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Organisation Name: African Student Association
Amount Requested: $14,000.00  Amount Approved: $12,035.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the African Student Association for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $12,035.00. The committee felt that retreats focused only on a small number of students in the organization were not sufficient justification for student fees, and $600 was subtracted for the retreat outlined in the budget. Additionally, $1,965 was subtracted as the committee felt the reserves of the organization were too high. The committee applauds the African Student Association on its participation, especially with regards to African Night. It is recommended that budgets and other documents submitted to the fees committee in future years be in the format outlined in the budget template.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Organization Name:** American Indian Science and Engineering Society

**Amount Requested:** $20,000.00  **Amount Approved:** $2950.00

**Vote:** 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $2,950.00. The committee felt that the info session and Native American speaker events were applicable to receive funding from student services fees. Unfortunately, the committee also felt that there was insufficient justification for the school startup kits, scholarships, and conferences. Further, the committee would like to point out that the AISES is required to maintain a 10% operating reserve at all times. This will be taken into consideration for future requests for student fees funding.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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**Organization Name:** All Campus Election Commission  
**Amount Requested:** $13,000.00  
**Amount Approved:** $13,000.00  
**Vote:** 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the All Campus Election Commission for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $13,000.00. The committee felt that the ACEC provides a necessary service to the University of Minnesota campus. Additionally, the committee is pleased with the ACEC's efforts to create better voting turnouts, however it is recommended that the ACEC take on more advertising campaigns, in order to make more students aware of their services.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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**Organization Name:** Al-Madinah Cultural Center

**Amount Requested:** $64,440.00  **Amount Approved:** $56,750.00

**Vote:** 6 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Al-Madinah Cultural Center for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $56,750.00. The committee was pleased with Al-Madinah's programming and felt that the need for funding was well justified. The committee also felt that the $5,650 allocated for a leadership retreat for a small number of students and the $2,000 allocated toward small grants were not well justified uses of student services fees. For this reason, they were cut from the overall budget.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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**Organization Name:** American Indian Student Cultural Center

**Amount Requested:** $30,000.00  
**Amount Approved:** $26,520.00

**Vote:** 5 for, 2 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the American Indian Student Cultural Center for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $26,520.00. The committee noticed that there was a discrepancy in the project expenses, amounting to an overall budget request $3,000 higher than what should have been. Additionally, the committee felt that the tobacco use for individual ceremonies was not a justified use of student services fees money. The committee would also like to make sure that the AISCC is aware they must maintain an operating reserve of 10% of their proposed operations budget. This will be taken into consideration in future requests for funding.

**Minority Rationale:**
The minority felt that the $280 for tobacco should not have been removed from the budget because tobacco is a ceremonial herb in many Native American cultures.
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Organization Name: Asian American Student Union
Amount Requested: $62,592.29   Amount Approved: $57,592.29
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Asian American Student Union for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $57,592.00. An amount equal to $5,000 was cut from the programming projects, as the committee felt that ASU could be eligible for Event Partnership Grants if some of the social gatherings were done in coordination with another group.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Organization Name:** Black Student Union

**Amount Requested:** $65,000.00  
**Amount Approved:** $43,915.00

**Vote:** 6 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Black Student Union for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $43,915.00. After initial deliberations, the committee requested additional information from BSU to clarify a part of their request. Since this was not received, the committee felt that, given the information in the budget, the Big 12 conference did not fall within the guidelines for what should be funded using student services fees money. As such, $13,085 was removed from the budget for this. Additionally, $8,000 was removed from the budget for furniture, as it was not clearly demonstrated to the committee why new furniture was necessary.

