Student Services Fees Committee
Student Groups and Organizations

Initial Recommendations
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Chair's Preface

To all involved parties and students,

The committee would like to thank you for taking the time to read through its initial recommendations. The committee was delighted to have the opportunity to explore the many valuable benefits, programs, and events the University of Minnesota's student groups and organizations bring to campus. From the onset, it was clear that our University's motto, "Driven to Discover," not only describes the academic prowess and mission of the University, but also the ambition, creativity, and collaboration of our driven student population.

To be sure, the committee this year was also driven to make fair, viewpoint neutral allocation recommendations for the student services fee. In order to achieve this end, the committee did not consider any of the viewpoints that applicants may promote or stand for while making allocation recommendations. Whereas principles in this manner are typically considered in many of society's institutions when making value judgments, the committee instead referred to and applied the guidelines for decision making which have been approved by the Office for Student Affairs and are governed by the Board of Regents.

Specifically, there are 13 guidelines for decision making (Handbook, pp. 17-18, and on next page). The committee is charged with making responsible, viewpoint neutral recommendations for allocating fees funding using the guidelines. The committee consistently applied the guidelines to each group applying for fees on a case-by-case basis and used its authority to weight and apply the guidelines, choosing to find, in many cases, the first guideline lexically superior.

It should be noted that while many student groups and organizations have operations and programming that fulfilled many if not all of the guidelines, such a fact does not guarantee approval for funding. As the Board of Regents requires, the committee also must consider the openness of operations and programs as well as a host of other related criteria.

As you browse the initial recommended allocations, please be reminded by the tremendous amount of work the committee has completed thus far. Thus far, the committee has spent over 60 hours considering requests for 64 groups. Ample time was devoted to each request, no consideration was left unchecked or unnoted, and the committee acted with resolve and thoroughness. In the rationales included in this document, the committee explained its actions, referencing the guidelines and justification for the allocation figures it arrived at over the course of deliberations. Minority opinions are also provided in addition to the majority.

As the committee moves forward in the process, it will continue to act in a responsible, viewpoint neutral way. It will consider all new information it encounters before final deliberations. It will ensure the student services fee is allocated wisely.

Best Regards,
Kyle R. Kroll
Guidelines for Decision Making

**Fulfillment of the following does not guarantee approval for funding:**

1. Extent of contribution to one or more of the following:
   a. Providing a service to the student body.
   b. Supplementing the academic curriculum.
   c. Helping to foster a sense of community on the Twin Cities campus.

2. Quality and quantity of programs and services provided to the student body, consistent with the mission of the organization.

3. Extent of and demand for the programs and services provided. Groups must quantify their answer by such things as attendance numbers at events, number of phone calls/office visits, inquiries, etc. Groups must specify the method of tabulation and provide specific documentation upon request.

4. Breadth of service to students across academic departments or academic units.

5. Targeting of programs and services to the largest number of students consistent with the need.

6. Demonstration of benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services.

7. Efforts to secure funding in addition to the student services fees.

8. Demonstration of financial need that cannot be fulfilled with alternative sources of income.

9. All organizations (student groups and administrative units) must fully justify their fees request, including any financial reserves.
   a. In response to its own needs, operating risks (i.e., fluctuations in enrollment) and budgeting practices, organizations should establish an internal requirement for reserve funds.
   b. This requirement is not translated into an arbitrary SSF rule, i.e., 10% of operating funds. It is recommended that operating reserves for student groups be between 0-10%, but a minimum reserve is not required.
   c. Administrative units are not required to maintain minimum or maximum reserves.
   d. The SSFC has the ability to reduce financial reserves for any organization – administrative unit or student group – if proper justification is not found for the requested amount.

10. Student groups must fully justify their use of staff to the SSFC, but a maximum percentage of fees income to fund staff is not imposed.
   a. What is provided to students who pay the Student Services Fee from administrative units versus student groups is generally quite different. Since administrative units are primarily dedicated to providing services to students, the SSFC will impose no restriction on staff compensation for administrative unit employees.
   b. The Fees system would be severely constrained if student groups become reliant on paid staff. Fees money to pay staff should only be used if they are a necessary component of a group’s ability to provide high-quality, relevant services to students.

11. Demonstration of compliance with the audit/agreed-upon procedures performed by audit firm designated by the Student Fees Committee.

12. Written justification of significant deviation from the proposed budget outlined in the prior year’s student services fees request.

13. Previous access to funding from student services fees shall not be considered when evaluating requests.
Majority Opinion Rationale (6-1-0)

**African Student Association (#339)**

*Requested Allocation: $17,000  
Recommended Allocation: $17,000*

Comments: The SSFC found the group’s request to be in line with the SSFC’s stated guidelines. In particular the group’s breadth and depth of programming, efforts to bring together all African students on campus and a willingness to engage with other student organizations.

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

1) The proposed budget met the guidelines for decision making. GR: 1, 2, 3, 6

Directives: N/A

Minority Opinion Rationale

**African Student Association (#339)**

*Requested Allocation: $17,000  
Recommended Allocation: $15,860*

Comments: The minority was extremely impressed with this group, and believed there was a significant demonstration that the group deserved funding. The minority did not believe the soccer tournaments had been fully justified, though.

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

1) The minority recommended full funding subtracting the soccer tournaments, as it was unsure the event was consistent with the mission of the organization, they could have spent less on the event, and other sources of income could have been sought. GR: 2, 8

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (7-0-0)

All-Campus Elections Commission (#369)

Requested Allocation: $3,900  
Recommended Allocation: $3,900

Comments: The Committee has approved the fully request of ACEC. ACEC has provided an appropriate budget for its advertising campaign, effectively proved its employment of food at its “Get out the Vote” events, and employed its carryover from the previous year, all of which allows the Committee to find ACEC’s request justifiable. The Committee is also pleased to see that SSF funds only slightly more than 50% of ACEC’s budget.

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

1) Budget request justified GR: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9

Directives: Continue to maintain well-documented attendance figures.
Majority Opinion Rationale (4-3-0)

Al-Madinah Cultural Center (#612)

Requested Allocation: $75,000  
Recommended Allocation: $64,000

Comments: The Majority recommends that Al-Madinah receives $64,000 in SSF funding for the next fiscal year. The Majority commends Al-Madinah in the breadth of its programming, and on the improvement in fiscal responsibility over the previous year. However, the Majority finds that some of the events Al-Madinah hosts targets too specific a crowd or does 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 handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GR) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduction of $2,000 for a Ski trip GR: Not accessible to all students (5) and not providing a service to the greater student body following the event (1a)

2) Deduction of $4,000 for programming advertising GR: Not fully justified in the need for such large advertisement needs. Proper, efficient advertising can be achieved with smaller funding (9)

3) Deduction of $1,000 for senior gifts GR: Benefits only a small number of students (5)

4) Deduction of $4,000 from room rental GR: Al-Madinah currently holds a room for its own use – funding has not been justified for why other rooms are required for events such as Brothers Bashes, Leadership Events (9)

Directives: The Majority recommends that Al-Madinah continue to search for outside sources of funding, as SSF funds a large majority of Al-Madinah’s budget.

Minority Opinion Rationale

Al-Madinah Cultural Center (#612)

Requested Allocation: $75,000  
Recommended Allocation: $69,500

Comments: The minority holds that there was not clear justification from the majority to deduct the determined monetary amount from the room rental or advertising subsets of the budget sheet provided by Al-Madinah. However, the minority agrees with the majority rationale to deduct the amounts requested for gifts to graduates for the event: Graduation Ceremony, and the full request for the event: Ski Trip.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GR) numbers supporting each point:
1) Deduct: $1,000 from ‘other’ category for ‘Graduation Ceremony’ graduate gifts.
GR: Guideline 1: The minority does not believe this program provides a service to the student body. Guideline 6. The minority holds that this program does not demonstrate the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services.

2) Deduct: $2,000 from programming budget for ‘Ski Trip’.
GR: Guideline 1: The minority does not believe this program provides a service to the student body. Guideline 5: The minority does not believe this event target the largest number of students consistent with the need. Guideline 6. The minority holds that this program does not demonstrate the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services.

