization, GOFIRST. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the core aspects of the organization.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deductions of stipends for President - $1,000 and Directors - $4,000 under the Salaries, Wages, and Stipends breakdown. The SSFC feels that while this is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found. Finally, in relation to the size of the group and contribution to the campus, the stipends are disproportionately large. GDM: 3, 6, 7, & 8

2) Deductions of operational costs of $100 for Travel, $200 for Special Meeting Food, $900 for all Printing and Copying items, and $25 for Registration under operational breakdowns. The SSFC does not fund registration fees of any type for any groups in accordance with GDM 6. The SSFC feels that travel expenses should rarely be funded under the student services fees funds and this case does not merit an exception. The SSFC feels that using the student services fees funds for any of these items helps to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the student services fee. Finally, the committee believes that while they cannot justifiably be funded under SSF, external funding may be sought for these. GDM: 6, 7, & 8

3) Deductions of $20 for Post Kickoff Design Workshop travel, $20 for Mock Kickoff travel, $20 for Summer Robotics Summit travel, $20 for Kickoff travel, $350 for End of Year Banquet, $1,750 for Collegiate Conferences First Championships, $2,800 for Volunteering at First Regionals, and $8,800 for IGVC under programming breakdown. The SSFC feels that travel expenses should rarely be funded under the student services fees funds and this case does not merit an exception. The scope of some of these events does not demonstrate a larger enough demand for these programs. The SSFC feels that using the student services fees funds for any of these items helps to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the student services fee. Finally, the committee believes that while they cannot justifiably be funded under SSF, external funding may be sought for these. GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8
**Directives:** Continue to search for ways to impact the campus on an interdisciplinary level. Seek interdepartmental funds and demonstrate that the primary funder of events is not always Student Service Fees, especially while considering the cost per head.

**Minority Opinion**

*Requested Allocation:* $55,154  
*Recommended Allocation:* $40,949

*Comments:* The Minority deems the IGVC to benefit the University community and plays a substantial role in the function of the student organization. The Minority disagrees with the Majority in the degree of reductions made to the event.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $3,000 from IGVC. The Minority disagrees with the Majority’s decision to cut $8,800, and recommends reducing funding by $3,000 for similar reasons.  
GDM: 1,4,7,9
Gymnastics Club

Vote: 3-2-0

Requested Allocation: $10,000  
Recommended Allocation: $2,549

Majority Opinion

Comments: The committee appreciates that the gymnastics club has provided a space for students to practice a sport that they love. While we support this group we are having trouble seeing how fee-paying students are benefitting from some of your programming.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) We have decided not to fund any of your competitions. This includes the NAIGC competition as well as the competitions listed under the program “Regular season competitions”. While we think that your members should attend these events we cannot justify spending other students money to send your members to competitions. Sending your members to competitions does not benefit the university as a whole. This money would only benefit the 75 students who attend these events. We feel these 75 students should pay for their own hobby.  

GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8

2) All student groups are supposed to act as non-profits. Your group is planning on having a positive income (or you plan on earning $1,651) this fiscal year. Thus the committee has deducted $1,651 from your request  

GDM: 8, 9 and your ability to be a student group/apply for fees dictates that you act as a non-profit

Directives: We advise that you have students pay for their own way. We suggest you seek out internal or external grants and work with the athletics or intermural department for any addition funding you may need.

Minority Opinion

Requested Allocation: $10,000  
Recommended Allocation: $4,100

Comments: Gymnastics club should not be penalized for their carryover because this value can serve as operational reserve (currently $0) and is within the reasonable range they should be in + $1,651.
Habitat for Humanity #335

Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $15,843  Recommended Allocation: $13,243

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $15,843 and voted to approve $13,243 for the student organization, Habitat for Humanity. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the core aspects of the organization.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deductions were made to Shantytown food for $1,000, Mega Build for $700, Volunteer Events for $300, Explore U for $200, and Habitat on the Hill for $400 under programming breakdown. The SSFC feels that while some these events are partially funded by other sources, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found. Finally, the scope of the events and attendance figures did not justify a demand on campus that was proportional to funding requests.  

GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8

Directives: Maintain excellent programming that show the Habitat for Humanity’s commitment to its mission. Demonstrate that student services fees do not fund travel and seek external funding from sources such as corporate sponsorships or consider organizational contributions for events that primarily benefit the organization.
Hillel: Jewish Student Center

Vote: 5-0-2

Requested Allocation: $74,814  Recommended Allocation: $36,939

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Majority recommends that Hillel: Jewish Student Center receives $36,939 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The majority recognizes the organizations ability to foster community and provide a clear service to the student body. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees that are detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $8,300 from Salaries, Wages and Stipends. The majority feels that the Israeli Shaliach is unable to provide additional benefits to students who are not affiliated with the group but are still paying the fees. As for the other it is clear how that can benefit the entire student body in terms of outreach but there isn't enough warrant to show the need for such large stipends. GDM: 6, 8, 9

2) Deduction of $2,000 from Basketball Tournament. GDM: 2

3) Deduction of $1,000 from Leadership Training. GDM: 4, 8

4) Deduction of $1,000 from Jewish Federation General Assembly. GDM: 9

5) Deduction of $1,000 from ZOA Conference GDM: 6, 8, 9

6) Deduction of $500 from Big Ten Shabbaton GDM: 6, 8, 9

7) Deduction of $1,500 for outdoor sign. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit of a sign to the organization. GDM: 1, 2, 6, 9

8) Deduction of $500 for room rental from Welcome Back BBQ. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need such a high room rental. GDM: 9

9) Deduction of ($200 Tie, Thai, Tye, $3,600 from Shabbat, $500 from First Dinner, $300 for advertising and food from Finals Week, $700 from Class Dinners, $200 from Soup 4 U). The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need such a high food cost. GDM: 3, 9

10) Deduction of $1,200 from Shareholder Meeting GDM: 7, 9
11) Deduction of ($550 from Movie Night, $1,150 from Basketball, $1,500 from Jingle, $200 from Sustainability Event, $750 form Whirlyball, $600 form Zumba/Yoga, part form Finals Week refer to number 9, $700 from Sports Games The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach, education, or unique services for the student body.
GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

12) Deduction of $875 from Grad Student Event. No information given on how benefits the University. GDM: 3, 9

13) Deduction of $450 from MN daily. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need such a high advertising cost. GDM: 7, 9

14) Deduction of $1,100 from Weekly Cookies. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need such a high food cost. GDM: 3, 9

15) Deduction of $250 Good Deed Week. The majority does not feel the need to pay for the travel of other non-university students and there is no evidence suggesting a need or amount of retch this event will create. GDM: 3, 7, 9

16) Deduction of $1,500 for food and entertainment from Yom Haatzmaut. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need such a high food cost and any entertainment cost. GDM: 3, 9

17) Deduction of $1,000 from Rabbi Program. The majority recognizes the education benefit this activity will bring to campus, but the group shows signs that alternative funds can be arranged. GDM: 7, 8

18) Deduction of $1,000 from stipend Israel Discussion. GDM: 10

*Directives*: Re-allocate budget to account for reasonable amount of food cost. Seek alternative funding for social based project that may not directly align with the objectives of your organization.
Hmong Minnesota Student Association

Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $33,040  Recommended Allocation: $21,195

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Student Service Fee Committee would like to express our appreciation for the service Hmong Minnesota Student Association offers to the University of Minnesota. The committee believes that HMSA acts as a bridge for a lot of international students with the University with providing quality programs to our students. The committee was impressed with HMSA’s effort in seeking outside funding in addition to Student Services Fees. However, there were several smaller components of HMSA’s overall budget that the committee felt unnecessary.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A $100 deduction for travel-gas. The majority feels that it is not necessary to allocate Student Services Fees for local travel since this does not benefit the student body as a whole and can be funded through other sources. GDM: 1, 6

2) A $100 deduction for board meetings and another $100 for snacks. The majority feels that the board meetings do not need food to be successful, and that Student Services Fees should not fund individuals or events that don’t include the option of participation from the entire student body. GDM: 1, 6

3) A $25 deduction for SUA registration fee. All organizations have to pay this fee, even ones who do not have large enough budgets to qualify for Student Services Fees. Therefore, the majority believes it is not within the responsibility for SSFC to pay these fees. GDM: 6, 8

4) A $100 deduction for parking at shop. The majority does not feel that parking should be funded through SSFC funds, as it does not benefit the campus or students. GDM: 1, 6

5) The committee is recommending reducing the fees allocated for t-shirts by half to remain more consistent with the level of funding and cost per shirt allocated to other student organizations. GDM: 6, 9

6) The committee does not feel that it is the role of Student Services Fees to pay the $50 Rice Bowl Registration fee. GDM: 6, 8

7) There is a very high cost for the HMLC. This high cost has not been fully justified. The committee believes that the conference can be just as successful with a lower food budget. Therefore, the committee has deducted $2,150 from the fees request. GDM: 6, 9
8) The committee didn't see the justification for the high cost for Asian American College Day and reduced $1,400 from the fees request. GDM: 9

9) We have taken out $20 for gift cards in HMSA Workshops. Gifts only benefit those who are directly receiving the items and do not provide a greater benefit to the student body. GDM: 5, 6

10) Summer events should not be funded through SSF. The group must find alternatives sources of income should they wish to continue with the Summer Event that the group has planned GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9

11) The committee recommends a $3,500 cut from travel (plane tickets, hotel room, per diem). The majority feels the travel associated with HND is too costly and did not see the justification. Furthermore, this conference does not benefit students who do not participate. GDM: 6, 9

12) The committee did not see the justification for funding $150 for Car Wash Fundraiser event which has the expected fundraising income of $50. GDM: 9

13) The committee did not see the justification for funding $200 for Valley Fair Fundraising event which has the expected fundraising income of $100. GDM: 9

14) The majority believed the recognition banquet is only for participants with an individual benefit and not an appropriate use of Student Services Fees. GMD: 1, 6, 7

Directives: Continue to reach out to the campus community. Seek outside sources for funding costs that do not contribute to the overall university community, but still provide worth to the mission of the organization. Work with other student groups to increase reach and breadth of programs.
Indian Student Association

Vote: 4-0-0

Requested Allocation: $8,565

Recommended Allocation: $8,565

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $8,565 and voted to approve $8,565 for the student organization, Indian Student Association. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the core aspects of the organization. The committee was impressed with the commitment to co-sponsorship, impact on the campus, and using non-SSF related funds to finance programming.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The budget request was justified. The strong arguments for funding were addressed in both the budget sheets and the presentations. All requests were in line with the applicable guidelines for decision-making.

