FY 2011-2012 Final Recommendations

Student Organizations Committee
Student Services Fees Committee
University of Minnesota

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A NOTE ON OPERATING RESERVES AND SALARIES

In recent years, there has been a great deal of confusion over the proper level of operating reserves that each group must maintain. The "10 Percent Rule" has been interpreted differently by different committees and has a variety of interpretations among fees receiving groups.

The committee has decided that, consistent with the original intent of the "10 Percent Rule", the proper value of the required operating reserve is 10 percent of the Operating Budget for the organization. It is not 10 percent of the income, or 10 percent of fees received, or 10 percent of the total expenditures. Some groups have maintained reserves that were too large in previous years due to these different interpretations. The committee has consistently applied this interpretation for this funding process, and we have asked groups that maintain excessive reserves to spend down the reserves by reducing their fees allotment accordingly.

The committee has asked SUA to be more clear about the expectations regarding the "10 Percent Rule" so that student organizations maintain appropriately-sized reserves. Organizations are expected to calculate the appropriate size for their reserves and maintain them accordingly.

Finally, the committee passed a rule requiring that fees-receiving registered student organizations pay or otherwise compensate student members or student employees at an amount greater than $3000 for a calendar year. This takes effect next year, when groups spend the funding detailed in this document. Organizations are expected to fully comply. For further information, contact SUA; SUA is responsible for documenting this policy change.

Thank you,

Paul Freeman
Student Organizations Committee
African Student Association

Request: $16000
Allotment: $13,000
Vote: 7-0-1

The fees committee voted to approve funding for the African Student Association in the amount of $13,000. The fees committee found the vast majority of the group’s programming to be soundly beneficial, but was not comfortable with the group’s African Night being completely free to students. As a premium event, the fees committee felt that students should have some individual financial responsibility in attending the event. Additionally, the fees committee was not able to justify funding the African Student Association’s allotment of $1500 to donate to other groups.
All Campus Elections Commission

Request: $8,460  
Allotment: $8,460  
Vote: 7-0-1

The majority of the Student Service Fee Committee finds that the All-Campus Elections Committee should be funded in full amount because the organization have tried to take into account the recommendation from last committee that expressed concerns on excessive food budget for Get Out the Vote Rallies which turned out ineffective with reduced budget. Therefore, the Committee agrees that the organization deserve to full amount they request for year of 2010-11.
Al-Medinah Cultural Center

Request: $55,000  
Allotment: $41,500  
Vote: 8-0

Al-Medinah has a consistently high carryover every year in addition to their $8000 operating reserve. The operating reserve is too high, as the reserve is designed to be 10% of the operating budgett. Removing the reserve from the operating expenses indicates that a proper reserve should be less than $1000. The committee is asking Al-Medinah to spend the money it has before making such a large request. Operational and programming should not be inhibited.
Amnesty International

Request: $3,900
Allotment: $3,900
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee has recommended that Amnesty International receive their full requested amount of $3,900 for the 2010-2011 academic year. They showed excellent fiscal responsibility by taking into account self-imposing cuts into their budget. The group further illustrated its fiscal accountability by presenting accountability checks to ensure student money was being used properly and efficiently.
American Indian Student Cultural Center

Request: $30,000  
Allotment: $20,000  
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee felt that the population increase in attendance did not correlate with the food increases and room rental costs. Be mindful of excessive food in these times. If growth is still seen, more equal disbursement throughout various other programming initiatives is advised.
Asian-American Student Union

Request: $106,705
Allotment: $65,000
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee felt it was appropriate to award a larger number than the previous year based on the addition of two groups to the Union. However the committee felt as if the large requested was not justified; many other groups putting on similar conferences fundraised a great deal of the costs required to host such a large event. The committee also felt as though ASU did not address concerns of the previous years committee asking that they reduce their dependence on SSF. The committee recommends ASU spend the excess in their operational reserve, as only about $1300 is required to fulfill the 10% operational reserve rule. The committee also strongly recommends that the ASU limit year to year carryover, and that they seek external grants to supplement SSF funding.
Biology Withold Borders

Request: $10,000
Allotment: $4,000
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee is happy to fund the World AIDS Day and World Malaria Day as these are events that impact the University of Minnesota student body. The committee decided it is fair to reward $2,000 for each event so the total award will be $4,000. The committee felt that students should not pay for the events held off campus as these events do not impact the student body at large. The committee hopes the group will provide evidence of large numbers at these events to show student impact and hopes the group will form partnerships to help fund events off campus.
BGAPSA