3) Do not deduct $5,000 from advertising budget. Only deduct $2,500.
GR: The minority does not feel the deduction was justified on the basis of any SSF funding approval guidelines. The minority also believes that due to the demonstrated organizational expansion Al-Madinah has had and is projecting, paired with the mission of the advertising to reach a broader demographic of members, under Guideline 1 and Guideline 2, a substantial increase in advertising funding is acceptable. The minority suggests a $2,500 deduction be instead made. The minority suggests that a $2,000 deduction be made and that outside funding be sought to advertise the ‘Sisters’ Show’ because it fails to meet guideline 1, in that this event is only targeted for a female audience which does not provide a direct service to the entire student body or a sense of campus community. The minority also recommends a $500 deduction in advertising be made for the event: ‘Graduation Ceremony’ also for its failure to provide a service to the greater student body. If this event is targeted toward graduating seniors already within Al-Madinah, the minority does not feel $500 is a justifiable amount for advertising. A listserv is suggested to take the place of $500 in advertising funds in order to connect with graduating seniors and possible attendees.

4) Do not deduct from Room Rental budget at all, unless specific programming indicates reasoning to do so. GR: The minority rationale does not believe there was a clear reason for deduction from the ‘room rental’ portion of Al-Madinah’s budget within the parameter of the SSF funding approval guidelines.

**Directives:** The minority recommends further deliberation by the fees committee on Al-Madinah’s Room Rental and Advertising budgets, should Al-Madinah disagree with the SSFC initial recommendation. The minority recommends that Al-Madinah provide a further detailed explanation for their advertising and room rental needs to better assist the SSFC in making an informed decision.
Majority Opinion Rationale (6-1-0)

**American Indian Student Cultural Center (#274)**

*Requested Allocation: $31,250  Recommended Allocation: $26,250*

*Comments:* The Committee overall believes this organization demonstrated thoroughly their impact and commitment to the total student population of University of Minnesota. However, a reduction of $5,000 in “salaries, wages, and stipends” was recommended because there wasn’t sufficient evidence to necessitate an increase from 2010-2011.

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

1) While it is understood that having student workers can be beneficial, the question still remains: should all the students who pay fees pay for them to do the work laid out in the application? Could this same work be accomplished by dedicated volunteers? GR: 10b

*Directives:* If you would like the committee to reconsider, please submit justification.

Minority Opinion Rationale

**American Indian Student Cultural Center (#274)**

*Requested Allocation: $31,250  Recommended Allocation: $21,500*

*Comments:* The Minority would have deducted $10,000 to recommend $21,500; The Minority feels that the salaries are not justified, and that salaries for student workers can be offset by use of volunteer student members to staff the desk/conduct day-to-day business for the AISCC.

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

1) Deduction of $10,000 from salaries and stipends GR: Did not demonstrate that the financial need for student workers CANNOT be fulfilled elsewhere (8)

*Directives:* The Minority believes that the salaries for student desks workers at the AISCC was not fully justified. The Minority urges the AISCC to split its desk worker work amongst a greater amount of voluntary students, rather than placing the work on 1-2 students who then receive wages.
Majority Opinion Rationale (6-1-0)

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (#139)

Requested Allocation: $4,000  
Recommended Allocation: $0

Comments: The majority did not approve allocation of funds for AIAA because the group did not meet the minimum application requirement. The funds requested are not justified in the operational expenses breakdown.

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

Directives: Revise budget to reflect how the $4,000 in operational expenses will be spent.

Minority Opinion Rationale

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (#139)

Requested Allocation: $4,000.00  
Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: It is the opinion of the minority that the majority was a bit dramatic in its response to the submitted budget. While it is true that the budget submitted leaves much to be desired by way of painting the picture for true need. The minority feels an appropriate number could have been determined from what was submitted, as the request from the organization appears to be $4,000 in operational income.

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (4-1-1)

Pre-med AMSA (#54)

Requested Allocation: $75,075  
Recommended Allocation: $20,000

Comments: Overall the committee was impressed by this organization. They held many events that the committee thought brought value to the campus community. In particular the committee applauds the Feed My Starving Children event that brings students all over campus together to the field house to do service work. The Majority did feel that the request for this year was exorbitant, as most of it was designated to send members to conferences, which the committee does not believe were fully justified in their application or presentation. The committee was also concerned that some of the operational expenses the committee had asked them to outline had already been accounted for in programming expenses.

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

1) Deductions were made from the conferences. GR: 1a, 1c, 6

2) Deductions were made from operational expenses. GR: Not justified.

3) The majority wanted to fund many of the events that contributed to the overall campus community. GR: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

Directives: N/A

Minority Opinion Rationale

Pre-med AMSA (#54)

Requested Allocation: $N/A  
Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: No minority opinion was submitted, suggesting rescission.

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (6-0-0)

American Society of Civil Engineers (#676)

Requested Allocation: $10,000  
Recommended Allocation: $8,000

Comments: In general, the committee (unanimous majority) was very impressed with the programming the ASCE puts on for civil engineering students. In particular, the committee was surprised that ASCE was able to orchestrate such a large career fair for students, which the committee would have expected the civil engineering department to host. This fact clearly demonstrates that ASCE is an integral part of the civil engineering community on campus.

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

1) Travel expenses for ASCE are excessive. The $5,000.00 in operating travel is requested for 2012-2013, and $5,300.00 is requested in programming could not reasonably be funded given the lack of a connection between the event and the resulting benefit to the campus, and so $2,000.00 was deducted from the requested amount to reduce the use of fees for travel. GR: 1a, 1c

Directives: For the upcoming year, the committee encourages ASCE to continue to provide the career fair for students as well as seek financial contributions from members attending the steel bridge and concrete canoe events to help pay for travel.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Amnesty International (#174)

*Requested Allocation: $4,900  Recommended Allocation: $4,900*

*Comments:* All committee members agreed that Amnesty International should be funded in full by Student Services Fees. The student group not only has great programming, but also took the Student Service Fees process very seriously (which was evident in their structured presentation). Furthermore, Amnesty International collects a good amount of outside funding, primarily in donations.

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

1) Committee found budget request to be justifiable GR: 1, 2, 6, 7

*Directives:* Continue exceptional attention to SSF guidelines in the future! (particularly those listed above)
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Asian American Student Union (#157)

Requested Allocation: $84,950  
Recommended Allocation: $79,325

Comments: The Majority recommends a funding of $79,325 for the ASU for the next fiscal year. The Majority commends ASU on the breadth, depth, and impact of its events throughout the school year. The Majority believes that the ASU provides a wonderful focal point for its plethora of affiliate members, all of whom generate programming of great value for the greater U of MN campus.

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

1) Deduction of $5,625.83 from carryover GR: Try to not have any carryover from year-to-year. ASU has a reserve, and should not need a carryover.

Directives: The Minority urges the ASU to not generate a carryover from year-to-year, but rather place any funds needed for the July-September range (before SSF checks arrive) into a reserve account. Ensure that difference (incomes minus expenses) are $0.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Ayn Rand Study Group

Requested Allocation: $89,950
Recommended Allocation: $6,000

Comments: The majority believes that the funding request was unreasonable given the breadth of the group. The majority sees value in the benefit of what the programming can bring to this campus, yet the lack of thoughtful or practical planning for each event was concerning. Multiple events had the same budget breakdown, and the same exact advertising budget, yet the depth, length, size, and impact of each event is not identical. The committee suggests a budget of around $2,000 for the main conference, and $1,000 for each additional event, with the exception of weekly meeting food, because the budget is extensive for the recorded member base. Also, the presence of general meeting food does not bring a benefit to the broader campus community. The majority believes that with such a small number of members, the proportion of SSF granted to the group previously was not justifiable. Furthermore, the role of the advisor paired with the stipend granted does not seem justifiable. The committee suggests for a stronger grassroots base; upon a larger member base being established, the committee could see the relevance of purchasing new equipment such as couches for their office space. Similarly, the committee cannot justify the use of the office space with the current member base of the organization. Ayn Rand Study Group notified the committee that the printing and copying budget was for advertising, yet the advertising budget also accounts for flyer advertising as well. This form of ‘double dipping’ is not acceptable. The majority did not believe that any operational expenses were justifiable based on the information provided. Parking contracts are not supported based on the majority rationale.

