Date: April 24, 2012
To: Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow
From: Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs

Although your appeal materials regarding the recommendations of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC) were received by the Appeals Committee after the deadline, I did agree to review your submission. The purpose of a second tier review for appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus.

While the information you present in your appeal is compelling, I do not find evidence that the SSFC recommendations violated the guidelines for the process. I am hopeful that although the funding you received is less than what you requested, your organization will continue to operate successfully in serving the student population at the University.

With more than 800 student organizations on our campus, a group who is able to convince the SSFC that it should be supported by all fee-paying students is clearly providing a valued and useful set of services, programs, or activities. I congratulate you on this accomplishment and wish your organization the very best for the coming year.
Date: April 24, 2012
To: Fraternity Purchasing Association
From: Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs

I have reviewed the materials provided in connection with your appeal of the decisions of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC) recommendations for FY 13. The purpose of a second tier review for appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus.

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Date: April 24, 2012
To: GO FIRST
From: Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs

I have reviewed the materials provided in connection with your appeal of the decisions of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC) recommendations for FY 13. The purpose of a second tier review for appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus.

While the information you present in your appeal is compelling, I do not find evidence that the SSFC recommendations violated the guidelines for the process. I am hopeful that although the funding you received is less than what you requested, your organization will continue to operate successfully in serving the student population at the University.

With more than 800 student organizations on our campus, a group who is able to convince the SSFC that it should be supported by all fee-paying students is clearly providing a valued and useful set of services, programs, or activities. I congratulate you on this accomplishment and wish your organization the very best for the coming year.
Date: April 24, 2012  
To: Minnesota Daily, Office of the Publisher  
From: Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs

Thank you for meeting with Megan Sweet and me to review your appeal regarding the recommendations of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC). It is clear that the current leadership of the Daily is attempting to address the issues surrounding the reserve levels that have been a source of concern for the SSFC for several years. It looks to me that you have done a reasonable job developing an investment plan that would eventually bring down the reserves to a more acceptable level. The letter from the entire faculty of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication certainly attests to the high esteem they have for the Daily and your leadership.

As I mentioned in our conversation, however, the Daily has to operate in two distinct spheres—the world of professional journalists/publications and the world of student organizations. While student service fees are by no means the entirety of your budget, they represent a significant contribution from the student body. The SSFC understandably is concerned that the reserves (which one way or another are strongly influenced by the contributions from student fees) have remained at a high level despite repeated admonitions to reduce them.

The purpose of my “second tier” review of appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus. The information you present in your appeal is compelling, but I do not find evidence that the SSFC recommendations violated the guidelines for the process. While I might reach a different decision regarding the approach to reducing your reserves, I do not feel this is a situation where my judgment should substitute that of the SSFC or the Appeals Committee.

I am hopeful that although the reserves reduction is significant, the Daily will be able to address its technology needs and continue operations at a high level of quality and professionalism. As I indicated in our conversation, you have managed the fees appeal process with maturity, civility, and professionalism, reinforcing my great respect for each of you individually, and for your leadership as a team. I wish you the best.
Date: April 24, 2012  
To: University Quidditch League  
From: Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs

I have reviewed the materials provided in connection with your appeal of the decisions of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC) recommendations for FY 13. The purpose of a second tier review for appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus.

While the information you present in your appeal is compelling, I do not find evidence that the SSFC recommendations violated the guidelines for the process. I am hopeful that although the funding you received is less than what you requested, your organization will continue to operate successfully in serving the student population at the University.

With more than 800 student organizations on our campus, a group who is able to convince the SSFC that it should be supported by all fee-paying students is clearly providing a valued and useful set of services, programs, or activities. I congratulate you on this accomplishment and wish your organization the very best for the coming year.
I have reviewed the materials provided in connection with your appeal of the decisions of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC) recommendations for FY 13. The purpose of a second tier review for appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus.

While the information you present in your appeal is compelling, I do not find evidence that the SSFC recommendations violated the guidelines for the process. I am hopeful that although the funding you received is less than what you requested, your organization will continue to operate successfully in serving the student population at the University.

With more than 800 student organizations on our campus, a group who is able to convince the SSFC that it should be supported by all fee-paying students is clearly providing a valued and useful set of services, programs, or activities. I congratulate you on this accomplishment and wish your organization the very best for the coming year.
Date: April 24, 2012
To: Summer Music Festival at Northrop
From: Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs

I have reviewed the materials provided in connection with your appeal of the decisions of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC) recommendations for FY 13 and FY 14. The purpose of a second tier review for appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus.

While the information you present in your appeal is compelling, I do not find evidence that the SSFC recommendations violated the guidelines for the process. I am hopeful that although the funding you received is less than what you requested, your department will continue to operate successfully in serving the student population at the University.

Any student group or administrative unit who is able to convince the SSFC that it should be supported by all fee-paying students is clearly providing a valued and useful set of services, programs, or activities. I congratulate you on this accomplishment and wish your department the very best for the coming year.
Date: April 24, 2012
To: Saint Paul’s Outreach
From: Jerry Rinehart, Vice Provost for Student Affairs

I have reviewed the materials provided in connection with your appeal of the decisions of the Student Services Fee Committee (SSFC) recommendations for FY 13. The purpose of a second tier review for appeals is primarily to assure that the SSFC processes were consistent with the guidelines, particularly when the SSFC decisions would significantly impact the vitality and diversity of programs, activities, and services available to students on the Twin Cities campus.

While the information you present in your appeal is compelling, I do not find evidence that the SSFC recommendations violated the guidelines for the process. I am hopeful that although the funding you received is less than what you requested, your organization will continue to operate successfully in serving the student population at the University.

With more than 800 student organizations on our campus, a group who is able to convince the SSFC that it should be supported by all fee-paying students is clearly providing a valued and useful set of services, programs, or activities. It was inspiring to hear so many voices speak on behalf of SPO regarding the personal, intellectual, and social impact of organization.

I congratulate you on this accomplishment and wish your organization the very best for the coming year.