**Minority Rationale:**
The minority felt that the BSU should not be utilizing student services money to purchase new computers when computers are available for free on campus.
Final Recommendations for 2007-2008 Funding

Organization Name: Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists
Amount Requested: $8,000.00  Amount Approved: $8,000.00
Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Campus Atheists and Secular Humanists for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $8,000.00. The committee felt that CASH's request was well constructed, and applauds the organization for helping to bring a sense of tolerance to campus. The committee was also pleased to see that CASH was increasing programming and influence on campus, without requesting more funding from student services fees.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Organization Name:** Clarion

**Amount Requested:** $21,000.00  
**Amount Approved:** $494.00

**Vote:** 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**

After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for Clarion for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $494.00. While the committee felt that Clarion's impact is significant, it did not feel that the amount requested was justified. Even after discussing the matter with representatives from Clarion, the committee did not feel that the food budget requested was in any way justified by the number of attendees from the campus as a whole. Additionally, as outlined in the initial deliberations, the "start-up kits" were not within the goals for the use of student services fees money. The committee did, however, feel that the speaker series and mini-CASE competition were justified, and provided funding for these two events.

**Minority Rationale:**

None
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Organization Name: Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow

Amount Requested: $4.13 R/R  
Amount Approved: $2.98 R/R

Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow for the 2007-2008 school year in a refusuable/refundable fee amount of $2.98. The committee felt that the intern coordinator position did not fall within the category of items which could be funded using student services fees, as the interns are given academic credit for their work, and the coordinator position would be using student services money to support these positions. $15,000 was removed from the budget to account for this position. Additionally, $1,000 was removed from the budget due to an accounting error, $2,100 was removed for insurance, and $5,000 was removed from events. The events were adjusted due to CFACT having the ability to partner with other organizations to bring in big name speakers, thus making the event eligible for an event partnership grant. This brings the overall total amount allocated to $59,900, which, when divided by amount of people expected to pay this fee in the upcoming year, brings the R/R fee to $2.98. The committee did take into consideration complaints made against CFACT by members of the campus community. It is highly recommended that CFACT issue written apologies to these individuals, as future incursions may result in a loss of funding. It is the recommendation of this committee that CFACT focus more on what their organization provides, rather than how they compare with other organizations, for next year's funding process. The committee further recommends more clarity in budget submissions for applications in future years, especially with regard to rent. Since Students for a Conservative Voice and CFACT currently share space, it would be more effective to know exactly what each organization pays per month. It would be useful if one of the organizations listed rent on their application as an income from the other organization, and paid the full amount as an expense. This would clarify some matters of discussion among the committee.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Organization Name:** Comfort 4 Courage  
**Amount Requested:** $24,428.00  
**Amount Approved:** $4870.00  
**Vote:** 6 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Comfort 4 Courage Veterans Student Group for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $4870.00. The committee did not feel the amount in the budget allocated to food was justified therefore, $1,000 was approved for use in the budget for food. Additionally, the committee approved $3,870 for use with the "Veteran's War Stories" program, as it felt that this event was designed with the greater campus population in mind, and felt it promotes a sense of learning and understanding across campus. The committee felt all other events and programs were not justified under the guidelines set forth for the allocation of student services fees.

**Minority Rationale:**
The minority felt that the executive board outing should have been funded, as it would have given the board a chance to learn techniques with which to help veterans on campus with reintegration.
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**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Community Child Care Center for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $60,000. The committee was pleased to hear the progress Community Child Care has made over the past year, and felt that the amount requested was well justified.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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Organization Name: Como Community Child Care Center
Amount Requested: $55,000.00  Amount Approved: $55,000.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Como Community Child Care Center for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $55,000.00. The committee initially felt that field trips, should not be funded, however, the budget reflected that the amount came from individual donations, and thus was not taken from student services fees. The committee would like to commend Como Community Child Care on their efforts to reach out to the greater campus community, and expects that further efforts to get students who do not have children involved will be implemented in the coming year.