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

1) Granted some programming funding, see above comments. GR: 1a, 1b, 1c, 2,

2) Reduction of operational expenses. GR: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10,

Directives: The majority hopes to see a more detailed and justified need for requested funds in the future. The majority also would like to see a larger member base being established before such large requests for funds are requested. An integral component of receiving SSF is the demonstration of providing a service to the greater student body and efforts to secure funding in addition to the SSF. The majority suggests ARSG considers seeking grants, co-sponsorships, etc. particularly because co-sponsorships may bring new members to the group as well.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Black Graduate and Professional Students Association (#956)

Requested Allocation: $8,672          Recommended Allocation: $8,672

Comments: The committee found all aspects of BGAPSA's budget, programming and operations to be within Student Handbook Guidelines.

Directives: Keep up the great work!
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Black Motivated Women (#1821)

*Requested Allocation: $14,635  Recommended Allocation: $11,045*

*Comments:* The committee continues to be impressed with this organization’s mission and outreach. As a result, we are increasing our financial support from last year by 27%.

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

1) $2000 reduction in food for Gala. GR: 7: Efforts to secure funding in addition to the student services fees.

2) $1590 removed from support for fashion show. GR: 5: Targeting of programs and services to the largest number of students consistent with the need.

*Directives:* The committee encourages BMW to charge attendees a portion of the Gala dinner expense. The committee historically has not funded gifts or give-away items, which are a significant portion of this event’s budget.
Majority Opinion Rationale (5-4-0)

**Black Student Union (#243)**

*Requested Allocation: $64,565  Recommended Allocation: $49,065*

*Comments:* The Committee was overall very impressed with BSU’s outreach and its ability to obtain funding in addition to Student Services Fees. The majority struggled to see the benefit that the Ebony Ball had for the entire campus but felt that the leadership conference benefit to the community was fully justified.

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

1) $5,000 for rent and utilities and $1,000 seemed a bit excessive to the Majority for having a room in Coffman and didn’t feel that it was directly related to providing a service to the student body or supplementing academic curriculum. The committee welcomes a demonstration of financial need for this operating cost but has in the mean time recommended a deduction of $4,000 for utilities and rent and $1,000 for cable costs.  for  GR: 1a, 1b, 8

2) A recommended deduction of $10,500 for the Ebony Ball event has been made on the basis of room rental and half food costs. The majority feels that the event could be hosted much cheaper and in at a location more accessible to all University fee paying students.  GR: 1c, 7, 8

*Directives:* The committee would like to request more information on ticket sales for the Ebony Ball and would recommend looking into hosting the event on campus in the future.

Minority Opinion Rationale

**Black Student Union (#243)**

*Requested Allocation: $64,565  Recommended Allocation: $N/A*

*Comments:* The minority feels that BSU should have been allocated more funds for the Ebony Ball. The minority would like to see an updated budget for the Ebony Ball if it was held on campus, which would then include a large reduction in the room rental and food costs for this event.

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

1) Fostering a sense of community on campus  GR: 1
2) Have secured outside funding  GR: 7

Directives: Please submit a revised budget, projecting the funds that would be requested if the Ebony Ball was to be held on campus.
Majority Opinion Rationale (6-3-0)

Bridges International (#2355)

Requested Allocation: $14,333  
Recommended Allocation: $4,533

Comments: The majority felt that Bridges International did a good job of welcoming international students to the university and helping them adjust to University life. The group's primary benefit to students is in the form of enhanced community on campus. The committee's recommended allocation figure will allow Bridges to grow next year.

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

1) The majority did not believe that give-away prizes for Bridges' fall activities fair booth was an appropriate use of student services fees. GR: 1a

2) Thirteen seasonable and holiday-themed parties were outlined in Bridges' program breakdowns. The committee decided to fund half of the cost of these programs, noting that although the events do not provide a service to students, they do help foster community on campus, and thus receive some consideration. GR: 1c

3) Bridges requested $2,800.00 to use to purchase a fridge and projector. The majority believed that this amount was excessive for the purchase purposes. The majority chose to fund $450.00 for the purchase of these two items. GR: 1a, 2

4) Bridges hoped to compensate its partner organization, CRU, for using its premises for storage, general meetings, and events. After reviewing CRU's budget, the majority found it would be inappropriate for fees to be used for this purpose since CRU does not already pay rent for its space. GR: 9

5) The majority, after reviewing the benefits of Bridges' Vision Conference program, did not believe the program was justified in its proposed use of fees. The entire amount was deducted from the request. GR: 1, 6, 9

Directives: For next year, the majority would like to see Bridges International engage more students on campus. The majority also believes that the seasonal and holiday-themed parties could be reduced or combined to form larger events for more students. If Bridges would like to participate in future conferences using fees monies, it will need to fully justify how the conference fits the guidelines for decision making (p. 17, Fees Handbook).
Minority Opinion Rationale

**Bridges International (#2355)**

*Requested Allocation: $14,330  Recommended Allocation: $N/A*

*Comments:* It is the opinion of the minority that the Vision Conference should receive some funding from student fees. The majority has failed to acknowledge that this Committee has provided funding for all other student groups who applied for various forms of student travel.

*Directives:* N/A

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Minority Opinion Rationale

**Bridges International**

*Requested Allocation: $14,333  Recommended Allocation: $3,080*

*Comments:* The minority rationale sees fit for Bridges International to receive a total allocation of $3,280. This allows for $250 for the requested fridge and $250 for the requested projector that were shown to be integral for programming that benefits the campus community. The minority holds that the Vision Conference does not benefit the broader campus community, and its specific focus does not support the U of M academic curriculum. The minority also recognizes no payment be made by SSF for prizes given in raffles. The minority seeks to fund the following event due to the benefit they bring to the broader campus via integrating the international and local student communities together while exploring UMN and American culture: Friendship party, October Dinner, Halloween Party, Harvest Party, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Party, Welcome Back Party, Chinese New Year Party, Valentine’s Day Party, Winter Celebration, St. Patrick’s Day Party, and Easter Party.

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

1) Deductions detailed in comments are made based on multiple SSFC guidelines. GR: 1a, 1b, 3, 4, 5, 6

*Directives:* The minority suggests outside fundraising be pioneered to fund the Vision Conference experience. The minority also suggests that Bridges International seek outside avenues (donations, fundraising, etc.) in order to obtain any prizes they want to give away.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Campus Atheists, Skeptics, and Humanists (#63)

Requested Allocation: $9,000  
Recommended Allocation: $8,000

Comments: The committee continues to see the valuable contribution that Campus Atheists Skeptics and Humanists makes to the intellectual dialogue at the university. Funding is increased by 25% over last year’s allocation.

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

1) $1000 reduction in overall allocation. GR: 8: Demonstration of financial need that cannot be fulfilled with alternative sources of income.

Directives: The committee recommends that the $1022 that will result at the end of this year be used to fund the $1000 gap between the requested amount and the committee’s final allocation.
Majority Opinion Rationale (5-3-1)

Catholic College Student Group (#518)

Requested Allocation: $7,553.59  Recommended Allocation: $6,954

Comments: The committee greatly appreciates CCSG’s willingness to rework their schedule and operational strategy. Their updated narrative and budget were quite admirable. The committee made only a 50% reduction for food during the Spring Break Service Trip.

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

1) Half of the food expense ($600) was not supported by the committee for the Spring Break Service Trip. GR: 1a, 1b, 6

Directives: All previous directives were taken. The committee now suggests that each student pay for half of their food on the Spring Break Service Trip or that fundraising help supplement the SSF funding.

Minority Opinion Rationale

Catholic College Student Group

Requested Allocation: $7,553.59  Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: The minority did not feel that enough attention was given to the numbers before a motion was made. The minority was not comfortable accepting a budget of $6954 without further discussion.

Directives: The minority has no suggested directive for this application year for CCSG, though the minority hopes to see clear demonstration of UMN campus impact in future SSF request endeavors.
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-0)

Chabad At the U of M (#2555)

*Requested Allocation: $31,025  Recommended Allocation: $12,425*

*Comments:* The majority felt that the organization has an array of programs and does well in working to include a diverse population of students and other organization in their programming. The requested for funding for food was high in relation to the amount of students Chabad is reaching.