Request: $6,800
Allotment: $6,800
Vote: 7-0-1

After discussion, the Student Service Fees committee has decided to grant the full request of $6,800. The committee feels as thought the presentation and budget outline of BGAPSA were very well planned and carried out. The details provided in your programming breakdown show exactly where and how the granted student fees will fund each program. Along with that, your programming and is both beneficial and much needed by the university community. We enjoyed seeing that you have two programs out of the seven listed, that do not cost your organization any money. This is both uplifting and responsible. However, we suggest that you look into fundraising to support your income in the future.
Black Motivated Women

Request: $8,655
Allotment: $6,450
Vote: 7-0-1

The Fee Committee voted to approve an award for $6,450. This organization is providing programs that serve to educate and inform students. With this funding the committee hopes to see an increase in activities and see this group expand. The committee is impressed that the organization is seeking outside and internal grants to fund activities, but the award is less than requested because of an expected large carry-over for the next year. It is the feeling that this money should first be used to fund programs before the group requests for additional money. The committee also feels that the organization could cut some of its decoration costs without affecting the effectiveness of the events. For the following year the committee requests that the organization create a more thorough budget sheet which would include an operational reserve as well as a smaller carry over from the previous year.
**Black Student Union**

- **Request:** $65,000
- **Allotment:** $60,000
- **Vote:** 7-0-1

The Student Service Fees Committee recommends the Black Student Union receive funding of $60,000. The committee praises this organization’s fundraising and demonstrated comprehension of giving back to the campus community. However, the committee feels a decrease in the requested amount is justified due to a high projected carryover; it is suggested that the carryover be a minimal amount.
Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists

Request: $8,000  
Allotment: $6,500  
Vote: 7-0-1

The Student Service Fees Committee recommends Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists receive funding in the amount of $6,500. The Committee feels this group proved its benefit and need on campus. The Committee feels $6,500 would be appropriate because it would reduce the amount of operation reserves and thus decrease the amount of difference between income and expenses. The Committee also recommends Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists to demonstrate the donations more clearly. If donations are made, they need to be listed in the budget. The Committee frowns on using Student Services Fees money for donations or to offset donations.
Campus People Watchers

Request: $2,739.89
Allotment: $0
Vote: 7-0-2

After further information and meetings with the Campus People Watchers, the Fees Committee has decided to award a final amount of $0. While the committee enjoyed the group’s charisma and personality, it was decided that Student Service Fees Grants would be a better venue for this group to seek funding. The SSF Grants are smaller awards, funded by the Fees committee, that are intended to address small requests of a few hundred dollars. The committee encourages CPW to seek funding there.

Should CPW outgrow the SSF Grants in the future, the committee would like to see evidence of a broader community impact for CPW in future requests to the Fees Committee as discussed in the initial rationale. Ideas discussed in our meeting, such as more website content or outreach and expansion to a wider campus audience, would help to sway future committees to provide funding to CPW.
Colleges Against Cancer

Request: $12,495.19
Allotment: $12,495
Vote: 7-0-1

The Committee voted to award Colleges Against Cancer $12,495. The Committee appreciated the mission and sense of volunteerism of the group and understood their desire to foster a sense of their group identity separate from the Relay for Life event. It was also noted that the group is growing in size and increasing its impact to students on campus. The Committee further expressed appreciation that the group clearly separated the uses of money from the SSF and the money for Relay for Life, however in the future the Committee requests that Colleges Against Cancer include expected donations for Relay for Life in their budget and also requests that these donations be separated from other donations the group receives to cover other programming or operational expenses.
Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow

**Request:** $120,000  
**Allotment:** $100,000  
**Vote:** 7-0-1

The fees committee voted to approve funding for CFACKT in the amount of $100,000. The fees committee found that CFACKT was in violation of Resolution #1 (02-03) Monies to Pay Staff, and adjusted CFACKTs funding request into compliance. Additionally, the committee noted CFACKTs high operational expenses and encourages CFACKT to ensure that student service fees are going to student-benefiting programming. Finally, the fees committee was unable to fully fund CFACKTs speaker partner event with SCV. The committee reduced the programming expense to bring this event into allocation standards used across groups.
Community Child Care Center

Request: $75,000
Allotment: $75,000
Vote: 7-0-1

It is the decision of the committee to award Community CCC in full amount requested since the organization clearly demonstrated a need and benefit on campus.
Como Community Child Care