GDM: 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11

Directives: Continue to collaborate with groups accordingly and maintain excellence in programming while considering the cost-per-student of events.
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Development

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $15,225  
Recommended Allocation: $6,535

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $15,225 and voted to approve $6,535 for the student organization, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Development. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends the opportunities and services provided to the University community and the justification for the funding of these services. The Committee noted that many of the programs offered important opportunities that supplemented the academic curriculum, in turn benefiting the University campus as a whole.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $640 from IPID Student Speaker Conference. The Majority deemed the cost of Food per head for the event too high and made subsequent deductions from the Food budget.  
GDM: 9

2) Deduction of $300 from Leadership Transition & Planning Retreats. The Majority cut funding for this program due to the overall lack of justification for the need of Student Services Fees funding, in addition to the smaller range of students reached with the program.  
GDM: 4, 5, 9

3) Deduction of $6,250 from Grant Program. The Majority cut the Grant Program due to the limitation to graduate students only, despite the student organization’s reliance on both undergraduate and graduate student fees. The Committee recommends opening grant opportunities to both undergraduate and graduate students for program funding.  
GDM: 4, 5

4) Deduction of $1,500 from High-Profile Speaker Event. The Majority deemed that there was not enough justification for funding of the Honorarium by Student Services Fees.  
GDM: 9

Directives: The Committee recommends opening the Grant Program to both undergraduate and graduate students, as both student bodies’ service fees are being allocated to IPID funding. The deduction will be reconsidered should the student organization show this change to program availability.
Lutheran Campus Ministry

Vote: 9-0-0

Requested Allocation: $45,700  Recommended Allocation: $5,276

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Majority recommends that Lutheran Campus Ministry receives $5,276 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The majority recognizes the organization's ability to foster community and provide a clear service to the student body. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees that are detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $7,000 from salaries, wages and stipends for pastor. The committee feels that the pastor is unable to provide additional benefits to students who are not affiliated with the group but are still paying the fees. There is also clear evidence that the group is able to find other means of income to pay the pastor. GDM: 6, 8

2) Deduction of $9,360 from stipends, salaries and wages of Administrator. The committee feels that the advisor is unable to provide additional benefits to students who are not affiliated with the group but are still paying the fees. There is also clear evidence that the group is able to find other means of income to pay the advisor. GDM: 6, 8

3) Deduction of $500 from operational travel. The committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit operational travel entails. There is also clear evidence that there is not dramatic financial need for SSF to pay for this cost. GDM: 8, 9

4) Deduction of $1,000 from operational shared cell phone. The committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit operational phone. In the light that the space that is rented and the use of the phone is taken from the existing line in the rental space that is already being paid for. GDM: 8, 9

5) Deduction of $950 from operational postage. The committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit for such a large postage budget. Especially when it is for non-University students. However, the committee realizes the importance of this connect and is partially funding. GDM: 6, 9

6) Deduction of $2,400 from Janitor. The committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit of janitorial services. In the light that the space that is rented and already paying for the services and the ability for the organizations to assume the janitorial role. GDM: 6, 8, 9
7) Deduction of $700 from Welcome Week. The committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit for such a large advertising budget. There are better cost effective methods that can be used or other sources of income. GDM: 7, 9

8) Deduction of $7,300 from Worship. The committee feels that this event is catered more for group members and does not reach out to other students on campus and give additional benefits to the student body as a whole. GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6

9) Deduction of $500 from Cooking Club. The committee felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater campus and student based community. There is also clear evidence that the organization has the ability to partner with other organizations and receive external funds to supplement the cost. GDM: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9

10) Deduction of $300 from Tuesday Soup. The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach. GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

11) Deduction of $6,530 from Service Project. The majority felt that the evaluation process for which students can go on the mission trip was not designed in a way that will broaden the types of students that can gain access to this trip. Further there is evidence that this event is successful enough that alternative methods of funding can be used. GDM: 3, 4, 8

12) Deduction of $2,000 from Bock Party. The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach. GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

13) Deduction of $1,000 from General Outreach. The committee feels, based on the description of what the general outreach expense are, that these are fees that all groups must pay. Further most of the concepts are operational not programming and these equipment seem to hold a greater benefit for the individual members rather than the student body. There is also no evidence of other forms of income to help supplement these costs. GDM: 1, 6, 7

14) Deduction of $150 from Education Resource. The committee feels that there are other avenues of income or resources that could be utilized to acquire the needed equipment. GDM: 6, 7, 8

15) Deduction of $200 from University Partnership. The committee feels it is inappropriate that SSF fees, which all students are paying for, are being allocated for dues of the organization that directly benefit only the members of that organization or its affiliates. GDM: 6, 8

16) Deduction of $534 difference between expenses and income. GDM: 9
Directives: Allocate more resources to reaching the student body about the specific events that your organization hosts.
MacLaurinCSF Students

Vote: 9-0-0

Requested Allocation: $96,683  
Recommended Allocation: $11,468

Majority Opinion

Comments:

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) It was not fully justified for SSF money to be granted for the payment of the Program Director’s salary – $21,600 (GDM 10)

2) It was not fully justified for SSF money to be granted for the payment of the Study Center Manager stipend – $4,680 (GDM 10)

3) The insurance, benefits and taxes were also not fully justified for SSF to grant money for the payment of paid workers – $7,340 (GDM 10)

4) CPA can be funded by other sources – $1,000 (GDM 8)

5) Parking can be funded by other sources – $400 (GDM 8)

6) Program Director Cell phone was seen as a benefit of working, and was not fully justified to the committee that SSF money should be granted for that benefit – $360 (GDM 10)

7) Postage can be funded from other sources if needed – $100 (GDM 8)

8) Registration Fee can be covered by other sources – $150 (GDM 8)

9) Advertising money can be spent more efficiently for Reading Groups – $1,000 (GDM 7, 8)

10) The Colin MacLaurin Fellows Program does not benefit those who do not participate, and there seems to be no attempt at alternative funding – $8,650 (GDM 4, 6, 7, 8)

11) Faith and Science and Faith and Humanities Lectures are the two most expensive lectures in the Faith and… series. These are all new events, and haven’t proven that they can happen successfully. The committee is willing to fund other lectures with less costs to allow group to prove they can provide the suggested service in the future – $6,575 (GDM 2, 3)
12) The Colin MacLaurin Fellows Program Retreat does not benefit those who do not participate, and there seems to be no attempt at alternative funding – $1,950 (GDM 4, 6, 7, 8)

13) Finals Week Dinner can be funded by other sources – $600 (GDM 8)

14) Christian Faith & College Life Course can be funded by other sources, and the committee was willing to match the outside funding that was attempted – $2,400

15) Summer Sabbatical does not attempt to reach out to as wide of an audience as it could, it does not benefit people who do not participate and no alternate funding was attempted – $1,563 (GDM 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

16) The consortium of Christian Study Centers Conference does not directly benefit the student body, has a high cost per attendee, does not reach out to a reasonable amount of students, hasn’t attempted to seek alternate funding, and can be seen as a benefit of working, which is not fully justified – $1,400 (GDM 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

17) Visiting Scholars Lectures are part of the overall new programming, and hasn’t proven that it can happen successfully – $3,950 (GDM 2, 3)

18) The funding of rent was not justified – $9,600 (GDM 9)

19) The funding for phone and internet does not benefit the student body – $840 (GDM 6)

20) Furniture does not benefit the student body – $360 (GDM 6)

21) The group does not show financial responsibility by projecting a large deficit – $2,400 (GDM 9)
Minnesota International Student Association

Vote: 8-0-0

Requested Allocation: $92,924  Recommended Allocation: $61,845

Comments: This group showed an ability to provide a significant breadth of successful programming. The committee was impressed with how much this group was able to accomplish throughout the year. The committee did deduct expenses which it felt to be excessive.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $7,834 was cut from stipends.  GDM: 10

2) Under operations, $00 was taken off from the possible lawyer expense. $250 was taken off for the television as the committee did not see its benefit to the student body. $150 was taken off for the picture frame, $50 was taken off from the table cloth, $23 was taken off for the tripod, and $699 was taken off for the Photoshop as the committee did not believe these to benefit students outside of the group. $550 was taken off from the jackets; $1,000 was taken off for the t-shirts as the committee believed these costs to be excessive. $3,200 was taken off for printing to bring it more in line with the expenses of other groups. The committee decided not to fund the $30 shipping expense or the $29 for U.S. Bank. Additionally, the committee did not feel that the water was needed, and deducted $559.  GDM: 1, 3, 6, 8,

3) The committee deducted differing amount from different events that it did not believe to be justified. These ranged from travel expenses to supplies that the committee decided not to fund. These included: $800 off the community engagement event, $2,750 off the affiliate cook-off, $625 off of the Halloween pumpkin event, $825 from the trick or treat event, $550 from the ice skating event, $500 from the flash mob event, $1,350 from the legacy of MISA event, $75 from the MISA movie night, $1,250 from the international movie night, $190 from the scary movie night, $440 from the pizza social, $75 from the Better U workshop, $560 from the U Break workshop, $500 from the thanksgiving event, $2,500 from the end of year luau, and $950 from ISOP.  GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Minnesota Public Interest Research Group

Vote: 7-3-0

Requested Allocation: $154,880  Recommended Allocation: $127,128

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $154,880 and voted to approve $127,128 for the student organization, Minnesota Public Interest Research Group. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends MPIRG for its wide breadth of programming, the number of students the organization’s programs are expected to reach, the quantity and quality of the programs, and the thorough justification for their request for Student Services Fees for many of their services. Major deductions resulted from an incomplete justification for the necessity and distinctiveness for certain staff positions (GDM 10).