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

1) Would like to see more outside funding  GR: 7

2) Have a large amount of programs and the programs fit well with the mission of the organization.  GR: 2

3) Helping to foster a sense of community  GR: 1

4) Unclear of the benefit to students who pay the fee, but do not participate in the programs offered.  GR: 6

*Directives:* We would like Chabad to try to secure more outside funding for next year’s request.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Collegians for a Constructive Tomorrow (CFACT) (#789)

Requested Allocation: $199,125  Recommended Allocation: $90,406

Comments: The majority felt that CFACT was unable to justify the use of staff and consultant and professional fees. The committee also reduced the equipment request because the majority felt the items requested could be purchased for less. Rent and utilities was reduced, as the majority felt that was a fair amount to be used for rent, since the office does not appear to be other than by the board and staff. For programming the Lakes Program, Eco-Summit, and Mining Program were all reduced, as the majority did not see the benefit of those programs to fee paying students who don’t participate, as well as the greater U of M campus. The publication that CFACT creates is in line with the organization’s mission, as well as reaches an array of student at the U of M.

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

1) The majority felt that CFACT was unable to fully justify their use of staff and how staff benefit the organization. There is also a concern of the group becoming too reliant on salaried staff. GR: 10

2) CFACT has done a good job in securing funding other than fee’s money. GR: 7

3) The group provided requested documentation of their handout upon request. GR: 3

4) It was unclear to the committee if the group is providing service to students across academic departments. GR: 4

5) Unclear if some of the programs CFACT is running are benefitting fee paying students who do not participate. GR: 6

Directives: For future fee requests include more on the benefit of staff to the organization. We would prefer to not see how you compare salaries and wages that other organizations are getting, but rather how paid staff will benefit your organization. Include more information on who has access to your office. Include more information on the impact of your events to fee paying students who do not participate, as well as the greater U of M campus.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Community Child Care Center (#765)

Requested Allocation: $82,000  Recommended Allocation: $82,000

Comments: This group clearly demonstrated the benefits provided to students by its programming, the demand of students, the ability to serve students with its operations, and its ability to secure outside funding. Their increases in expenses were very modest, and the group has shown responsibility with its funding in the past. The SSFC unanimously decided to fund this group in its entirety.

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

1) This group provides a great benefit to students.  GR: 1

2) This group showed the demand given by students for its services and how it fulfilled those needs to the greatest amount of students possible.  GR: 3, 5

3) This group has significant outside funding.  GR: 7

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Como Early Learning Center (#748)

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

Comments: The committee unanimously agrees to (initially) fully fund Como Early Learning Center’s request for $75,000 of funds from Student Service Fees. Their written application narrative, budget, and formal presentation were of high quality and completed on time.

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

1) Budget request justified GR: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, 6, 7

Directives: Continue the exceptional attention to the SSF guidelines in the future (particularly those noted above).
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Campus Crusade for Christ (#1035)

Requested Allocation: $27,062

Recommended Allocation: $23,244

Comments: The Committee believed this organization demonstrated successfully its impact to the larger University of Minnesota community. However, there were a few reductions made to the operations and programming budgets for line items that weren’t sufficiently justified as required by the SSFC guidelines.

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

1) Telephone & Fax: Reduction of $400.00. - From the application there wasn’t an explanation provided for why CRU was expecting to see an increase of $450 in 2012-2013. GR: 12

2) Programming: Reduction of $1100. - The Committee thought the amount of money spent for holiday parties wasn’t sufficiently justified. The thought was that the holiday parties would be limited to the participants in CRU and not necessarily open to all students of UMN (i.e. the Valentine’s Day Party). GR: 6

3) Excess Reserves: Reduction of $2318. - From the application the committee was unclear about the increase in operational reserves. While it is understood that CRU has events in the beginning of the school year that occur before receiving SSFC funding, the committee didn’t understand why the reserves would need to be more than 10% of your programming request. GR: 9

Directives: If you would like the committee to reconsider, please submit justification.
Majority Opinion Rationale (10-0-0)

Disabled Student Cultural Center (#230)

Requested Allocation: $20,318          Recommended Allocation: $20,318

Comments: The committee found all aspects of the DSCC budget, programming and operations to be within Student Handbook Guidelines.

Directives: Keep up the great work!
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

**Engineers Without Borders (#1469)**

*Requested Allocation:* $13,002.50  
*Recommended Allocation:* $13,003

*Comments:* In general, the committee (unanimous majority) was very pleased with the presentation and request made by Engineers without Borders. The committee was pleased to see the amount of advocacy and education brought back to campus by Engineers without Borders and that a great amount of the money requested was to increase campus involvement and campus wide projects. Overall, Engineers without Borders demonstrates their importance on this campus to both the engineering community and the rest of the University community.

*The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference:*

1) We were very impressed by the request and budget set forth by Engineers without Borders. 
GR: 1a, 1b, 1c, 9

*Directives:* For the upcoming year, the committee encourages Engineers without Borders to continue to bring advocacy and education to the University campus as well as increase campus involvement because it is an integral part of growing an organization and sharing what you have learned across a wide array of majors and fields
Majority Opinion Rationale (5-4-0)

Finlanders at the U of M (#68)

*Requested Allocation:* $1,710  
*Recommended Allocation:* $660

*Comments:* The majority holds that due to the inaccessibility of the ‘coffee hours’ in which knowledge of the Finish language is a requirement, the majority decided not to fund this event. However, all other programs were beneficial to the broader U of MN community and provide events with demonstrated quality and benefit.

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

1) Do not fund coffee hour series GR: 1a

2) Fund all other events. GR: 1a, 1b, 1c, 3, 4, 5, 7

*Directives:* The majority recognizes that due to the ‘penny rule’ stating each student cannot pay less than a penny for a group’s budget, the committee suggests a ten percent reserve is set up for the organization in the form of $66.00 and that the remaining ~$22 dollars beyond the recommended allocation of $660 be put toward new innovative ideas for this organization. Ideas should bring a service to the greater student body, similar to all programming in place aside from the coffee hour program. The fees committee requests that no SSF money be put toward funding food or other expenses for the coffee hour event because it does not fulfill the guidelines for SSF.

Minority Opinion Rationale

Finlanders at the U of M (#68)

*Requested Allocation:* $1,710  
*Recommended Allocation:* $0

*Comments:* The minority felt that it would be more appropriate for Finlanders to seek funding through other income sources such as MSA grants.

*Directives:* Apply for grant through MSA
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-1-0)

**Fraternity Purchasing Association (#1215)**

*Requested Allocation: $20,000  Recommended Allocation: $0*

*Comments:* The majority was very impressed with the level of services provided by FPA to its member organizations, and transitive student members. However, the majority did not feel that it would be appropriate to use fees to pay for one-time expenses FPA may be facing as a result of office changes. Organizations which use FPA's services pay fees based on respective levels of FPA service use. The majority did not feel it was appropriate to use fees to help pay for a service, for which transitive student members already pay most of the cost. Also, the majority was less willing to fund FPA because it does not actively look to provide its services to more organizations on campus, even though it is open to taking on new client organizations.

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

1) Zero dollars was allocated because the majority believed that the $20,000.00 shortfall encountered by FPA could be passed off cheaply and easily to FPA member organizations based on their use. This would ensure those who use the service more directly pay for the benefits they receive from FPA services. GR: 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9

*Directives:* N/A

Minority Opinion Rationale

**Fraternity Purchasing Association (#1215)**

*Requested Allocation: $20,000  Recommended Allocation: $N/A*

*Comments:* Concurring In Part & Dissenting In Part: While the minority agrees that FPA is rather narrow in the application of its services, as sororities and fraternities make up 54 out of the 59 organizations served by this organization, it is also of the opinion that fraternity and sorority participants are fee paying students also! Therefore, some of the student fee funding should be allocated toward FPA under the condition that they actively seek to support a larger portion of the University of Minnesota student body with its services.