Request: $70,000  
Allotment: $70,000  
Vote: 7-0-1

It is the decision of the committee to award Como CCC in full amount requested since the organization clearly demonstrated a need and benefit on campus.
Compassionate Action for Animals

Request: $25,000  
Allotment: $0  
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee feels that this group should receive $0 in Student Services Fees for the 2010-2011 academic year. The SSFC found many problems with this groups budget as it became hard to decipher at times. The Operational Reserves is much higher than the 10% that should be accounted for. Also, one of the requirements for an organization to receive funding from SSF is that line item labeled salaries, wages, and stipends should not exceed 30% of the total operating budget, this groups budget violates this rule. The committee feels that if both of these problems are fixed to be in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the committee handbook, Compassionate Action for Animals will have enough money in their budget to fund their programming needs.
Council of College Boards

Request: $70,493.25
Allotment: $65,500
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee felt that this was a reasonable request, provided a great program breakdown with the cost to student analysis, and also addressed the committees previous concerns. Operational reserves were decreased and programming expenses were modestly increased. The committee was most concerned with the carry-over of nearly $10,000, so that would mean that less fees money is needed.
Campus Crusade for Christ

Request: $15,910  
Allotment: $11,000  
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee felt that the requested amount was too high given the large carryover. The Committee also felt that increased fundraising measures could help to offset a reduction in the Fees Request.
Disabled Student Cultural Center

Request: $15,000
Allotment: $15,000
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee felt that this group is much needed and provides great value to the University and has decided to award the full amount requested of $15,000. The committee did, however, feel that the speaker is expensive and hopes the group will look to cosponsor the event to assist with funding.
Engineers Without Borders

Request: $46,300
Allotment: $13,400
Vote: 6-1-1

Regarding the request of Engineers Without Borders, the committee had several views on why funding should be less than requested. We determined that we were given a poor application and little reasoning for funding. Although the committee supports what you are doing as an organization, as a committee in charge of a fee that all students at the University of Minnesota will be paying, it is our responsibility to fund things that will come back to benefit those students and the university community as a whole. We need to know what we are funding and exactly where student fees are going. There is not enough suggested local programming for next year that justifies asking for more than a $20,000 increase from last year’s request. A breakdown of local programming is requested, along with a breakdown of where each dollar is going on each trip (what supplies, how many travelers, etc). For these reasons, the committee agrees on $13,400 for funding from student service fees pending a more completed breakdown. This figure supports the costs of events, conferences, supplies, and printing.

Regarding next year’s application, please have operational reserves in your budget. This should be 10% of your operational expenses. Also, be wary of carry-over from year to year as it should not be a very large number.

Minority Rationale: The minority feels that Engineers Without Borders merits at least the amount of the previous SSFC award of $25,000. EWB noted in its presentation to the Committee that as more experienced members of their expedition teams graduate, it is necessary to train new members in advance life support. Given the nature of the group and the absolute necessity of having fully trained life support personnel in dangerous field work situations, the minority goes as far to say that the majoritys award will either neuter the primary work of this organization and therefore decrease its impact on campus, or will create an unsafe situation where too few members are trained in
advanced life support. The minority strongly feels that an award of $25,000 or more is appropriate in this instance.
Ethiopian Student Association

- **Request:** $5,000
- **Allotment:** $3,300
- **Vote:** 7-0-1

The committee has voted to award the Ethiopian Student Association $3,300. This student organization has provided valuable services to the school and students previous years without funding, and with additional funding the committee feels that this group will continue to expand programming and reach more students. The committee also commends the Association for its cooperation and teamwork with other organizations within the university. The fee committee did reduce funding in relation to the camping trips that were planned to which the committee does not feel student services fees should be spent towards. For the following year it would be helpful to have a better program breakdown including an operational reserve.
The Student Service Fees Committee recommends the Experimental College receive no funding. The committee feels that this group does not demonstrate a direct benefit to the University of Minnesota campus community as a whole. For future reference, the committee would like this organization to provide concrete numbers on the number of U of M students that are involved or benefiting. It seems as though the community is the targeted beneficiary of this organization so the committee suggests EXCO look into community organizations, libraries, and recreation centers for additional funding.