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

Operational:

1) Deduction of $21,480 for Salaries, Wages, and Stipends. The Majority deemed that the Campus Organizer, Organizing Director, and Executive Director were justified in their request for Student Services Fees, though not for their full amount. Deductions were made to reflect time spent working for the organization and the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus, in addition to the nature of responsibilities to the student organization. Diversity Fellow funding was cut due to a lack of justification and explanation of its distinctiveness from Campus Organizer and justification for full funding.  
   GDM: 10

2) Deduction of $1,980 for Insurance, Benefits, and Taxes. The Majority reduced funding for Health Benefits and Taxes in similar ratios to the reduced funding for MPIRG staff. The percentage reduced from staff funding is reflected in the reduction in health benefits and tax funding.  
   GDM: 10

3) Deduction of $500 for Operational Supplies. The Majority deemed the full request of $1,000 was not fully justified. Reduction to $500 was recommended to maintain adequate funding for office supplies necessary for the operation and function of the student organization.  
   GDM: 9

4) Deduction of $2,360 for Fall Retreat. The Majority deemed that the extent to which the program would benefit both participating and non-participating students was not fully
justified. In addition, the student organization did not demonstrate that financial need could not be offset through other financial avenues.

5) Deduction of $1,432 for all Programming. The Majority made a 10% deduction from Programming due to the lack of partnerships with other student organizations that might have similar goals and programs. The Student Services Fee Committee did not deem that there was enough demonstration that alternative sources of income could be found to fulfill the financial need.

_directives_: The Student Services Fee Committee recommends the wide breadth of programming, the quantity and quality of the services provided, and the justification for many of the services and programs described. The Committee was impressed at the extent to which MPIRG is able to assess the demand of programs from the University student body and subsequently provide those services. The Committee recommends partnering with other student organizations when possible to increase the extent of programming, while providing more avenues for securing additional income.

Minority Opinion 1:

**Requested Allocation:** $154,880  
**Recommended Allocation:** $136,809

**Comments:** The minority feels that Minnesota Public Interest Research Group justified its need for a fully funded Campus Organizer and strongly opposes the 10% additional deduction to the organization’s programming.

1) An $8,250 addition for Campus Organizer stipend and $1,432 addition to general programming should take place for MPIRG because of the lack of external funding available to politically based student organizations. The benefits that a full-time campus organizer provides to the campus is immeasurable and a supplementary efforts by students will not be able to replace the effects on our campus if this campus organizer were to not be able to perform their role in the same fashion as they would be if their stipend was fully funded. By creating politically charged advocates on campus, even students not involved in the political process could gain the benefits that the advocates would work for. Hindering this through a hamper on MPIRG’s funding should not take place.

**Directives:** Continue to ensure that our campus stays engaged in political issues and increase funding through external sources if possible.

Minority Opinion 2:

**Requested Allocation:** $154,880  
**Recommended Allocation:** $77,500

**Comments:** The minority believes that MPIRG has not justified its need for paid staff, and is concerned about the extent to which MPIRG operates like a political operation (as
distinct from a political interest group). The minority would remove the stipends and other compensation.

Minority Opinion 3:

Requested Allocation: $154,880  Recommended Allocation: $94,127

Comments: The funding for the Campus Organizer Salary was not fully justified, – $33,000 (GDM 10)
Minnesota Student Association

Vote: 9-1-0

Requested Allocation: $177,878     Recommended Allocation: $161,978

Majority Opinion
Comments: The committee enjoyed the presentation that MSA provided. The committee was happy to see that MSA provided the undergraduate student body with good representation and appropriate events that aided the entire student undergraduate student body. Also the committee was happy to see the responsible usage of SSF money.

However, there were certain areas the committee did not see appropriate usage of SSF funding and have reduced funding accordingly.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A cut of $1,000 is recommended from stipends. The majority of the committee did not see the need for at large members to receive stipends.       GDM: 10b, 1, 4

2) A cut of $400 is recommended from operational travel. The committee did not see reimbursements for parking and mileage as an appropriate use of SSF funding.            GDM: 3, 4, 5, 8

3) A cut of $100 is recommended from operational food. The committee did not see the need for use of SSF funding for food for the Reps. to Regents. GDM: 3, 4, 5, 8

4) A cut of $2,000 is recommended from capital improvements. The committee did not see this is a benefit for the larger student body.       GDM: 3, 6, 7, 8

5) A cut of $900 is recommended from operational supplies. Majority of the committee felt that amount requested for such operational expenses was high with respect to the benefits.       GDM: 2, 3

6) A cut of $3,000 is recommended from printing and copying. Majority of the committee strongly felt the amount requested was high and did not see the amount requested as appropriate use SSF funding.       GDM: 3, 4, 5, 6

7) A cut of $1,500 is recommended from T-shirts is recommended. The committee strongly felt that this was not an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

8) The committee decided against providing SSF funding for non-profit registration.  Hence a cut of $150 is recommended.              GDM: 7
9) A cut of $2,500 is recommended from the Big Ten on hill program. The committee felt that the travel expense for this event was too high and there was no source of outside funding for this. GDM: 7, 8

10) A cut of $1,500 is recommended from the Association of Big Ten Schools Programs. The committee did not feel this event was an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 4, 5, 6

11) A cut of $1,000 is recommended from the freshman intern program. The committee did not see this program requiring funds for food and other. GDM: 7, 8

2) A cut of $1,000 is recommended from the Leadership reception. The committee strongly felt that the expenses for the event were high and where not a justified usage of SSF funding. GDM: 7, 8

3) A cut of $850 is recommended from the University Policies and Student Concerns event. The committee strongly felt the other was not specified enough. GDM: 7, 8

Directives: Keep up the good work, however the committee would definitely like to see efforts made towards external funding also for certain operational and programming expenses.
Minnesota Quidditch

Vote: 4-1-0

Requested Allocation: $24,550
Recommended Allocation: $11,915

Majority Opinion

Comments: The committee agrees that Minnesota Quidditch is a group that fosters community on campus and provides an outlet for students to de-stress and have fun. However, when looking at your budget we made a few cuts to ensure the money you received truly benefitted all students paying the fee.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) We deducted $2,500 for game day equipment. During your presentation you did express that some of your equipment was falling apart, however, we believe that the students using this equipment should help pay to restore it. GDM: 8, 7, 6, 1

2) We deducted $500 dollars from our operational printing and copying. We thought in general the $700 for flyers plus $100 for surveys and $200 for waivers was excessive and not beneficial to all fee-paying students. We are cutting all your printing and copying costs in half and funding it at $500 in hope you will be more frugal and find other sources to pay for these things or electronic alternatives. GDM: 1, 6, 7, 8

3) The committee believes a storage locker is not essential for your group to continue. While we heard your argument about the potential difficulties of keeping equipment at members individual houses we argue that those are the people who are playing and thus can take responsibility for keeping the equipment. We also note that you have not needed storage in the past and have not demonstrated to us that you have gained an extraordinary amount of new equipment that would need storage GDM: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

4) Unlike your other tournaments that bring events to campus and benefit the entire campus community your Midwest regional tournament only benefits the 30 members who are going. We as a committee do not feel as though fee money should be going to allow 30 students to go and play Quidditch. They are not going somewhere for a training or education or anything that they will be able to bring back that would benefit all fee paying students and for that reason we cannot fund this event. We deduct $1000 GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8

5) After heated debate we have decided to partially sponsor your world cup VIII program. While again this mostly only benefits the 30 kids who are going we think that if students have made it past regionals to the world cup we can partially support the world cup. Bringing home a world cup would be beneficial to the University so we are only deducting $5,000. GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8
6) All Student groups are supposed to act as nonprofits; your group has provided your budget in such a way that you are going to make money. We are deducting the $635 dollars you are expecting as income from your balance. If this was meant as a reserve or to go someplace else please re-do your budget and express this. GDM: Guidelines for being a student group and for applying for fees, also GDM 8

**Directives:** If you would like your $635 back please fix your budget and resend to us.

**Minority Opinion 1:**

*Requested Allocation: $24,550*  
*Recommended Allocation: $4,000*

*Comments:* The minority acknowledges Quidditch’s popularity on campus, but believes most of its events and programs should be (and could be) paid by a combination of out-of-pocket money, fundraising, and ticket sales, especially since the out-of-town events only benefit those going. GDM: 6, 8
National Society of Black Engineers #318

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $12,140  
Recommended Allocation: $6,860

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The committee has reviewed the requested amount of $12,140 and voted to approve $6,860 for the student organization, National Society of Black Engineers. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the core aspects of the organization and the impact of the programming upon the campus.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision-making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deductions to Board Meeting Food for $150 and to Board Polo shirts for $70 under operational breakdown. The SSFC took into consideration the fact the organization did not request stipends, but chose to remove funding due to the impact upon the campus and external further external funding that could provide for these services.  
GDM: 6, 7, & 8

2) A $350 deduction for Study Sessions under the program breakdown. The SSFC feels that while organized studying is essential to GDM 1b, food is not required in the process. The committee suggests that external funds are used because while the events align with the mission of the organization, benefits to paying students who do not participate have not been shown. 
GDM: 6, 7, & 8

3) Deductions were made to the Fall Regional Conference for $1,905 and the National Convention for $2,800 under the program breakdown. The SSFC feels that travel expenses should rarely be funded under the student services fees funds and took into consideration the fact that stipends were not requested for the board. In lieu of stipends, the committee feels that the benefits of the organization include attending this conference under SSFC funding. However, the SSFC feels that this travel expense using the student services fees funds does not help to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the student services fee. 
GDM: 1a, 3, 5, & 6