*Directives:* N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-1-1)

Go First (#2467)

Requested Allocation: $91,030                   Recommended Allocation: $57,180

Comments: In general, the committee (unanimous majority) was very impressed by the presentation and amount of involvement brought forth by Go First. The committee was pleased to see the increase in membership and participation as well as the wide array of diversity across majors that have been reached. Overall, Go First demonstrates their importance on and off the University campus towards leadership and mentoring.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference:

1) Stipends and wages for Go First were quite excessive and were not justified therefore the committee believed that it was not an appropriate use for student service fees therefore $12,000 was deducted. $3,000 directed towards food expenses in the operational income were challenged because the fees committee believes that it is limiting and food is not a necessary allocation outside of programming for student service fees. $400 for travel was deducted from operations because it cannot be justified and the committee agrees that operational travel is not an appropriate use of student service fees. $3,000 was viewed as quite excessive for operational printing therefore the committee deducted $2,000 from printing. The committee deducted a total of $16,450 from programming due to the excessive traveling for conferences and volunteering events outside of the University of Minnesota while not being able to justify how a select number of people are impacting the University community as well. The committee believes that travel and volunteer travel is not an appropriate use of student service fees.  GR: 1

Directives: For the upcoming year, the committee encourages Go First to program as already done yet continue to fundraise and receive funds from outside sources because a large amount of the travel expenses are limited to a certain amount of students and cannot be justified of the importance on the university community campus. The committee also encourages Go First to harbor campus involvement and continue to outreach because the membership is continuing to grow.

Minority Opinion Rationale

Go First (#2467)

Requested Allocation: $91,030                   Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: The minority felt that Go First provides service to a breath of students in many academic departments. We also felt that the quality and quantity of programs and services they provide is consistent with their mission. In our opinion they also demonstrated the benefit of
their service to the greater U of M campus through the creation of their robots, as well as the work they do to reach out to youth. We did not feel that Go First should have lost so much for their stipends, as well as $16,400 for travel related costs because travel to competitions is central to the mission of the organization.

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

1) This group does well in supplementing academic curriculum through their programs and activities. GR: 1

2) They have students involved from a breadth of academic departments. GR: 4

3) They show how their activities benefit the campus and students, even if those students are not directly participating in activities. GR: 6

4) Would like to see more funding secured outside of SSF GR: 7

*Directives:* In future fee’s requests please describe the importance of stipends to students who are receiving them. As, well explain in detail the importance of traveling to the competitions and what benefit it has to fee paying students who don’t go, as well as the greater U of M campus.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) (#155)

Requested Allocation: $404,826  
Recommended Allocation: $404,826

Comments: The committee unanimously agrees to (initially) fully fund the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly’s (GAPSA) request for $404,826 of funds from Student Service Fees. The student group does a significant amount of work for graduate students and exceeded all of the SSF requirements.

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

1) Budget request justifiable. GR: 1-13

Directives: Thank you for all of your hard work throughout the SSF process as well as throughout the school year. Your contributions to this university are greatly appreciated!
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

**Habitat for Humanity at the University of Minnesota (#335)**

*Requested Allocation: $16,596*  
*Recommended Allocation: $16,596*

*Comments:* The committee found all aspects of Habitat for Humanity's budget, programming and operations to be within Student Handbook Guidelines.

*Directives:* We'd love to see something built on campus, if possible. Imagine the possibilities!
Majority Opinion Rationale (5-3-0)

**Hillel: Jewish Student Union (#175)**

*Requested Allocation: $45,000*  
*Recommended Allocation: $41,000*

**Comments:** The Majority recommends a funding of $41,000 for the next fiscal year. The Majority was pleased with the quality of presentation provided. The Majority commends Hillel on the sheer quantity of events provided, especially the quality and service of food at these events.

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

1) Deduction of $2,000 from events that provide items to charity GR: SSF cannot fund portions of events that outright give to charitable foundations – events must target the student body (1a)

2) Deduction $1,000 from decorations GR: Funding for decorations not justified (9)

3) Deduction of $1,000 from gift bags/give-aways GR: Does not benefit the general student body – benefits too greatly a few specific students (5)

**Directives:** The Majority urges Hillel to further breakdown its programming budget in future years, as it is difficult to ascertain to what specific events some programming funding will be directed toward (for example, break down “Israel” funding into Independence Day, 7 subs and soaps showing, and Israeli cooking, rather than just one large event). The Majority also reminds Hillel that events should benefit the greater student body, and to not ask of SSF to fund portions of events such as gift bags or give-aways.

Minority Opinion Rationale

**Hillel: Jewish Student Union (#175)**

*Requested Allocation: $N/A*  
*Recommended Allocation: $N/A*

**Comments:** No minority opinion was eventually submitted, suggesting rescission.

**Directives:** N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

**Hmong Minnesota Student Association (#291)**

*Requested Allocation: $20,000  
Recommended Allocation: $20,000*

*Comments:* The committee found all aspects of the HMSA’s budget, programming and operations to be within Student Handbook Guidelines. Additionally, the committee was impressed with the efficiency of HMSA.

*Directives:* Keep up the great work for students!
Majority Opinion Rationale

**Humphrey Students of Color Association (#2536)**

*Requested Allocation: $2,715  Recommended Allocation: $2,365*

*Comments:* The committee found that for a group that is just in its first few years of organization that Humphrey Students of Color had a quality amount of programs that benefitted not just the graduate population but the undergraduate population as well. The events that the Humphrey Students of Color put forth are beneficial to the missions that they hold of furthering the advancement of diversity. A small deduction was made for food expenses.

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

1) While the committee was impressed with the group, we didn’t feel that we should fund food for general meetings are these are not providing a service to the student body, supplementing the academic curriculum, and helping to foster a sense of community on the TC campus GR: 1a, 1b, 1c

*Directives:* We hope this money will help HSCA reach out to more students, undergraduates and graduates alike.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

**Impact Movement (#1030)**

*Requested Allocation:* $4,560  
*Recommended Allocation:* $4,560

*Comments:* The Committee believed this organization demonstrated successfully its impact (no pun intended) on the larger University of Minnesota community and has fully justified its request.

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

1) Our recommendation is to award $4,560.00. This figure has been reached after a careful review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for 2012-2013 school year. GR: 1, 7

*Directives:* N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-1)

**Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Development (IPID) (#2393)**

*Requested Allocation: $3,175  Recommended Allocation: $2,775*

Comments: The committee voted to fund IPID’s entire Student Service Fee funding request except the movie nights (which totaled $400). All other programming was superb and stuck to SSF requirements.

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

1) Student Service Fees cannot pay for anything that is illegal. GR: Legality

*Directives:* In order to show films in public you must buy the rights to the film. Please provide proof that you will be able to do so, and submit the funds that will be needed so the committee can re-evaluate IPID’s movie nights funding request.
Majority Opinion Rationale

**Interdisciplinary Transportation Student Organization (#9)**

*Requested Allocation: $1,450  Recommended Allocation: $1,450*

*Comments:* The Student Service Fess Committee heard the Interdisciplinary Transportation Student Organization’s presentation to request funding for 2012-13. In subsequent review and discussion of the request, the SSFC has decided to that organization continues to provide a valuable service to students.

*Directives: N/A*
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-1)

Interfraternity Council (#124)

Requested Allocation: $13,620  Recommended Allocation: $0

Comments: The majority is still unclear as to how the $13,620 request would be spent.

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

1) Unclear of the contribution to providing a service, supplementing academic curriculum, or helping to foster a sense of community at the U of M. GR: 1

2) Requested in not quantified, therefore extent and demand of service provided is unclear. GR: 3

3) IFC has not demonstrated that this need cannot be filled through an alternative source of income. GR: 8

Directives: In future fees requests please include great detail about how the request will be spent, as well as how it will benefit fee paying students who don’t participate and the greater U of M campus.
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-1-0)

In the Mix (#2284)

Requested Allocation: $6,420  
Recommended Allocation: $6,420

Comments: Due to the student group’s excellent programming and commitment to the SSF process, the committee is recommending to fund In the Mix fully for 2012-2013.

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

1) Budget request justifiable  
GR: 1a, 1b, 1c, 6

Directives: Great job justifying how your programming benefits the broader university community!

Minority Opinion Rationale

In the Mix (#2284)

Requested Allocation: $6,420  
Recommended Allocation: $5,510

Comments: The Minority felt this group does a lot, and has many good programs that benefit the greater student body. The minority did not believe that the expense attached to the Board Retreat was justified.