Minority Rationale:
None
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Organization Name: Council of College Boards
Amount Requested: $44,651.00  Amount Approved: $44,651.00
Vote: 4 for, 3 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Council of College Boards for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $44,561.00. The committee felt that the Council of College Boards' initial application was completely unacceptable, however, after careful consideration and review with members of the Council of College Boards, decided to overturn the decision of the Chair to throw out the this application. In light of clarifications made by members of CCB, the committee decided to provide funding for the initial amount requested. However, due to accounting errors on the part of the Council of College Boards, the amount applied for totaled at $44,561.00.

Minority Rationale:
The minority felt that the Council of College Boards should have been given more money, due in part to new information which was presented by the president of the Carlson School of Management Board. Specifically, the minority felt that the CCB should have been given a total amount submitted during the clarification session held with the Council's executive members, minus a 10% penalty for the incompleteness and lack of professionalism apparent in their application. The minority felt that the amount awarded was insufficient for CCB to provide normal services to students during the course of next year. Additionally, members of the minority felt that the amount awarded does not take into account that they had specific retreats planned which should not be funded by student services fees.

Other members voting against the motion expressed concern due to the lack of an active student organization that would be able to distribute student services funds. Regardless of the “proposed” distribution method, some members felt that there was an adequate structure that would delegate the distribution of funds. It is recommended by the committee that the Council of College Boards become a more stable organization, so that future fees committees are better able to make informed decisions.
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Organization Name: Disabled Student Cultural Center
Amount Requested: $40,696.21   Amount Approved: $32,023.20
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Disabled Student Cultural Center for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $32,023.20. The committee felt that $5000 was unaccounted for in income, which was reported during the presentation. Additionally, $2200 in rent was misreported. Both of these items were removed from the approved budget.

Minority Rationale:
None
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Organization Name: Engineers Without Borders
Amount Requested: $4,000.00  Amount Approved: $1500.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for Engineers Without Borders for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $1,500. The committee felt that only $500 for the speaker series, $100 for food and beverage, and $900 in operating expenses were justified for funding through student services fees. The committee felt that while Engineers Without Borders does a very commendable job in helping other countries, it was unclear how this would benefit the entire campus community. Additionally, while the notion of a local project was brought up in the presentation, it was not clearly defined, and thus did not meet the requirements for being funded through student services fees.

Minority Rationale:
None
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Organization Name: Entrepreneurship Club
Amount Requested: $5,000.00  Amount Approved: $750.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Entrepreneurship Club for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $750.00. The committee felt that the Entrepreneurship Club's efforts to reach out to the greater campus community last year were insufficient. As a result, it did not feel the amount requested was indicative of the benefit to the entire campus community. However, the committee did feel that in order to provide interest to a number of students on the east bank of campus, funding should be provided for advertising. As such, the committee has awarded $750.00 to be used for advertising on the east bank of campus.

Minority Rationale:
None
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Organization Name: Event Partnership Grant
Amount Requested: $75,000.00  Amount Approved: $75,000.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Event Partnership Grant for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $75,000.00. The committee values the contributions of the Event Partnership Grant, and feels that all of the funding requested was well justified. It is recommended for next year to consider requesting additional funds from the student services fees committee.

Minority Rationale:
None
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Organization Name: Graduate and Professional Student Assembly

Amount Requested: $395,268.00  Amount Approved: $393,768.00

Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $393,768.00. The committee felt that the request presented by GAPSA was well justified, with the exception of the $3,000 allotted for parking fees for the president and executive council. Even after clarification, the committee felt that this amount was quite large, and decided only to fund half of it, resulting in a $1,500 decrease in the approved budget.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for Hillel: The Jewish Student Center for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $31,250.00. The committee was impressed by the presentation Hillel gave, and was appreciative that the members presented a clear and accurate budget. Additionally, the committee found the format of the presentation - clearly stating the guidelines for funding and how Hillel achieved these - was easy to understand, and left no room for error in reasoning during our deliberations. It is requested by the committee that Hillel share their format with the Student Activities Office in order that other groups may use it as a basis for their presentations in the future. This will help all organizations to clearly demonstrate why they need funding.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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Organization Name: La Raza
Amount Requested: $42,600.00  Amount Approved: $34,641.70
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for La Raza for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $34,641.70. The committee felt that the conference was not eligible for funds using student services fees due to the nature that not all students have access to attend. For this reason, $4,541 was deducted from the proposed budget. After this deduction, salaries, wages, and stipends were above the 30% maximum total allotment, and also had to be adjusted.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Organization Name:** Minnesota International Student Association