Directives: Demonstrate that student services fees do not go towards travel at a high proportion and seek external funding from sources such as corporate sponsorships.
Natural Resources Association of Graduate Students

Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $3,691    Recommended Allocation: $3,259

Majority Opinion
Comments: The committee enjoyed the professional presentations by Natural Resources Association of Graduate Students. A clear mission and objective was addressed during the presentation and the committee commends the group for their hard works. There are some costs that do not provide a service to the greater student body, defined in the deductions below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee does not feel that it is the role of Student Services Fee to pay the $25 SUA registration fee. GDM: 6, 8

2) While the committee can see the benefit of the speaker series, we felt that the cost of traveling that you have slated is too high. Considering the fact that the guest has not been decided doesn’t allow us to give the full funding that the group requested. The travel expenses were unjustified by the group. Furthermore, we have taken out $100 for speaker gifts. Gifts only benefit those who are directly receiving the items and do not provide a greater benefit to the student body. GDM: 6, 8, 9

3) The SSFC feels that this expense for coffee using the student services fees funds does not help to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the student services fee; thus, the SSFC recommends funding this expense with other sources. GDM: 6

Directives: Continue to reach out to graduate and professional students around the university. Work with other student groups to increase reach and breadth of programs that provide worth to the mission of the group.
Navigators at the University of Minnesota

Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $13,400  
Recommended Allocation: $3,500

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee recommends Navigators at the University of Minnesota is granted $3,500.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

Need for the fees request for the Navs Launch event was not demonstrated – $700 (GDM 2, 3, 8, 9)

Food and advertising costs can be eliminated from Explore-U (Student Activities Fair) and “other” was not specified – $800 (GDM 3, 7, 8, 9)

The frequency and cost of Nav Nights is not justified. The Committee is willing to grant funding to reach half of the expenses according to the information given – $4,000 (GDM 2, 3)

The Weekender retreat does not benefit those who do not attend, there was also no attempt at outside funding – $1,500 (GDM 6, 7, 8)

The costs for Discipleship Groups can be made up elsewhere – $400 (GDM 8)

Fall Social does not meet the goals of the group’s mission – $1,000 (GDM 2)

Spring Social does not meet the goals of the group’s mission – $500 (GDM 2)

Spring Break Service Trip does not benefit those who do not attend – $900 (GDM 6, 8)

There was no attempt to secure other funds for the Laborers Conference and can be funded by other means – $600 (GDM 7, 8)
Plant Pathology Graduate Student Organization

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $10,700  Recommended Allocation: $4,650

Comments: While you convinced the Committee of the importance of your group, we were not overwhelmingly convinced that this group was benefiting all fee-paying students. Many argued that your group was too secluded and specialized. While the majority believes that your group has intentions to include/market to all fee paying students we needed more evidence of this. We need you to better distinguish yourself as not just being a group that should solely be sponsored by your department.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Under the program “Symposium” the committee has deducted $1,000 from the budget for travel expenses and $2,000 under the food budget for a total deduction for $3,000 for the event. All but one of the committee felt that travel was not an expense that fee-paying students should pay for. Money taken away from the food budget was deducted because a majority of the committee felt that the price per head for food ($5,000/200=$25 dollars a head) was too excessive for SSF fees.  
GDM: 4, 5, 6

2) This year the committee scrutinized retreats and spring break trips for all groups. We are very wary about the overall impact and benefit that these bring to the overall university community versus what it gives to the few students who are able to attend. I personally fought to keep this event but the rest of the committee was not convinced on the benefit of this program. We settled on partially funding the event, and believe that the students attending should contribute as well as your department. This event has been funded before without SSF funding and the SSF committee is not convinced that it can’t be funded without student services fees.  
GDM: 7, 8, 4, 5, 6

3) For the “Como Park Outreach” program again the committee was not convinced on how this would benefit all students paying the fee, they only saw it as helping a few students. I personally believe you can get funding back if you can express the importance of the wider impact on the university and show us with numbers why the printing costs are so high. They are also confused as to why your department is not covering the cost of this program. The majority committee has decided to deduct $200 dollars off of this event.  
GDM: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

4) There were many reasons we had to deduct $500 dollars from the program “educational Module Development and dissemination. There were voices who don’t agree with sending fee money to students who aren’t paying the fee. Also there was no funding from anywhere else going to this program and we feel as though your department should really co-sponsor this event. The committee also feels that travel is not a
necessary expense especially around the twin cities when we have campus connectors and metro busses. Also if students are so compelled to drive off of campus we do not see the necessity in reimbursing them for doing something they want to do. We have decided to meet you have hallway and sponsor the event at $500 dollars GDM: 1, 4,5,6,7

5) The first Friday Legacy Lunches have been deducted $1,200. This was a tough debate in committee and the final reasoning by those who voted to pass the deduction was the high cost per head ($12 for a lunch), the specialization of the event and the uncertainty of the need for this event. The committee wants to cut the frequency of the event and does not want to be solely responsible for paying for this event. I personally did not vote for this, but it is in our GDMs that each event must be justified fully and therefore on that basis your group was unable to justify the need for and benefit to the whole campus for this program. GDM: 1, 3, 4,5,6,7

*Directives:* In your efforts this year or next year please be very clear with how your group truly impacts the university as whole. We would also like to see more outside/department/group member funds raised. We would also like to see an event that really reached out to the university community.
Pokémon League

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $5,635  
Recommended Allocation: $2,990

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee would like to thank the Pokémon League for the time and work that went into the proposal and presentation. The Committee would also like to thank the Pokémon League for the work they do in creating an inclusive and diverse campus community, one that is safe for all students.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $400 deducted for board games  
   GDM: 1, 3, 5, 6, and 8
2) $570 deducted for retreat  
   GDM: 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8
3) $100 deducted for button materials  
   GDM: 5, 6, and 8
4) $150 deducted for group t-shirts  
   GDM: 6, 7, and 8
5) $25 deducted for business cards  
   GDM: 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8
6) $200 deducted for Daily ads  
   GDM: 6, 7, and 8
7) $100 deducted for Scavenger Hunt  
   GDM: 6, 7, and 8
8) $1,100 deducted for Pokémon Con  
   GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8

Directives: Continue seeking partnerships with other student organizations, as well as keep pursuing other sources of revenue aside from the SSF
Queer Student Cultural Center

Vote: 9-1-0

Requested Allocation: $68,741  
Recommended Allocation: $49,011

**Majority Opinion**

*Comments:* This group showed that it provides a breadth of programming across campus that benefits many different groups of students. The committee was impressed with the diversity of programming this group was able to provide in an efficient way.

*The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:*

1) $1,440 was deducted from the Co-Chair positions, $1,440 was deducted from the at large rep, and $1,440 was deducted from the treasurer position as it was believed that these functions did not need to be provided by student service fees.  
   GDM: 3, 7, 8, 10

2) $750 was deducted from the graphic design expense as it was believed this could be provided by students. $200 was deducted from the parking expense as we did not feel this provided enough benefit to the student body. $500 was deducted from MBLGTAC, because the committee did not see enough benefit to campus. $700 was deducted from the overview and $2,000 was deducted from reserves as the committee believed these amounts to be excessive.  
   GDM: 1, 3, 5, 8

3) $1,761 was deducted from the leadership retreat and $1,000 was deducted from the GLBTA event as the committee did not see enough benefit to the student body. The committee deducted $800 from craft supplies as it did not feel it would benefit enough students. $6100 was deducted from the symposium as the cost of this event seemed too large.  
   GDM: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8

*Directives:* None

**Minority Opinion**

Requested Allocation: $68,741  
Recommended Allocation: $48,483

*Comments:* While the minority understands the function of the closed pool party, it violates the Equal Opportunity Statement that is a prerequisite for SSFC funding. Consequently, the minority would deduct $528 for the pool parties.
Saint Paul's Outreach

Vote: 8-2-0

Requested Allocation: $128,775  Recommended Allocation: $48,059

Majority Opinion

Comments: The programming and operational expenses of Saint Paul's Outreach largely pleased the committee. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee recommends a $35,000 cut from stipends since the wider benefit to the university student body is insufficient for the requested subsidy. GDM: 1, 5

2) The committee recommends a $2,295 cut from FICA Tax services since the wider benefit to the university student body is insufficient to justify the requested subsidy. GDM: 1, 5

3) The committee recommends a $1,500 cut from plane tickets since it is not clear that student services fees are needed to fulfill this cost. GDM: 1, 7, 8

4) The committee recommends a $1,646 cut from the requested equipment subsidy. It feels alternative funding would suffice for this expense. GDM: 7, 8

5) The committee recommends a $25 cut from the Student Unions Registration fee since its benefit to wider student body is marginal. GDM: 1, 6

6) The committee recommends a $3,000 cut from rent for the office on campus. Evidence of alternative funding was lacking. GDM: 7, 8

7) The committee recommends a $5,000 cut from the School of the New Evangelization since evidence of the benefit to the university did not justify the full requested cost. GDM: 1, 5, 8

8) The committee recommends a $425 cut from the Fan into Flame event since evidence of the benefit to the university did not justify the full requested cost. GDM: 1, 5, 8

9) The committee recommends a $4,300 cut from the Catalyst Conference since evidence of the benefit to the university did not justify the full requested cost. GDM: 1, 5, 8
10) The committee recommends a $500 cut from the Black and White Affair since the SSFC felt food could be secured for either a more frugal cost or be subsidized by the students in attendance. 

GDM: 1, 7, 8

11) The committee recommends a $300 cut from Dinner With the Archbishop since advertising for the event was lacking and therefore the benefits of the program would not have reached the wider student body. 

GDM: 1, 5

12) The committee recommends a $300 cut from Catholic RUSH since it feels funds could be secured from external sources. 

GDM: 7, 8

13) The committee recommends a $850 cut from Men's and Women's Nights since evidence of effort to secure outside funding was lacking. 

GDM: 7, 8

14) The committee recommends a $2325 cut from Men's and Women's Nights since evidence of effort to secure outside funding was lacking. 