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

1) This group holds a plethora of events that contribute greatly to the overall marketplace of ideas on campus.  
GR: 1, 2, 3, 6

2) The minority did not believe the Board Retreat was a justifiable expense.  
GR: 5, 6, 8

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-1-0)

La Raza (#131)

Requested Allocation: $65,000  Recommended Allocation: $38,060

Comments: In general, the committee (unanimous majority) was very pleased with the presentation given by La Raza Cultural Center. The amount of cultural awareness, interdisciplinary involvement, and campus involvement was phenomenal and we were pleased to evaluate the request.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference:

1) The increase in stipends was quite excessive and could not be justified therefore the committee deducted $6,190.00 from stipends, salaries, and wages which matched up to your projected 2011-2012 fees amount. The fees committee believed that the rent and utilities was quite excessive and not a proper use of student service fees and could not be justified therefore there was a $2,500,000 deduction. The committee deducted $5,400.00 due to La Raza’s balance/carryover for the projected year. $100.00 was also deducted from food for general assembly meetings because the committee believes it is not a proper use of student service fees. The committee deducted $10,500 in regards to the College Access Program because it is not serving the University population as opposed to serving non fee paying students therefore we believed it was not a proper use of student service fees. $2,000 was deducted in regards to food for the Mentorship Program because the fees committee believes that it is not a proper use of student service fees and food is not viewed as a necessity. $250.00 was deducted from the Lunch with Faculty event due to the excessive price for food. GR: 1, 9

Directives: For the upcoming year, the committee encourages La Raza to continue to perform and provide opportunities as done so yet it is highly encouraged that the student group applies for various grants both in and outside of the University of Minnesota as well as fundraise because various events cater to more non-fee paying individuals as opposed to fee paying students therefore it is difficult to justify whether funds could be permitted.

Minority Opinion Rationale

La Raza Student Cultural Center (#131)

Requested Allocation: $65,000  Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: The minority feels that La Raza affects a diverse array of students from many academic departments. They also show that they help foster a sense of community at the U of M. They have shown expansion in their programming, which shows that they are expanding to meet
students needs. The minority feels the reduction in funding is too much to allow the group to continue to meet the demands of students, as well as continue to expand their programming.

_The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GR) numbers supporting each point:_

1) Help provide a sense of community on campus  GR: 1

2) The quality and quantity of programs is consistent with the organization's mission GR: 2

3) La Raza does not show effort to secure funding outside of SSF GR: 7

_Directives:_ In future requests please provide the committee with justification as to the importance of stipends for the student leaders in this group, as well as how having a mentorship program benefits the U of M campus.
Majority Opinion Rationale (5-2-2)

Lutheran Student Movement (#146)

Requested Allocation: $47,235  
Recommended Allocation: $9,035

Comments: In general, the committee (unanimous majority) was very pleased with the presentation given by Lutheran Student Movement. Lutheran Student Movement does a great job of programming and being very inclusive and widespread across the University campus as well as spreading knowledge and campus involvement across the University.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference:

1) The fees committee was unable to identify the increase in salaries, wages, and stipends therefore the operational income of $17,200.00 was deducted because it was not justified. The request for the leadership development training was deducted by $1000.00 because of the excessive request for 14 leaders/people/board members. $20,000 was deducted from the May Term international Trip because the student fees committee believes it is not an appropriate use of student service fees because of the lack of connection to the entire University of Minnesota community.  

GR: 1, 9, 10

Directives: For the upcoming year, the committee encourages Lutheran Student Movement to continue to provide programs for the University Campus and beyond yet to also continue to fundraise and look for outside sources of funding in order to provide various excursions such as the May International Trip.

Minority Opinion Rationale

Lutheran Student Movement (#146)

Requested Allocation: $47,235  
Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: The minority was impressed with LSM’s increase in attendance and ability to gather funding in addition to Student Services Fees. The minority also saw the merits of partially funding the May Term International Trip as we have done for many other groups. The minority didn’t agree with reducing the entire operations budget for the salary increase and didn’t feel like a thorough discussion of the matter was conducted in the committee.

Directives: N/A
Minority Opinion Rationale

**Lutheran Student Movement (#146)**

*Requested Allocation: $47,235  Recommended Allocation: $7,365*

*Comments:* Overall, the minority felt that the budget provided was unreasonable given the number of students that benefit from the large-cost events in the budget breakdown. The minority saw a lack in justification for the SSF to fund many programs, as is detailed below.

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

1) $20,000 deduction for May Term International Trip. The minority did not see the impact this experience brought to students who do not participate in the experience, yet pay the SSF. Demonstration of student body impact was not seen. GR: 1, 5, 6, 8

2) $1,000 deduction was suggested for Leadership Development and Training. The minority did not see justification for large room rental expense, and “Other(specify) was not specified. GR: 1, 6

3) The minority agreed with the majority on a $17,500 deduction of salaries, wages, and stipends. GR: 10

4) $160 suggested deduction for Office Hours food. GR: 1, 5, 6, 8

5) Deduction of $1600 for spring break trip. The minority did not see a justification in how this experience benefits those who do not pay the SSF. There is no advertising specifically for this event, and thus there is also no demonstration that this event will be accessible to the student body when compared to students with the ‘need’. GR: 1, 5, 6,

*Directives:* The minority would like to see clear demonstration of how LSM’s events fit within the SSF guidelines for funding in order for the SSF to make a funding allocation that reflects SSF guidelines. See SSF guidelines for funding to make further progress on both this year’s and future applications.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Men’s Club Basketball (#2650)

Requested Allocation: $5,000
Recommended Allocation: $0

Comments: The majority recognizes the amount of effort put in by this group in recent years to compete against other schools on the club level. Most of the expenses were to pay for the group to travel to compete against different schools, and the majority did not see a benefit from this to the greater campus community. The ability for students to freely join this group was significantly constrained. Because of this, the majority did not believe that assessing a fee to the general student population was appropriate.

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

1) The expenses for this group did not benefit the greater campus community. GR: 1, 6

2) The exclusivity of the group was problematic. GR: 5, 6

Directives: The fees committee believes this group should be funded (just not with fees), and would suggest that the recreation center should fund them as a club sport.
Majority Opinion Rationale (#184)

Minnesota International Students Association (#189)

Requested Allocation: $88,450  Recommended Allocation: $85,600

Comments: The Student Service Fees Committee heard the Minnesota International Student Associations request for 2012-13 funding. In reviewing the request, the Committee was in support of the majority of MISA’s request. The Committee was impressed with both the quantity and quality of the programs delivered, as reflected the number of participants who attended MISA programs last year. In general the SSFC has reduced requests for food monies across allocations to all student groups. As we continue to receive more and more requests the SSFC has tried to honor as many requests as possible and in so doing has looked at food costs at regular meetings as being something we cannot afford to support. More specifically, in the MISA program focused on aiding students with school shopping, we do not think it appropriate to fund transportation to the Mall of America.

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (10-0-0)

**Minnesota Student Association (#509)**

*Requested Allocation: $172,000  Recommended Allocation: $167,500*

*Comments: The committee recommended that there be a reduction in forum food.*

*Directives: The committee would also like to recommend that MSA provide more advertising for these events so that there is a need for the allocation of funds.*
Majority Opinion Rationale (7-2-0)

MinnesoTap (#2582)

Requested Allocation: $63,482.25   Recommended Allocation: $7,775

Comments: The committee was extremely impressed by the amount this group meets, performs, as well as the number of people they perform for. The committee also sympathizes with the difficulty the group has experienced in finding space to practice. A large portion of this group's request was to create their own dance studio space for members. Additionally, a lot of the programming expenses were visits to watch tap dance performances, or to bring in expert tap dancers for exclusive classes. The committee did not believe either of these expenses were reasonable to pay for. Furthermore, the committee was concerned with the fact that membership to this organization was restricted to those with high levels of tap dance experience making the group unavailable to the general student body. The committee did believe, though, that some events did benefit the greater campus community. The committee also wanted to give some funding for the group to purchase mats and storage space to continue practicing.

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

1) Exclusivity of the group prevented certain funding: particularly for the classes and the trips. GR: 5, 6

2) The committee want to fund dance mats instead of an entire dance studio. GR: Need for studio not justified.