**Amount Requested:** $65,000.00  
**Amount Approved:** $39,028.00

**Vote:** 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Minnesota International Student Association for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $39,028.00. New information was brought to the committee during both the public hearings and individual group meetings, resulting in a decision to add $2,500 for salaries, wages and stipends and $10,000 for food back into the budget after the initial deliberations. It is recommended for next year that MISA specifically outline their intentions for growth in terms of their programming, and why they feel that the growth will be significant. It was difficult for the committee to accept the large predictions in attendance for this upcoming year.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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Organization Name: Minnesota Student Association
Amount Requested: $179,353.00
Amount Approved: $131,853.00
Vote: 6 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Minnesota Student Association for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $131,853.00. The committee felt that the MSA Express project is valuable, however, it does not seem well-planned out in terms of what will be done in the future. The project was presented both as a pilot project, as well as an ongoing MSA endeavor. In the case of the pilot project, clear limits should be set on what will happen - i.e. when the pilot will be over and the project will be turned over to another provider. If the project is to be maintained by MSA in the long term, it is recommended to gain outside support for this project, as it does not meet current requirements for student services fees funding. Additionally, it is recommended that support for people with disabilities be addressed, as well as emergency protocols for drivers, including CPR training.

The committee felt the "lend a hand, hear the band" concert required too large an investment of financial resources. Members of the committee felt that while it is true that no group could support the entire campus in an event such as this, the amount of money being used to fund it from student services fees is too large in proportion to the amount of students able to attend. To illustrate the concern, members of the committee pointed out that 4,800 people isn't even 10% of the overall student body.

There were errors in the accounting, resulting in $30,000 of reserves being placed into carry-over from previous years. This amount was deducted from the overall approved budget.

Minority Rationale:
The minority feels the "lend a hand, hear the band" concert is indicative of irresponsible financial practices, and that the use of local bands, at least until the project has been running for a number of years, is a wiser course of action. The minority also is disappointed that MSA has ignored the guidelines and rules of the student services fees process by making events and services not available to all students (e.g. MSA Express is not handicapped accessible, and the budget does not reflect intentions to change it). The minority is also disappointed that MSA does not require its drivers to hold a commercial driver's license, nor require them to have been trained in CPR techniques. It is for these reasons that the minority feels the entire MSA Express project should not have been funded using student services fees.
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Organization Name: Minnesota Public Interest Research Group
Amount Requested: $4.13 R/R  Amount Approved: $3.45 R/R
Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 1 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Minnesota Public Interest Research Group for the 2007-2008 school year in a refusabla/refundable fee of $3.45. The committee felt the "Additional Campus Events" category under programming expenses was not clearly specified, and was removed from the proposed budget.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Organization Name:** Premier Dance Team  
**Amount Requested:** $6,000.00  
**Amount Approved:** $0.00  
**Vote:** 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**  
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted deny funding to the Premier Dance Team. The committee felt that since this group requires all interested individuals to try out to become a member of the team, the Premier Dance Team is inherently exclusionary, and hence, not eligible for student services fees.

**Minority Rationale:**  
None
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**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Queer Student Cultural Center for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $37,100.00. The committee felt that the $2,900 allocated for the Creating Change conference was not fundable using student services fees, as the conference is not open to all students under. Other than the Creating Change, the committee was impressed by the overall presentation of the QSCC, and congratulates them on their success in the "Alphabet Soup" conference for 2007.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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### Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to deny funding for the Student Emergency Loan Fund for the 2007-2008 school year. The committee felt that this group did not fit into the guidelines to receive student services fees. While the committee did feel that theStudent Emergency Loan Fund did provide a valuable service to students on campus, it felt that utilizing student services fees for only a part of campus (those passing credit checks) to be able to utilize the service made the SELF ineligible for student services funding. Additionally, the organization is still collecting past-due loans, and still has very high reserves.