GDM: 7, 8

15) The committee recommends a $10,000 cut from the mentorship program since it is unclear that the benefits of this program will extend to the broader student body. 

GDM: 1, 5

16) The committee recommends a $11,250 cut from the Household Event since the benefit to nonmember students does not justify the requested subsidy. 

GDM: 6

Directives: Continue to provide effective diverse services, but focus attempts to secure outside funding and reach the widest student audience.

Minority Opinion 1:

Requested Allocation: $128,775

Recommended Allocation: $51,909

Comments: The minority feels that Saint Paul’s Outreach justified its need for a fully funded Men’s and Women’s nights and office.

1) An $850 addition for Men’s & Women’s Nights and $3,000 addition for the Office were fully justified because of the operational need for an office in the location outlined by the organization and the impact of the Men’s & Women’s Nights upon the campus. The office in the location chosen by the organization is clearly part of the mission of the organization to allow a space for students and an alternate location may call for a name change due to switching to a different campus. 

GDM: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, & 5

Directives: Continue to find unique ways to engage young Catholics that attend the University while searching for alternative funding for everything possible. Use Student Service Fees as an aid to supplement programming and operations not as a crutch.
Minority Opinion 2:

*Requested Allocation:* $128,775  
*Recommended Allocation:* $45,285

The minority believes that SSFC funding is inappropriate for prayer services, and thus would deduct $2,774 from Ash Wednesday.  
GDM: 1, 6, 8
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $3,835  
Recommended Allocation: $3,435

Majority Opinion

Comments: The operational and programming expenses of SIAM largely pleased the committee. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee recommends a $400 cut from registration for the International Contest. It is not clear that the benefit to the student body justifies the requested subsidy.
GDM: 1, 5, 6

Directives: Continue to provide effective diverse services, but focus attempts to secure outside funding and reach the widest student audience.
Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $10,900  Recommended Allocation: $6,150

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $10,900 and voted to approve $6,150 for the student organization, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Committee commends SASE for the extent of the programs offered, as well as the quality of services provided to the University community.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $400 from Technical Project. The Majority deemed that there was not adequate justification for funding the event with Student Services Fees, and that there was not adequate demonstration that the program benefited the University campus as a whole, including non-participating students. GDM: 1, 6, 9

2) Deduction of $200 from Mentorship Program. The Majority deemed that there was not adequate justification for funding the event with Student Services Fees, and that there was not adequate demonstration that the program benefited the University campus as a whole, including non-participating students. GDM: 1, 6, 9

3) Deduction of $500 from National Conferences. The Majority deemed that there was not adequate justification for funding the event with Student Services Fees, and that there was not adequate demonstration that the program benefited the University campus as a whole, including non-participating students. Funding was still provided due to the networking and career opportunities offered at the conference. GDM: 1, 6, 9

4) Deduction of $700 from Regional Conferences. The Majority deemed that there was not adequate justification for funding the event with Student Services Fees, and that there was not adequate demonstration that the program benefited the University campus as a whole, including non-participating students. The Majority deemed that cheaper travel expenses could be found. GDM: 1,6,8,9

5) Deduction of $950 from Study Sessions. The Majority deemed that this program is not consistent with the mission of the organization, or why it is necessary for the student organization and campus community. GDM: 1, 2
6) Deduction of $300 from Bowling with SASE. The Majority deemed that this program is not consistent with the mission of the organization, or why it is necessary for the student organization and campus community.  

7) Deduction of $50 from Bagel Social. The Majority deemed that this program is not consistent with the mission of the organization, or why it is necessary for the student organization and campus community.

8) Deduction of $150 from Volunteering with SASE. The Majority deemed that there was not adequate justification for Food and Travel expenses for a volunteer event. There lacked a demonstration of the benefit to non-participating students for this program as well.

9) Deduction of $1500 from Annual Banquet. The Majority deemed the Food expenses were too high per attendee, with a lack of justification for the necessity of such a high cost. Reductions were made to fund $10 per expected attendee.

Directives: The Committee recommends further justifying the benefit of SASE programs to non-participating students, in addition to the necessity of certain costs requested. The Committee commends SASE for the quality of the programs offered to the University campus and nearby communities.
Society of Automotive Engineers

Vote: 9-2-0

Requested Allocation: $34,733  Recommended Allocation: $29,566

Comments: The Committee appreciates the opportunity SAE provides to students and the prestige it brings the University.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The Committee removed $1,060 for polos and business cards as these expenditures do not aid those outside of the group’s membership and could be funded without SSF money. GDM: 1, 6, 8

2) The Committee removed $410 from the program “Competition” as it was felt that the SSF money requested for the event was high given its low impact on those not participating and the potential for making up the money in additional non-SSF income. GDM: 6, 8

3) The Committee removed $1,250 for Spring Break Testing as it was felt the event was not necessary for the group’s functioning, had limited impact on campus, had a high cost per student attending, and could potentially be replaced by cheaper local indoor testing or by getting non-SSF funding for the event. GDM: 1, 5, 6, 7, 8

4) The Committee deducted $2,446 as the submitted budget had an unexplained positive difference of $2,446. GDM: 9
Somali Student Association

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Requested Allocation: $32,500
Recommended Allocation: $24,550

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Majority recommends that Somali Student Association receives $24,550 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The majority recognizes the organization's ability to foster community and continually gaining outreach to new students. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $450 from operational food. The majority felt that the need to pay for food for a retreat that was only available to leaders of the organization did not directly benefit the organization or the university, and there was an alternative source of income. However, it was realized since the main office was in St. Paul, room refreshments would be needed so the majority partly funded that based on demand. GDM: 1, 8

2) Deduction of $400 from equipment breakdown. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit of a microwave or a mini-fridge to the organization. Further these are not unique services that students do not have access to. GDM: 1, 2, 6, 9

3) Deduction of $500 from operational printing and copying. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit for such a large printing budget, thus the majority partially funded this service. GDM: 9

4) Deduction of $3,500 for travel and other supplies from Somali Youth Leadership Conference. The majority recognizes the recognition this conference will give the university and provide a new set of viewpoints that can be brought to the student body. However, the majority does not feel the need to pay for the travel of other non-university students and that other alternative income can be allocated by the group due to its success. GDM: 4, 8

5) Deduction of $575 from Fall Kick-off. Incorrect budgeting. Total expense does not match total income. GDM: 9, 11

6) Deduction of $1,000 from Breakfast in Somalia. The majority felt that the total frequency of this event was unneeded to effectively deliver the message of the event. Also due to the healthy eating aspect this seems to be a project that can be done in partnership with another organization rather than a mission of SSA. GDM: 2, 8
7) Deduction of $520 from Power Productivity Palooza. The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and seems to be a project that can be done in partnership with another organization, MCAE. GDM: 2, 8

8) Deduction of $5 from Ladu Tournament. Incorrect information between totals. GDM: 3, 11

9) Deduction of $300 for travel from Culture Night. The majority does not feel the need to pay for the travel of non-university students who do not pay the fee. GDM: 6

10) Deduction of $500 for food from Halaqu Sessions. The majority felt that the main purpose of this event is to educate thus such a large food budget was not needed for the success of the event. GDM: 3

11) Deduction of $100 for prizes from Freshmen Engagement Dinner. The majority did not feel that there was a need for prizes that would benefit the event or non-member students. Further due to partnerships with other organizations and alternative income gained there is no financial need. GDM: 3, 6, 8

12) Deduction of $100 for alternate funding from Poetry Night. The majority felt that it was unclear if this event specifically helped express Somali culture or just the idea of poetry. Also other groups conduct similar ideas that could be collaborated with for income. GDM: 3, 7

Directives: Look for additional sources of income such as partnerships with other organizations or grants to help fund events and non-student related activates. Co
Student Services Fee Event Grant

Vote: 9-0-0

Requested Allocation: $75,000  Recommended Allocation: $75,000

Majority Opinion
Comments: It was determined that this group's mission, and request was in line with the guidelines. The committee believed that its benefits are far reaching, and are worth funding.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) No deductions were made as it was believed this group provides a valuable service to students.
Student Veterans Association

Vote: 6-0-0

Requested Allocation: $17,975  
Recommended Allocation: $15,069

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee would like to thank the SVA for the presentation and proposal they created. The Committee would also like to thank the SVA for the work it does to create a safer and more inclusive campus community that is accessible to all students.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $25 deducted for IRS 501(c) (3) renewal  
   GDM: 7, 8

2) $1,200 deducted from LaserJet Toner  
   GDM: 6, 7, and 8

3) $450 deducted from National SVA Conference  
   GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8

4) $1,231 deducted across the board to encourage collaboration  
   GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Directives: The Committee recommends that the SVA work more to collaborate with other student organizations, as many may have members or interests that coincide with the mission of SVA.
Students Against Hunger

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Requested Allocation: $7,385  
Recommended Allocation: $4,967

Comments: The Majority recommends that Students against Hunger receives $4,967 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The majority recognizes the organization's ability to raise awareness and outreach to new students. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees that are detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $40 for 4-5 gallon beverage under equipment breakdown. The majority felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit of a 4-5 gallon beverage container to the organization. Further these are not unique services that students do not already have access to.  
   GDM: 1, 2, 6, 9

2) Deduction of $250 for T-shirts and registration fee from other operational breakdown. The majority feels that T-shirts are benefits of the group thus the group should find means to fund it not the SSF fee. The same is true for the registration fee as all groups must pay that fee and financial aid is not needed for this group.  
   GDM: 6, 8

3) Deduction of $500 for travel from Global Poverty. The majority does not feel the need to pay for the travel of other non-university students and since the cost of the event is $500 which includes the travel expense this seems to be mislabeled.  
   GDM: 6, 9

4) Deduction of $50 for travel from Loaves and Fish. The majority feels that since the location is in the Twin Cities area it is not unreasonable for students to find their own means of transportation.  
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

5) Deduction of $50 from Second Harvest Heartland. The majority feels that it is not unreasonable for students to find their own means of transportation due to the limited attendance of the event and the limited impact on student body.  
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