**Minority Rationale:** The Minority was convinced of EXCOs added benefit to the campus community and notes that over half of the total participants were University students. Further, the Minority appreciates the additional opportunities for growth that EXCO provides students, and recommends an award of $2500 to establish itself as a fees-receiving group.
Habitat for Humanity

Request: $4,000
Allotment: $4,000
Vote: 7-0

The Student Service Fees Committee voted to approve the full amount of $4,000. The Committee feels that this organization clearly demonstrated its educational benefits. The Committee sees Habitat For Humanity’s expansion on campus and its educational benefits on campus. The Committee hopes it expands to benefit more students. Thus, The Student Service Fees Committee granted it the full amount of funding.
Hillel

Request: $31,250
Allotment: $28,125
Vote: 6-0-2

Again, the Fees Committee commends the Hillel group on being a prime example of a fiscally responsible group with a wide University outreach. As mentioned in the initial rationale, Hillel's activities on campus bring significant value to the University community as a whole. However, to stay fair to all groups, the Committee has reduced Hillel's request by $3,125 to remove the carryover reserve they have been holding year-over-year. Since Hillel has no operational expenses in their Fees Committee budget, their reserves should be $0 under the definition of purpose of the operations reserve. The final recommendation of $28,125 trues-up Hillel's budget to keep in line with this Committee policy. Beyond this, the Committee felt Hillel was a strong and valuable asset to campus.
Hmong Minnesota Student Association

Request: $20,000  
Allotment: $10,000  
Vote: 7-0-1

The Committee voted to award the Hmong Minnesota Student Association $10,000. The Committee noted that there was a large expected carry-over from the previous year and directs the HMSA to use this money in programming and operational expenses. The Committee also felt that the cost of the planned retreat was too high.

Furthermore, the Committee encourages the HMSA to engage in more fundraising to support their many activities and operations, and reminds the HMSA that it is a requirement to maintain a 10% operational reserve to receive SSF. This is to be incorporated next year and into any subsequent budgets.
Impact Movement

Request: $6,000
Allotment: $3,600
Vote: 8-0-1

The fees committee voted to approve funding for Impact Movement in the amount of $3,600. The fees committee found significant budget inconsistencies that prevented full funding of the group. In future fees applications, the committee requests that Impact Movement exhibit strong financial responsibility. Additionally, the fees committee was not able to support Impacts two retreats. Although the fees committee does believe that these programs enrich attending members experiences in the group, the committee does not believe that they provide a significant impact for students and the campus community.
La Raza

Request: $46,000
Allotment: $38,500
Vote: 7-0-1

The Fees Committee voted to approve an award of $38,500. The Fees Committee noted a lack of outside sources of funding and a heavy reliance on student services fees which was addressed as a concern from the committee last year. In terms of seeking outside funding, the Committee recognizes the conflicting ethics behind a particular grant such as Coke. However, we acknowledge that this standard has been equitably applied to all groups applying for the Student Fees, and also Coke grant is not the only one available to student groups.

The Fees Committee supports the organizations mission, but once again requests the organization to demonstrate more financial responsibility by bring outside funds or providing the committee any form of effort the group has made to receive outside funding whether or not the attempt did not work out. The efforts and outcome of your organizations action this year will be reflected on the decision next year.
Lutheran Student Movement

Request: $7,000
Allotment: $5,500
Vote: 7-0-1

The Fees Committee noted numerous formatting issues that has prevented full funding. Some costs are documented, but not $7,000 worth.
Mindfulness for Students

Request: $9,376.63  
Allotment: $6,600  
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee feels that this group should receive $6,600 for the 2010-2011 academic year. While the group took into account the recommendations from the previous years committee to reduce the food expenses in their budget, this committee finds that the carry over from year to year is much too high. This is money that should not be carried over but should be used on programming for University students. The group also stressed the importance of the retreat planned for its members, the committee believes that it would be wise for the group to implement its own fundraising efforts to fund this retreat.
Minnesota Public Interest Research Group

Request: $130,000
Allotment: $98,300
Vote: 6-1-1

The committee felt that the increase were not justified for election year programming when 08-09 was a much more publicized election and was programmed with three times less money. Increases for printing and copying, as well as postage and delivery are also not justified. The reasons for such increases were underwhelming. Your group should still be able to do more or at least the same with less. The committee was also concerned with high salary costs, and as the group is not exempt from the 30% rule, salaries and wages and benefits were reduced to a proportioned amount. While legally a nonprofit, this group does not stand alone on voluntary donations, and cannot expect to spend nearly 70% on salary as they suggested during their presentation before the committee. This group is almost fully subsidized by students at the University of Minnesota, and if MPIRG would like to continue to receive these subsidies, they must abide by the rules and conditions that the students have set – including salary rules.