### Minority Rationale:
The minority felt that since students do utilize this service, it is not a good idea to completely cut their funding. Instead, it is recommended to allocate $1,000 for the SELF to advertise more effectively.
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**Organization Name:** Students for a Conservative Voice  
**Amount Requested:** $95,200.00  
**Amount Approved:** $52,650.00  
**Vote:** 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for Students for a Conservative Voice for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $52,650.00. The committee felt that the drastic increase requested from last year's funding level was not adequately justified. During the initial deliberations, money was removed from the budget for a speaker series, due to the belief that SCV requested money last year which was not utilized. Since this turned out to be incorrect, $400 for food, $100 for room rental, $5,000 for entertainment, $2,500 for advertisement, and $1,000 for travel were added back into the budget after the initial deliberations. The entertainment and travel expenses were reduced, since it is the committee's belief that SCV can partner with another organization to receive an Event Partnership Grant for the remaining expenses.

In addition to this, consultant/professional fees, equipment fees, travel, and supplies were reduced, the committee believes that these costs were overestimated. It is the recommendation of this committee that SCV focus more on what their organization provides, rather than how they compare with other organizations, for next year's funding process.

**Minority Rationale:**
None
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Organization Name: Undergraduate Women in Business
Amount Requested: $1,000.00 Amount Approved: $0.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to deny funding to the Undergraduate Women in Business. The committee felt that due to a restriction in their constitution requiring they maintain an overall cap of 8% of their membership from outside the Carlson School of Management, that the organization was inherently exclusionary, and thus not eligible to receive student services fees.

Minority Rationale:
None
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Organization Name: Voices Merging
Amount Requested: $11,000.00  Amount Approved: $11,000.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for Voices Merging for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $11,000.00. The committee felt that Voices Merging furthers the goal of the University of Minnesota as a liberal arts institution by educating students, faculty, and staff about culture, tolerance, and freedom of speech. The committee recommends that the footnote 3 on page 17 of their application be included in next year's application somewhere, in order to make clear to future committees that Voices Merging's budget changes on a two-year, rather than one-year, cycle.

Minority Rationale:
None
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**Organization Name:** The Wake

**Amount Requested:** $132,644.00  
**Amount Approved:** $85,016.00

**Vote:** 6 for, 1 against, 0 abstaining

**Majority Rationale:**
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for The Wake for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $85,016.00. The committee felt that The Wake needed to put more effort into advertising. The committee recognizes that The Wake had troubles keeping staff, however, this should have been realized before it became a threat to the stability of the organization. The committee recognizes the need for insurance, new distribution methods, and a new server, and all of these items were funded in full. Programming project expenses were reduced, as the committee believes that The Wake was dividing its time too drastically between it's primary concern - the publishing of the weekly newspaper - and the programs/events they offered.

**Minority Rationale:**
The minority felt that The Wake did not have enough funding for staff, however, since no cuts were made to staff, no additions were able to be made back into this category.
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Organization Name: Women's Student Activist Collective
Amount Requested: $30,000.00  Amount Approved: $30,000.00
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining

Majority Rationale:
After deliberation, the Student Services Fees Committee voted to approve funding for the Women's Student Activist Collective for the 2007-2008 school year in a penny fee approximately equal to $30,000.00. The committee felt that since the WSAC retreat is held in the Coffman Union, it was eligible for funding. The committee felt that the WSAC fosters a sense of community and tolerance on campus. Additionally, the committee was impressed by the completely democratic nature of the WSAC, and applauds it for its exclusively member-led decision making process.

Minority Rationale:
None