6) Deduction of $200 from Meals on Wheels. The majority feels that it is not unreasonable for students to find their own means of transportation due to the limited attendance of the event and the limited impact on student body.  
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

7) Deduction of $250 from Social Events. The majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group.  
   GDM: 2

8) Deduction of $1,078 for difference between expenses and income.  
   GDM: 9
Directives: Find alternative sources of income for travel off campus for a few number of members and membership exclusive benefits.
Students for a Conservative Voice

Vote: 8-1-1

Requested Allocation: $137,189  
Recommended Allocation: $76,040

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $137,189 and voted to approve $76,040 for the student organization, Students for a Conservative Voice. This amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends the expansion and increase in services, with subsequent justification for many of those increases. Several deductions to the request were made due to lack of fully explaining some of the programs and their justifications, in addition to a lack of benefit to non-participating students.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

Operational:
1) Deduction of $25,500 from Salaries, Wages, and Stipends. The Majority deemed that providing stipends for student workers was justified, though to a lesser extent than requested in the student organization’s application. Writer stipends were provided $100/each, for a total of $9600. The Majority did not deem sufficient justification for the use of Student Services Fees to fund an advisor.  
GDM: 10

2) Deduction of $800 from Operational Travel. The Majority did not see sufficient justification for funding parking for the student organization, and suggests alternative sources of income be utilized for parking.  
GDM: 8, 9

3) Deduction of $5,500 from Printing and Copying. The Majority did not see sufficient justification and evidence for the increase in demand for more issues. The Majority did not deem the hope to establish more advertising as sufficient grounds for increasing funding.  
GDM: 9

4) Deduction of $300 from Other Operational Expenses. The Majority did not see sufficient justification for the funding of Subscriptions. Though Subscriptions may provide examples for the Minnesota Republic staff to learn from, the Majority deemed that the extent of the benefit for non-participants, in addition to the overall justification for the need for Student Services Fees, was not adequate. The Majority also felt that other such resources were available for cheaper prices.  
GDM: 6, 9

Programming:
5) Deduction of $1,025 for 2nd Annual Gun Range Trip. The Majority deemed that there was a lack of demonstration that the program benefited non-participating students. GDM: 6

6) Deduction of $250 from Volunteer at Ronald McDonald House Charities. The Majority deemed that there was not adequate justification for funding a volunteer event with Student Services Fees. There lacked a demonstration of the benefit to non-participating students for this program as well, in addition to how the program was consistent with the mission of the organization. GDM: 1, 2, 6, 9

7) Deduction of $7,500 from Ron Paul Event. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found (such as charging admission). Due to the high demand for such an event, a reasonable admission charge per student is feasible. GDM: 7, 8

8) Deduction of $2,450 for States Rights. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found (such as charging admission). Due to the high demand for such an event, a reasonable admission charge per student is feasible. GDM: 7, 8

9) Deduction of $7,750 from CPAC. The Majority deemed that the event was too exclusive, failing to provide benefits to non-participants, and failing to contribute a service to the student body or helping foster community at the University of Minnesota. GDM: 1, 6

10) Deduction of $8,000 from Grants. The Majority did not feel there was adequate description of how the grants are distributed and the nature of the process. The Majority recommends providing more detailed accounts of the grants process for possible reconsideration of funding. GDM: 9

11) Deduction of $2,075 from Center for the American Experiment. The Majority did not deem this event to benefit the University campus community, provide services to the student body, or be justified for its cost and benefit to the students attending. In addition, alternative sources of income (such as participating students paying portion of fee) were possible. GDM: 1, 8, 9

**Directives:** The Committee recommends providing more detailed information for the Grants process so that a more informed decision can be made regarding the extent of funding from Student Services Fees. Further description of the student organization’s plans to expand, and the justification for doing so, would be helpful for Student Services Fee Committees. The Committee applauds Students for a Conservative Voice partnering with other student groups on campus to host events, and the organization is encouraged to continue this in the future.

**Minority Opinion**

*Requested Allocation: $137,189  
Recommended Allocation: $70,540*

The increase in printing costs from last year is not justified – $5,500 reduction (GDM 3)
Students for a Democratic Society

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $9,675
Recommended Allocation: $4,575

Majority Opinion
Comments: The committee believed this group provided significant value to campus. It decided to fund the majority of the programs that this group provides, with a few exceptions.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $300 was deducted from the cost of the banner. $1,400 was deducted from the T-shirts, and $400 from the sweatshirts. The committee did not see enough benefit to the greater campus community to justify these expenses. GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

2) $150 was deducted from both the fall and spring meetings. It was determined that the group did not demonstrate need for these funds. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 8

3) $1,450 was deducted from the national conventions. The committee did not see how this brought enough benefit to the campus overall to justify this expense. GDM: 4, 5, 8

4) $375 was taken off of the fall concert, $500 was taken off for the spring speaker, and $300 was taken off for the end of year celebration. GDM: 2, 3, 7, 8

5) $275 was deducted from the difference between income and expenses.
Student for Design Activism

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Requested Allocation: $3,318  
Recommended Allocation: $2,260

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Majority recommends that Student for Design Activism receives $2,260 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The majority recognizes the organization’s ability to raise awareness in the community and unique experience the group could bring to the student body. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees that are detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $300 for Consultant. The majority felt that there was lack in evidence for the need of a consultant. No additional funds are raised and other resources can be utilized.  
GDM: 7, 9

2) Deduction of $558 Art outreach. The majority felt that though this event might bring community recognizing of the university it has little impact on the student body and little to reach out to the students Thus SSFC will match the grant given to this event.
GDM: 3, 5, 6

3) Deduction of $200 for difference between income and expenses, thus budget is not accounted for.  
GDM: 9

Directives: Review budget and see where difference comes from i.e. carry over, reserves, etc. Collaborate with institutions and other groups to help raise funds and internal awareness of the group’s existence. Also seek additional sources of funding such as grants or partnerships.
Students for Human Life

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $21,976  
Recommended Allocation: $645

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee recommends Students for Human Life is granted $645.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

- Operational Food does not benefit the entire student body -$800 (GDM 1, 4, 6)
- The blood drive did not appear to attempt to secure funding from elsewhere -$120 (GDM 7, 8)
- The cupcake event did not appear to attempt to secure funding from elsewhere -$156 (GDM 7, 8)
- The honorarium for the Dr. Peter K event was not justified -$3,000 (GDM 6, 7)
- The Pro Life week travel costs were not justified – 200 (GDM 8)
- The honorarium and video recording costs were unjustified for the Bobby Schindler event – $3,340 (GDM 6, 7, 8)
- The honorarium and video recording costs were unjustified for the Abby Johnson event – $3,340 (GDM 6, 7, 8)
- The travel cost for the Vitae Monologues was not justified – $50 (GDM 8)
- The committee did not see it fit to fund donations for the Cemetery of Innocence, and the travel costs were unjustified – $825 (GDM 1, 7, 8)
- The group had a large difference year after year that the group can use for funding – $9,500 (GDM 7, 8, 9)
**Tesla Works**

Vote: 5-0-0

*Requested Allocation: $24,207*  
*Recommended Allocation: $22,382*

**Majority Opinion**

*Comments:* The committee believes that Tesla Works is doing an excellent job and providing a great service to the University. We are happy to fund your efforts and hope you continue to engage the entire university community. There are just a few things we felt that fee-paying students should not have to pay for which are outlined below. You had a great presentation, a good budget and were very clear about where your money was going and how it was being spent.

*The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:*

1) Under operational food we are deducting $500 dollars for your year-end banquet, we did not know how this benefitted all fee-paying students.  
   **GDM:** 6

2) Under your operational printing and copying we deducted $175 for your “banner” purchase. We were not clear on why this was needed and why SSF funds should pay for it.  
   **GDM:** 6, 8

3) The committee has scrutinized funding (for all groups) retreats, spring break trips and in your case Field Trips. We do not know how this will benefit the university as a whole. In your case we are also not comfortably solely paying for this program. While it seems to be connected to what you group is doing we don’t think it impacts the university enough to pay for it. We believe students can pay for their own tickets and there is plenty of cheap public transportation that students can also fund on their own. We are deducting $800 for this program.  
   **GDM:** 1a, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

4) Very similar to the above event the committee is deducting $350 for your outreach program. The committee is very divided about sending funds from fee-paying students to benefit non-fee paying students. The committee also does not see the need to pay for travel for inner city events when we have cheap public transportation that your members can pay for themselves.  
   **GDM:** 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8

**Directives:** Focus all funding requests from us toward events that benefit the U campus. If you need more funding for events that only benefit a few or are for entertainment purposes we suggest fundraising, ticketing members asking members to pay for it themselves.
The Wake Student Magazine

Vote: 7-4-0

Requested Allocation: $39,155

Recommended Allocation: $30,452

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee recommends that The Wake is granted $30,452.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

The ACP Registration can be funded from other sources – $200 (GDM 6, 7, 8)

Meeting food for Ad Hoc meetings doesn’t benefit those who don’t attend – $50 (GDM 6, 8)

Signage does not benefit the entire student body – $70 (GDM 6, 7, 8)

Spring Concert does not meet goals of group’s mission – $750 (GDM 2)

There is a large projected difference – $7,633 (GDM 9)

Minority Opinion:

Requested Allocation: $39,155

Recommended Allocation: $36,202

Comments: The minority feels that The Wake Student Magazine justified its need for operational reserves and for Spring Concert.