Minority Rationale: The minority was sufficiently convinced by the large showing at the public hearings that MPIRG is a beneficial organization to students. It advocates for positive change and clearly produces effective student leaders. The minority recommends awarding the full amount of MPIRG’s request.
Minnesota Student Association

**Request:** $140,103  
**Allotment:** $124,800  
**Vote:** 7-1-1

The Committee recommends $124,800. The committee felt as if the original request was too high given the high operational reserves. The 10% operational reserve rule is intended to be 10% of operational expenses, and the request was adjusted to bring MSA into compliance with that rule. Additionally, salaries for MSA were adjusted to reflect the new $3000 pay cap resolution the committee for salaries, wages, and stipends for student organizations.

For at least the third consecutive year, MSA has failed to provide an accurate budget to the committee in their fees request. All organizations, particularly ones that claim to represent tens of thousands of students on campus, have a fiduciary responsibility to maintain accurate, detailed records. These records must be transparent and available for public or fees committee review. MSA has blamed 'leadership transition' issues for their difficulties for multiple consecutive years. The committee suggests to the current MSA administration that they institute a financial overhaul. Future MSA leadership should not have to yet again tell the committee that bad leadership and record-keeping precluded them from submitting an accurate request.

**Minority Rationale:** The minority appreciated the detailed explanation from MSA clearing up confusion about their budget, and further recognizes that they have mandated for themselves a higher reserve than the SSFC requires and permits. Given the representative nature of this organization and the important work they do, and given the reality that they will likely see a decrease in real dollar purchasing power, the minority supports awarding MSA their full request.
National Society of Black Engineers

Request: $11,000  
Allotment: $5,350  
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee was unanimous in deciding to award the group $5,350 for the 2010-2011 academic year. While the committee sees the value in this group’s services on campus, the carryover from last year was very large at $5,640 and the group’s reserves were more than 10%. The reserve should be only around $1,200 approximately. Reducing the carryover and the reserves should even out with the award of $5,350.
Pi Sigma Epsilon

Request: $6,000
Allotment: $0
Vote: 7-0-1

It is the committee’s view that Pi Sigma Epsilon, although important in some aspects, does not benefit the community, but only the members of this organization. The organization has a professional focus which excludes a large portion of the university community. Because of this, the student service fees committee will fund zero dollars to Pi Sigma Epsilon. If funding is necessary, fundraising or outside grants should be pursued.
The approval of $43,000 by the fee committee was decided upon based on the committees approval of the multitude and good planning that the organization presented for its programs. The organization reaches out to many students and has high turnout rates for activities which the committee feels is a good indicator of how well the club is doing. The Queer Student Cultural Center provides valuable services throughout its programs and office. The committee appreciates the groups attempts to increase fundraising. There is a problem with the large carry forward each year, and hope is that the organization will use this money toward programming before asking for additional fees the following year.
Student Services Fees Event Grant

Request: $75,000
Allotment: $75,000
Vote: 7-0-1

The Student Service Fees Committee recommends the Student Service Fees Grant be awarded their full request of $75,000. There is an apparent benefit to the campus community, and the committee feels like the post-event meetings is both very responsible and evident of good funding practices. The Committee feels, however, that organizations must be open and transparent to receive student funding. Currently, these expectations are not being met, so let it suggested that meetings be open to the public, recorded, or have minutes publicly posted.
**Students for Human Life**

**Request:** $48,000  
**Allotment:** $32,450  
**Vote:** 6-1-1

The Student Service Fees Committee voted to approve the award of $32,450. The Committee feels that this organization proved its benefit and need among students on campus, however the Committee did not feel comfortable allocating such a large amount of money to the Dilly Bars event and individual speakers. The Committee also feels that this group mainly represent minority group, so the Committee has questions about this groups attendance.

**Minority Rationale:** Although the minority appreciates the logic of the majority in arriving at their suggested award, the minority is skeptical that SHL has enough value for students to warrant an over 100% increase in their budget.

Although the minority continues to appreciate the logic of the majority in arriving at their suggested award, the minority remains skeptical that SHL has enough value for students to warrant an over 100% Though the minority finds itself at odds with SHLs mission, it is important to provide a venue for opposing viewpoints. In a democratic society, it is crucial for all informed sides of a debate to be heard. This does not mean, however, that an arbitrary allocation of funds to balance opinion is the proper way of protecting fundamental freedom of speech, and the figures presented by SHL seem nothing if not arbitrary. Impact on the quality of student life must be taken into consideration.