3) Funding was allocated for events that the Majority believed positively benefited the broader student community. GR: 1, 2, 3

Directives: N/A

Minority Opinion Rationale

MinnesoTap (#2582)

Requested Allocation: $63,682.25   Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: The minority felt that the committee (majority) made unwarranted determinations as to what MinnesoTap needed for equipment and supplies rather than deducting for general reasons. The minority felt that MinnesoTap provided a great benefit to the campus and made an extraordinary effort to partner with other groups. The minority feels that Fees being spent on a compatible studio should be reevaluated as considerable effort to find an alternative was made.
The point was also brought up that money spend on a studio now would save money in the long run due to the deterioration of portable supplies and the committee’s willingness to fund those supplies.

*Directives:* N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-1-0)

Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (#95)

Requested Allocation: $184,050
Recommended Allocation: $154,050

Comments: In general, the committee (unanimous majority) was very pleased with the presentation given by MPIRG and in impressed by the dedication and involvement the organization has campus wide. MPRIG does a great job in granting campus involvement and has shown that the organization is an integral part of the University and student body community.

The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference:

1) The fees committee deducted $25,000.00 in regards to the salaries, stipends, wages as well as insurance and health benefits of having an additional UMTC Youth Voter Organizer. The committee deducted $2,000.00 from rent and utilities under operational income. There was also a deduction of $3,000.00 in Telephone and Fax due to the excessive request and the committee believed it was not an appropriate use of Student Service Fees. GR: 1, 9, 10

Directives: For the upcoming year, the committee encourages MPIRG to continue campus involvement and to consider reaching out for external funding for the organization whether it be fundraising, applying for University Grants or outside/external grants. This is something we encourage all student groups to do.

Minority Opinion Rationale

Minnesota Public Interest Research Group (#95)

Requested Allocation: $184,050
Recommended Allocation: $N/A

Comments: It is the opinion of the minority that MPRIG failed to fully justify why the Campus Organizer position should be paid upwards of $30,000 by all fee paying students at the University of Minnesota in their application. Besides being an advisor, what else supports the reason why this funding should be allocated in this manner?

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-0)

National Society of Black Engineers (#318)

Requested Allocation: $10,925  
Recommended Allocation: $5,325

Comments: The committee was impressed by this group’s programming, as well as its ability to secure outside funding. The committee made a few reductions to the request to come to the recommended number including: 3,000 from operational expenses for an unjustified travel expense, 100 for the food drive, 2,000 for the travel for the BRIDGE program, and 500 for the board meetings.

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

1) The general programming was extensive, included many people, and was extremely educational as well as beneficial to the community. GR: 1, 2, 3, 5

2) The food drive give-a-ways were not viewed as a justified funding expense. GR: 1, 6

3) The committee generally has not seen general meeting food as justified. GR: 1, 2, 6

4) The committee viewed the travel for the BRIDGE program excessive. The committee in general has been less willing to provide funding the programs that do outreach to high school students as it has less effect on fee paying students. GR: 5, 6, 8

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (10-0-0)

Navigators (#129)

Requested Allocation: $8,800  
Recommended Allocation $3,150

Comments: The Majority recommends a funding of $3,150 for the Navigators for the next fiscal year. The Majority commends the Navigators on the strong student foundation and attendance at weekly meetings. However, with respect to the type of event being held, the Majority does not feel that the excessive amount of funding for food at these events are not justified in terms of the group’s mission, and that the type of events put on by the Navigators does not require the requested amount.

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

1) Deduct $900 for spring break trip, as this event does not benefit a multitude of students outside of those who travel. GR: 5

2) Deduct $1,000 for leadership meeting food, as this is not integral to the student group mission, and is available to only a small number of students on a consistent basis. GR: 2

3) Deduct $900 for food for weekly meetings, as this is not integral to the student group mission. GR: 2

4) Deduct $350 for fall/spring socials, following precedent (excessive budget request without outside funding) GR: 10

5) Deduct $200 for food in summer meetings (see point 2, 3) GR: 2

6) Deduct $2,300 for large carry forward into the next fiscal year – this excessive carry forward was not justified. Please try to have income minus expenses equal 0. If there are funding requirements for early fall semester, put funds into reserves. GR: 10

Directives: Perhaps put funding into reserves for summer/early fall events.
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-2-0)

Nikola Tesla Patent Producers (#2626)

Requested Allocation: $110,532  
Recommended Allocation: $46,266

Comments: The majority feels that NTP has programs that are consistent with their mission, are serving students in a broad range of academic departments, and are supplementing academic curriculum through their programs. The majority would have like to have seen more outside funding. The group also demonstrated the importance of having a space in which to work on the projects.

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

1) Through its programs the group is supplementing academic curriculum and helping to foster a sense of community on campus.  GR: 1

2) The programs are consistent with the organization's mission.  GR: 2

3) The group is serving students from an array of academic disciplines.  GR: 4

4) The group has shown the benefits of their programs to students who pay SSF’s but are not participating directly in the projects. They have also shown the benefit to the greater U of M campus.  GR: 6

5) The group has not secured outside funding.  GR: 7

Directives: For future requests try to secure more outside funding.

Minority Opinion Rationale

Nikola Tesla Patent Producers (#2626)

Requested Allocation: $110,532  
Recommended Allocation $65,532

Comments: The Minority is impressed with the amount and quality of programming conducted by Nikolas Tesla Patent Producers. Considering that NTP^2 is a newer group, but this group has demonstrated their strong leadership, output potential, and impact upon the broader campus community through large shows, the Minority feels that much of the startup costs and programming should be covered by SSF fees. However, NTP^2 must look for a significant amount of outside funding sources to cover much of their organizational budget, and SSF cannot cover all of the requested budget.
The following points explain the recommended allocation figure and include the handbook guidelines for decision making reference (GR) numbers supporting each point:

1) Deduct $27,000 for rent and utilities – must look for cheaper locations if possible, or find outside funding. GR: 8

2) Deduct $18,000 for salaries and stipends – the need for stipends are not justified for a group that focuses on matters of interest. GR: 10

Directives: NTP^2 must look for outside sources of funding for such a large organizational budget. NTP^2 should not consider requesting stipends for a student group in which students work on issues of self-interest or self-improvement (learning engineering/electrical skills does not show need for stipends).

Minority Opinion Rationale

Nikola Tesla Patent Producers (#2626)

Requested Allocation: $110,532
Recommended Allocation: $ N/A

Comments: The minority did not feel enough delegation took place prior to a decision is made. The minority believe that further discussion and analysis of NTP^2’s budget should have been conducted.

Directives: The minority suggests NTP^2 take directives of majority rationale into consideration, and that NTP makes any suggested alterations or justifications if possible, because the minority would like the opportunity to revisit NTP’s budget and application for SSF in thorough detail before final deliberations are concluded.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Queer Student Cultural Center (#238)

Requested Allocation: $50,000  Recommended Allocation: $46,250

Comments: The unanimous majority on the committee was very impressed with the variety of programming put on by officers and members of the QSCC. The group encompasses a large variety of perspectives and obviously contributes heavily to the community on campus. Ranging from programming to general operations, the committee is excited to see what QSCC does next year with its funding increase. If the QSCC can maintain high levels of member dedication and involvement, while also including more students than ever before, it will have performed admirably.

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

1) Much of the budget was fully justified, but some reductions were made. GR: 9

2) The first reduction was for $250.00 in expensed operational travel and $500.00 in expensed operational food that the majority did not deem fit under the guidelines for fees. GR: 1a

3) The "Minnesota OUT! Campus Conference" was over-funded in the submitted program breakdown by $500.00, and this amount was deducted from the request. GR: 9

4) A general $2,500.00 for entertainment expenses was deducted from programming fees revenue due to the large increase year-to-year the majority found unreasonable. GR: 1a, 9

Directives: The majority hopes the QSCC continue providing its valuable service and community-building events and programs next year. The recommended allocation is in line with general guidelines and also allows the QSCC to grow at a reasonable, healthy rate.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-1)

Saint Paul's Outreach (#1542)

Requested Allocation: $89,977  
Recommended Allocation: $28,324

Comments: The committee has decided to take a stricter policy about funding food for programs that serve only a few members, such as leadership retreats. In addition, overall advertising budget shows an increase of 300%, which the committee feels is unjustified and makes a recommendation accordingly (see #3 below). Finally, the committee did not find sufficient justification for salaries, wages and stipends and their related insurance, benefits and taxes. Travel expenses and parking contracts for paid staff were considered to be outside the intent of student services fees.