1) A $5,000 addition for operational reserves was justified because an organization needs to be able to plan for possible delays in receiving fees and adjust accordingly to any crises. Without proper operational reserves, many organizations could be forced to cut programming due to unforeseen consequences and would not be able to meet their missions. GDM: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, & 5

2) A $750 addition for Spring Concert was justified because of the impact on campus coupled with the demand for events of this nature. The benefits to both the Wake and the campus are sufficient to fund. GDM: 1a, 1c, 3, 5

Directives: Continue to provide the service to campus that a magazine can provide to journalists who would not like to write in a newspaper style.
U-Finance

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $6,500  
Recommended Allocation: $3,700

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee appreciates U-Finance’s role in improving finances across many student organizations on campus.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The Committee removed $100 for thank you cards, $300 for marketing board, and $200 for T-shirts as these expenditures are unnecessary to the group’s functioning and could be funded without SSF money.  
GDM: 1, 2, 6, 8, 9

2) The Committee removed $900 from closure parties as these were found to not benefit those not participating in the group and were outside the group’s purpose.  
GDM: 1, 2, 6

3) The Committee removed $1,300 from community outreach as this seems outside of the group’s mission, would not benefit students not participating, and could be funded by means other than the SSFC.  
GDM: 2, 6, 8
Undergraduate Consulting Club

Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $6,000  
Recommended Allocation: $3,300

Majority Opinion

Comments: The committee reviewed the Undergraduate Consulting Club’s fee request and decided to allocate $3,300 out of the $6,000 requested. While the committee believed the group provides value to campus there was a concern with the group’s demonstration of searching for outside funding, and the groups reach across campus.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A deduction of $250 was made from the emergency fund to offset the difference in the group’s budget.  
   GDM: 7, 8

2) $1,500 was deducted from the entertainment line item for the mentorship event. The committee wasn’t convinced for the need of this expense for a mentorship program.  
   GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

3) $1,500 was deducted from the case competition program under the other line item, which included prizes. The committee did not believe this would benefit enough of the student body.  
   GDM: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
United Nations Student Association

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $13,640  Recommended Allocation: $10,540

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Committee recommends that the United Nations Student Association is granted $10,540.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

The committee is willing to match the request for this event in the fall, and the remaining funds can be made up from alternative sources – $3,300 (GDM 2, 3, 8)
University Honors Program Student Association

Vote: 3-2-0

*Requested Allocation:* $10,250  
*Recommended Allocation:* $6,450

**Majority Opinion**

*Comments:* The committee recommends that the University Honors Program Student Association is granted $6,450.

*The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:*

- The operations travel cost for service bus is not justified – $500 (GDM 8)
- The printing and copying cost are not fully justified to meet the demand that was explained – $300 (GDM 2, 8)
- The Travel Grant does not serve all fees paying students, and it was not clear that the selection process met all of the minimum requirements for apply for SSF – $3,000 (GDM 6, Min. Req. 6, 10)
University of Minnesota Judo Club

Vote: 3-2-1

**Requested Allocation: $12,463**  
**Recommended Allocation: $1,984**

**Majority Opinion**

*Comments:* The programming and operational expenses of the University of Minnesota Judo Club largely pleased the committee. While it was thought that student fees should not fund following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought as the committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

*The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:*

1. The committee recommends a $3,301 cut from the National Judo Collegiate Championships since the benefit to students who are not members of the organization did not justify the requested subsidy.  
   GDM: 5, 6, 8

2. The committee recommends a $2,580 cut from the President's Cup since the benefit to students who are not members of the organization did not justify the requested subsidy.  
   GDM: 5, 6, 8

3. The committee recommends a $4,598 cut from the Senior National Championships since the benefit to students who are not members of the organization did not justify the requested subsidy.  
   GDM: 5, 6, 8

*Directives:* Continue to provide effective diverse services, but focus attempts to secure outside funding and reach the widest student audience.

**Minority Opinion**

*Requested Allocation: $12,463**  
**Recommended Allocation: $4,565**

*Comments:* The minority felt that Judo Club deserves a full funding for at least one of the competitions they requested. They have clearly shown their success in various competitions as well as increasing interests within the University. The University of Minnesota Judo Club provides a service to students not only by traveling to competitions and representing the University of Minnesota in a positive light, but also by taking the knowledge gained from their competitions and turning it into a similar experience for fees-paying students who are not a part of the group.
University of Minnesota Solar Vehicle Project

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $30,265  Recommended Allocation: $19,743

Majority Opinion

Comments: The committee was very impressed by the amount this group does, and its ability to represent the University of Minnesota around the country. Out of the $30,265 that was requested a majority of the amount totaling $19,743 was funded. The largest subtraction was the difference between their budgets income and expenses totaling $8,970.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $500 was deducted from stipends.  GDM: 8, 10

2) $100 was deducted from brochure printing as the committee question the value of this expense.  GDM: 4, 8

3) $250 was deducted from the Alumni cookout, and $700 was deducted from the entertainment expense from the fall recruitment events.  GDM: 1, 3, 6, 8

4) A difference of $8,970 was subtracted, as it showed more income than expenses.
University of Minnesota Undergraduate Mock Trial Association

Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $16,081  Recommended Allocation: $8,332

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Committee recommends that the Mock Trial Association is granted $8,332

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

The Committee cut a total of $7,749 from funding for competitions. The three that were most looked at were The Windy City Invitational, The Joliet Regional, and the Invitational outside of the region. The committee sees the importance of these events, both locally and abroad, but the committee did not feel that student service fees funding all events was justified by the information provided. The committee would like the group to decide where to allocate the granted money and to further seek out additional funding from other sources. – $7,749 (GDM 2, 3, 7, 8)
University YMCA

Vote: 10-0-0

Requested Allocation: $58,350  
Recommended Allocation: $36,000

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Majority recommends that University YMCA receives $36,000 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The majority recognizes the organization’s ability to foster community, provide unique services to the student body and the benefit this organization brings to the University. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF fees that are detailed below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $500 of operational office supplies. The committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit for such a large budget in office supplies. It is also evident that there is significant funding outside SSF fees to supplement this cost.  
   GDM: 8, 9

2) Deduction of $3,500 from Y CAP event for food, room rental, and ad travel fees. The committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit for such a large budget for this event. It is unclear what the selection process is or why the food and travel fees are so high. Further, there is no additional effort to find alternative methods to fund this event and the program seems successful enough that members would be willing to find alternative funds to continue the event.  
   GDM: 3, 7, 9

3) Deduction of $2,500 from Community Affairs and Volunteerism Team monthly community events. The committee felt that this event does not present a unique service to the campus and does not directly impact campus students or students that are not a part of the organization. However, since it is open to all students and its overall goal is to build a stronger community the committee wishes to partially fund the event and wishes for the organization to fund the rest with alternative means.  
   GDM: 1, 6, 7

4) Deduction of $1,000 from Communication and Fundraising Team Events. The committee felt that the results of these events do not benefit the University as a whole and there is evidence that shows that individuals who do participate in this event are willing to find alternative means to fund the event.  
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

5) Deduction of $4,000 from UY Healthy Kids Matter Program. The committee felt that this event does not present a unique service to the campus and does not directly impact campus students or students that are not a part of the organization.  
   GDM: 1, 6

6) Deduction of $2,000 from the Workforce Development Initiative.  
   GDM: 1, 4
7) Deduction of $6,000 UY Student Leadership Training Conference. The committee felt that since this conference was only open to UY student leaders these events do not seem to provide a benefit to the student body as a whole. In addition, these are events from which attendees receive great personal benefit and costs should therefore be paid by attendees. Further the needs for a retreat to train the leaders of the organization was deemed unneeded for the success of the organization as a whole. GDM: 2, 6, 7, 8

8) Deduction of $1,400 from the National Campus Y student Leader Conference. The committee felt that since this conference was only open to two student leaders these events do not seem to provide a benefit to the student body as a whole. In addition, these are events from which attendees receive great personal benefit and costs should therefore be paid by attendees. Further the needs for a retreat to train the leaders of the organization was deemed unneeded for the success of the organization as a whole. GDM: 1, 4, 6, 8

9) Deduction of $1,450 from UY End of Year Awards Event. The committee felt that this was a benefit for the organization to award its members on their individual accomplishments as opposed to recognition of the University of Minnesota student body. Further the event is directed at non-student and non-university members and brings little benefit to non-member students. GDM: 1, 4, 6

Directives: Look to alternative funds for programs that deal specifically with only group members or outside university members.
WAM Collective

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $32,850       Recommended Allocation: $19,050

Majority Opinion
Comments: The committee recommends that the WAM Collective is granted $19,050.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

Does not justify need for full funding of interns -$7,000 (GDM 10)

The Student Design Competition had high costs in advertising, entertainment and other that the committee did not feel was fully justified, and the event could attempt to make up the different through additional alternative funding – $2,000 (GDM 3, 8)

For the impact of the Pop Up Park, it had high costs in advertising, entertainment and other that the committee did not feel was fully justified, and the event could attempt to make up the different through alternative funding – $4,100 (GDM 3, 7, 8)

The total cost of Northern Spark was not fully justified to the committee – $500 (GDM 3, 6)

The committee did not find the card making supplies under “other” for the Study Night @ WAM event to be congruent with the purpose of this event – $200 (GDM 2)
Waterski and Wakeboard Club

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $4,500  Recommended Allocation: $ 0

Majority Opinion
Comments: This group demonstrated a desire to provide a new entertaining activity to the student body. It was determined, though, that the programing of this group would not be far reaching enough to deserve student service fees funding. The committee was not convinced that it would provide enough benefit to the campus community, nor would it provide benefit to those who don’t participate in this group, but pay the fee.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The committee decided not to fund this group.  GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8
West Coast Swing Club

Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $3,500  Recommended Allocation: $2,380

Majority Opinion
Comments: The Committee appreciates the service to students provided by West Coast Swing Club.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) The Committee removed $180 for the guest instructor, as this was outside of the group’s primary purpose of teaching West Coast Swing.  GDM: 2, 6, 8

2) The Committee removed a total of $940 from fall and spring dance competitions as these could be paid for by other means and have minimal impact on those not participating. A small subsidy is still provided in the expectation those competing will bring back their experiences to the group.  GDM: 5, 6, 7, 8
Wesley Foundation Majority