The minority takes umbrage at the characterization of Boynton Health Services as a pro-choice organization on campus. Boynton is a medical service provider, not an advocacy organization, and as such its activities are dictated by accepted medical practice rather than a political agenda. That SHL dislikes that Boynton provides contraceptives for students is not enough to convince the minority that Boynton is promoting an agenda other than positive sexual health among students.
Further, the minority notes that SHL is primarily an advocacy organization, but one with a rather small core membership (22). Although it was noted that SHL had a list-serv of some 800 people, this still does not convince the minority that the activities of the group have a substantial impact on student life. Therefore, the minority suggests that SHL be funded along the lines of smaller and newer organizations, such as Biology Without Borders. Recognizing that SHL has a larger core membership then BWB or similar groups and plans to grow, the minority suggests an award of $25,000.
Student National Medical Association

Request: $10,800
Allotment: $7,500
Vote: 7-0-1

After further discussion with SNMA, the Fees Committee appreciated the value brought to the student body by this group and the responsiveness to budgetary requests by the Committee. The Committee felt the events they provide are stimulating and are unique opportunities found only through this particular organization. The Committees final recommendation of $7,500 acknowledges this value the group provides and the pending funding removal from the Medical School. The Committee could not provide full funding, however, due to the fact that it does not see the value in conference experiences for a few group members to the wider student body. This being considered, the Committee made a broad cut to conference event funding without fully removing the dollar figure of all these events, electing to allow SNMA to choose which events their dollars will go to. Additionally, we would like to see the group apply for other University grants and outside funding in the future.
Student Veterans Association

Request: $24,225
Allotment: $20,000
Vote: 7-1

The Committee voted unanimously to award the Student Veteran Association $20,000. The Committee noted that the SVA provides a valuable and much-needed service to student veterans on campus in addition to the resources available through the University and supports its mission to provide support and fellowship for this community.

The Committee felt that the cost of the proposed ski trip was too high and therefore eliminated it from our consideration. Additionally, while the value of attending the national conference is high, the Committee awarded money with the assumption that the group will either make private contributions or find foundational support to cover the full cost of attendance.

Minority Rationale: The minority rationale felt that this group should be awarded the entire amount requested. While the committee often does not feel it is appropriate to use student fees for morale-building trips (such as the ski trip request), the minority feels believes that this group is fundamentally different from other student groups as it provides a much needed service to student veterans. Although the ski trip was expensive, the minority felt that these costs were justified because the purpose of this group exists to increase morale and have bonding experiences among group members.
**Students for a Conservative Voice**

**Request:** $65,000  
**Allotment:** $49,300  
**Vote:** 7-0-1

The fees committee voted to approve funding for Students For a Conservative Voice in the amount of $49,300. The fees committee was very concerned with the groups very high operational expenses, especially the high cost of office space. The fees committee also found SCVs speaker costs to be very high, and was unable to justify funding such a large event without a track record of solid attendance numbers. The fees committee encourages SCV to provide stronger attendance numbers backed with a description of collection practices in future fees applications.
Voices Merging

**Request:** $31,671  
**Allotment:** $22,000  
**Vote:** 8-0-1

The fees committee was concerned about this group’s programming breakdown containing an excessive amount of travel. Additionally, the group has been having substantial carryovers for multiple years without having significant operational expenses. Voices Merging met with the committee and helped to clarify some of the committee’s concerns. Ultimately, the committee concluded that Voices Merging deserved more than the initial recommendation but not the full request. Reducing the fees request to $22,000 corrects for the committee’s concerns.
Women’s Student Activist Collective

Request: $30,000  
Allotment: $27,200  
Vote: 7-0-1

The committee found that it was concerning that the previous year’s actual budget numbers were rounded to even numbers. Providing falsified data to the committee is unacceptable, and the committee recommends that they produce a better and more accurate budget in following years. Also, the previous years committee suggested that this group seek external grants and funding to help ease the SSF request. This years committee repeats this recommendation and looks to see improvement in this category in following years.
University YMCA

Request: $31,000
Allotment: $31,000
Vote: 7-0-1

The Student Service Fees Committee recommends funding YMCA in the full amount requested since they clearly demonstrated a need and benefit for University community. The Committee at first expressed a concern about high amount paid in salaries, wages, and stipends but acknowledged later that the amount is paid separately by Minneapolis YMCA.