Vote: 10-0-0

Requested Allocation: $76,396  Recommended Allocation: $34,354

Comments: The committee appreciates the Wesley Foundations dedication and commitment to sharing their message with the University community. However, certain events and expenses were not found to provide a service to the greater student body, as detailed in the deductions below.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) A deduction of $4,000 for stipends was taken because the committee felt that justification for the necessity of an administrative assistant had not been adequately provided.     GDM 10B

2) The committee deducted $3,000 under long term planning because (1) we did not see the necessity of a reserve for your group, also 8.7% was a very high reserve for a group of your size.     GDM 9b, 9d

3) A $600 deduction under operational expenses for the “social justice event” was taken because the committee did not see this as a necessity for the group, the benefit to the wider university and believes it should be paid for by other funds.     GDM: 1a, 4,6,7,8

4) A deduction of $1,000 under operational food was taken under GDM: 1a, 6

5) A deduction of $1,000 under operational equipment –specifically Fireplace Replacement, was taken as the committee did not find this beneficial to fee paying students. GDM 6

6) $200 for Stamps was deducted because $300 seemed excessive. There was no explanation as to why $300 worth of stamps was needed. GDM: 1a, 4

7) A deduction of $2,000 for fundraising costs was taken to match the fundraising costs the group was contributing. GDM 8

8) A deduction of $2,000 for advertising costs was taken to match the fundraising costs the group was contributing. GDM 8

9) A deduction of $3,000 for rent as the committee was not totally convinced that $12,000 was needed from student services fees     GDM: 8
10) Funding for the program called “coffee break” has been deducted by $400 dollars. There was no cost under food, only advertising and rental. We were unsure what advertising was needed for this event. We also do not feel as though this event is totally in line with your mission or essential for the success of your group and do not see a justification for student services money to pay for this event. GDM: 3, 8

11) Under GDM 3, $550 was cut from “Movies with Methodists” as we did not see the necessity of this event (specifically why SSF funds needed to pay for it), especially in its current quantity.

12) Under GDM 3, 7 and 8, $3150 was cut from TCF Bank Stadium Movie Night. The committee feels as though while this could be a great event, SSF funding should not be directed towards this. We believe your costs could be covered by a simple door charge.

13) Under GDM 1a, 8 and 6, $150 was cut from Bible Study. The Committee feels this is more of an individual program and the program attendees should be responsible for their own bible study materials

14) Under GDM 3 and 7, $500 was cut from the Bone Marrow Drive program. The committee was unclear what the $200 dollars under other was for, advertising costs were high and we felt your group should contribute more to the event monetarily

15) Under GDM 1a, 8, 6, $1,250 was cut from the covenant discipleship groups program. The committee does not feel that this event justifies SSF funding. We feel the participants should perform acts of justice but should pay for their own food and transportation.

16) Under GDM 2, 3, $400 was cut from the “finals breakfast & chocolate”. The need for this program was not translated to the committee. The committee also believes that the alignment between the event and the mission of your group does not necessitate this event

17) The committee believes that the “Simpson house homeless shelter” program is a great one and will be great for the community. However the committee does not feel as though the estimated attendance per event allows for SSF funding. Under GDM1a, 3, 4 & 8, $500 was cut. The committee hopes that this event continues but that the individuals involved contribute more.

18) Again the committee believes this is a great event however there are only 15 participants. Under GDM1a, 3, 4 & 8, $150 was cut from “Relay For Life”

19) This year the SSF committee really scrutinized group retreats. We as a committee only wish to fund retreats that would truly benefit the university committee. Under GDM: 1a, 3, 5, 7 & 8 we cut $2,000 from the program “Fall Retreat”. We were not convinced of the value that this would bring back to campus as a whole, and we also believed that funding for this event could come from someplace other than SSF funding
20) More or less under the same mindset as the Fall Retreat the committee cut $5,500 from the program “spring break trip”. Under GDM 1a, 3, 5, 7 & 8 we have decided this event should not receive SSF funding. The costs are very expensive for 30 students and the benefit back to campus was not adequately conveyed to the committee.

21) The committee cut $4,600 from the program “Star Wars Marathon” under GDM 3, as we are unsure how this event aligns with your mission. We feel as though this money is not necessary for your group to function and was defined by you as purely “entertainment”. We feel that there are many other avenues for students for an event like this.

22) Much like the bible study programs the committee has decided to deduct $425 from the program “Freshman Survival Guide”. Under GDM 8, 7, 2 the committee does not believe SSF funds should be funding this program.

23) Under GDM 1bc, 2, 4, 5, $500 was cut from the program “office hours”. The SSF committee does not see the purpose in SSF funding covering lunches/coffee for one on one meetings for students. We are also not convinced that this service is not just going to the students in your group. The benefit to the university as a whole is lacking in this program.

24) Under GDM 2, 3, 8, $350 was cut from Game Night.

25) Under 8, 7, $1,000 was cut from GLBT Bi-weekly Faith and GLBT Discussion. The committee feels as though you need to contribute more from the group itself. We also feel that your advertising costs are excessive.

**Directives:** When hosting events please make sure you are engaging the university community as a whole. SSF funds are for the embitterment of the whole community.
Women’s Student Activist Collective

Vote: 6-4-0

Requested Allocation: $33,532  Recommended Allocation: $22,242

Majority Opinion

Comments: Overall the majority vote was very impressed with WSAC’s presentation, budgeting and programming. We believe your programs are in line with your mission and will benefit fee-paying students. Below are the few things we felt were not beneficial to the committee as a whole

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) Under GDM 10b, $2,500 was cut from the budget for a Staff Advisor, consequently $600 was deducted from payroll taxes as well. The Committee was not able to sufficiently justify this position and thus we are only able to partially fund it.

2) The committee has decided to cut $100 dollars from operational food. This was described as being used for candy, coffee and tea. The committee did not see this as necessary to the successful function of your group, beneficial to the entire campus or something that could not be funded with other funds. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

3) The committee has decided to cut $2,500 from the program “Campus Wide Ad Campaign” We find the advertising budget to be excessive. This is a new initiative and we hope that you are able to continue this program but in a more fiscally responsible way. GDM: 7, 8

4) This year the committee is not funding registration fees of any kind and thus $30 dollars has been cut from the program “Spring Activities Fair”. We do not believe registration fees benefit the students who pay fees, only the groups themselves. GDM: 1a, 6

Directives: While the majority has very few issues, the minority opinions may better help you in your application for next year.

Minority Opinion 1:

Requested Allocation: $33,532  Recommended Allocation: $27,242

Comments: The minority feels that WSAC demonstrated the need and benefits to the campus of having a Staff Advisor and the full request for the Ad campaign.
1) A $2,500 addition for Staff Advisor was justified because of the fact an organization with WSAC’s scope has a significant need for someone who could manage communication channels without the hindrance of a demanding class schedule and free up the time for the board to continue to contribute to other organizational obligations. GDM: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, & 5

2) A $2,500 addition for Campus-Wide Ad Campaign was justified because of the impact on campus coupled with the demand for events of this nature. The Student Service Fees Survey conducted by the Office of Measurement Services demonstrates that the desire for programming of this nature is the highest of any subject of programming. The benefits to both the WSAC and the campus are sufficient to fund. GDM: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, 5

Directives: Continue to provide the great service to the campus through creative and engaging informational campaigns.

Minority Opinion 2:

Requested Allocation: $33,532  
Recommended Allocation: $19,142

Comments: The minority would fully remove the staff advisor funding as it is not fully justified.

Minority Opinion 3:

Requested Allocation: $33,532  
Recommended Allocation: $27,802

Comments: Women’s Student Activist Collective should not have received an overall 20% reduction for limited outside funding because the nature of the group presents additional challenges to secure funding. They attempted to secure funding +$5,560 (GDM 7)
Young Americans for Liberty at the University of Minnesota

Vote: 7-2-0

Requested Allocation: $70,000  Recommended Allocation: $23,060

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee appreciates the dedication and service of YAL to creating a broader dialogue on the campus. The recommendation of the Committee is based on the breadth of programming, involvement with outside funding, and the added benefit of YAL events to students who pay the SSF but may not attend YAL programs.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the SSF handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GDM) numbers supporting each point:

1) $8,100 deducted for stipends and wages  GDM: 7, 8, and 10
2) $6,000 deducted for rent  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
3) $5,550 deducted for equipment/office supplies  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
4) $1,750 deducted for internet and website production  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
5) $1,100 deducted for accountant and insurance  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
6) $1,000 deducted for meeting food  GDM: 6, 7, and 8
7) $1,100 deducted for registration/membership fee  GDM: 5, 6, 7, and 8
8) $17,033 deducted from programming ($5,000 Ron Paul, $1288 States’ Rights, $1,495 from Retreat, $1,000 from 3rd Annual Debate, $4,000 from National Convention, $1,000 from Kurt Billing, $250 from Capitol Trip, $1,000 from Constitution Day, $1,000 from Drug Prohibition Forum, $1,000 from 2nd Amendment Rights Forum)  GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
9) $3,927 deducted across the board to encourage more collaboration with other student organizations and community groups  GDM: 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Directives: Again, the Committee commends YAL for the work they do in adding to the diversity of voices heard in the University community. However, the Committee suggests pursuing more outside funding and collaborating even more with other organizations to demonstrate the clear need for each individual funding request.

Minority Opinion:
Comments: The minority feels that YAL demonstrated the need and benefits to the campus of the unique perspective on conservatism that YAL provides. While the minority agrees with most deduction made by the majority, the final 10% programming cut that took place because of a perceived lack of effort towards searching for non SSF funding,

1) A 14% increase in funding because while the deductions were valid, the service that YAL provides to the campus must come into consideration with the niche perspectives that an organization with YAL’s political views provides on such a liberal campus. YAL works to add to the diversity of the campus with its unique ideological perspectives. In addition, the demand for YAL’s programming and success that it has demonstrated should not be penalized especially considering the relatively small pool of external funding available to similar organizations. 

Directives: Although the organization should still seek out external funding, do so without sacrificing the service of enriching the campus with YAL’s unique ideology.