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

1) Reduction of $3840 for food SNE. GR: 6 - Demonstration of benefits of programs and services to students who pay the student services fees but do not participate in the programs and services.

2) Reduction of $3624 for leadership program. GR: 6

3) Reduction of $2000 for advertising of "SPOken" events. GR: 8 - Demonstration of financial need that cannot be fulfilled with alternative sources of income.

4) Reduction of $1000 for Alpha Retreat. GR: 8

5) Reduction of $1000 for Flame Retreat. GR: 8

6) Reduction of $350 for general travel. GR: 6, 8

7) Elimination of SSF support in the amount of $49,839 for Operations. GR: #10 - Student groups must fully justify their use of staff to the SSFC, but a maximum percentage of fees income to fund staff is not imposed. The Fees system would be severely constrained if student groups become reliant on paid staff. Fees money to pay staff should only be used if they are a necessary component of a group’s ability to provide high-quality, relevant services to students. GR: #6

Directives: We recommend that SPO make the case to SPO National to maintain and increase funding to support growth of this organization.
Majority Opinion Rationale

Society of Automotive Engineers at the University of Minnesota (#529)

Requested Allocation: $18,625  Recommended Allocation: $18,625

Comments: The Student Service Fess Committee heard the Society of Automotive Engineers request for 2012-13 funding. The SSFC reviewed and discussed the request and found that the groups track record of providing practical learning opportunities for members of the University of Minnesota student community to fit within the SSFC’s guidelines for request. The SSFC was also cognizant of the group's efforts to secure outside funding.

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

1) SAE’s budget was fully justified to the committee. GR: 1, 7

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (5-3-2)

Somali Student Association (#393)

Requested Allocation: $34,940  
Recommended Allocation: $26,010

*Comments:* The minority saw great strength and impeccable demonstration of fulfilling SSF guidelines in both the budget and presentation. The minority thanks SSA for such thorough work, and does not believe deductions make for events such as the conference should have been suggested or passed by the majority. The minority believes SSA events fulfill SSF guidelines.

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

1) $650 was deducted from operational food expenses. The SSFC concluded that ops food did not serve students who pay the SSF, yet do not participate in SSA on an operational level. GR: 1

2) $4780 deducted for Pre-College workshop due to lack of demonstration that this event impacts SSF paying students who are not involved with the event. The SSFC did not believe it was appropriate to allocate SSF toward non-SSF paying high school students. GR: 1, 6

*Directives:* N/A

Minority Opinion Rationale

Somali Student Association (#393)

*Requested Allocation: $34,940  
Recommended Allocation: $24,010

*Comments:* The minority in general agreed with the majority in this case. The minority differed on the travel expense for the Leadership Conference.

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

1) Leadership conference travel expense was too expensive. GR: 5, 7

*Directives:* N/A
Minority Opinion Rationale

**Somali Student Association (#393)**

*Requested Allocation: $34,940  Recommended Allocation: $N/A*

*Comments:* It is the opinion of the minority that SSA provides an added benefit to the University of Minnesota community. As such, the minority feels the majority failed to recognize said benefits when they cut funding for the Mentorship Program, Pre-College Workshop Day and Somali Collegiate Leadership Conference. This cut in funding is short sighted and undermines the leadership opportunities for UMN fee paying students.

*Directives: N/A*
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

**STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition (#1912)**

*Requested Allocation: $400  Recommended Allocation: $0*

*Comments:* STAND's budget did not justify any of its request. The one opportunity the group had to provide information to justify its request, the presentation, was unattended by any group member. The committee, thus, recommends $0.00.

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

1) Budget not justified.  GR: 9

*Directives:* If STAND does plan to receive fees monies, it will need to justify its request in the future.
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-1)

Student National Medical Association  (#597)

*Requested Allocation: $14,520  Recommended Allocation: $8,920*

Comments: The Student Service Fees Committee heard the presentation from the Student National Medical Association for funding for 2012-13. While the SSFC felt that a good portion of the request hard merit, in terms of the group’s providing service to a broad range of majors across the University, the SSFC has reduced student groups request across board in the areas of food and travel. Facing increasing numbers of requests from a growing number of student groups, the SSFC has made the commitment to fund as many requests as possible and in so doing, we have had to make some hard funding decisions and the SSFC has decided that reducing food expenditures, particularly as it relates to weekly meetings and also reducing travel support, seemed to be the most equitable way to stretch student fee dollars.

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Student Services Fee (SSF) Event Grant

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

Comments: The committee recommends to initially fully fund the Student Services Fee Event Grant request of $75,000 for the 2012-2013 academic year. The proposed budget was well thought-out and adheres to all of the SSF requirements.

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

1) Budget request justifiable GR: 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 3, 4, 6

Directives: Both the presentation and written component of the SSF application fulfilled the committee’s requirements. It was helpful to see the breakdown of where previous funds had been allocated!
Majority Opinion Rationale (10-0-0)

Student Veterans Association (#1474)

Requested Allocation: $19,793.50  Recommended Allocation $14,269

Comments: The Committee feels that the SVA follows very closely to their mission statement, and we applaud the work SVA does for student veterans at the U of MN. The Committee recognizes that much of the budget goes toward Friday pizza and discussions, which we feel an appropriate event to re-integrate student veterans back into the campus community, but the Committee feels that the budget request is slightly excessive if most of it goes toward generic food programming. The Committee especially is willing to fund the intramural teams, as these events are phenomenal in forging friendships and camaraderie amongst traditional and veteran students.

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

1) Deduct $1,100 for ski trip, as this event is too selective and expensive for its low impact upon the group as a whole. This should be a self-funded trip for its entertainment purposes. GR: 5

2) Deduct $3,525 for food for Friday pizza, as this is a bit excessive for simply pizza GR: 10

3) Deduct $400 for operational food. This was not justified when every Friday has pizza for its members. GR: 10

4) Deduct $500 for SVA conference, following precedent of funding ~$250/student for student travel to conferences. GR: 1a

Directives: Keep up the good work!
Majority Opinion Rationale (10-0-0)

Students Against Hunger (#2388)

*Requested Allocation:* $2,200  
*Recommended Allocation:* $2,200

*Comments:* Students Against Hunger provided the unanimous majority with a strong case to fund its request based on the uniqueness of its programming and the ample student learning and community-building that will result from such events as "Global Poverty Project" and "Hunger Banquet." The committee hopes that funding will help the group put on these intriguing events.

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

1) Budget fully justified to committee. GR: 1b, 1c, 9

*Directives:* N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (7-3-0)

Students for a Conservative Voice (#1298)

*Requested Allocation:* $142,000  
*Recommended Allocation:* $68,700

*Comments:* The committee was particularly impressed with the number of issues reaching the hands of students and the compliance with audits and Committee requests for more information. The majority was concerned however, with the amount of requested student fees going towards student stipends, speaker costs, and parking expenses.

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

1) The following has been deducted from operational expenses consistent with cuts for the majority of student group operations requests. $1,200 for food, $40,000 for stipends, $7,000 for taxes, $500 for professional fees, and $2,000 for travel. The majority feels that many of these requested numbers are quite excessive relating to the overall services provided to the student body and Twin Cities campus.  
GR: 1a, 1c, 6

2) Consistent with established committee precedents for conferences, food funding was cut for both the CPAC and RNC conferences in the amount of $2,100. Travel costs were also reduced to the $250/person constant established by the committee in the amounts of $500 for the RNC event and $2,400 for the CPAC event. There were concerns with the amount of students benefiting from such conferences.  
GR: 1a, 2, 6

3) The Majority feels that advertising costs of $2,000 for the MSA Candidate Debate are quite high without proper breakdown or justification of potential reach and specific advertising material costs, and has therefore reduced advertising funding by $1,500.  
GR: 2, 5

4) $4,000 that was requested for the co-sponsorship fund has been recommended to be funded at $0 unless further justification and breakdowns are provided.  
GR: 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

5) The Majority has recommended reducing the fees requested for the John Stossel event by $10,000 and would encourage a co-sponsorship or a campaign to raise additional funding for the event outside of Student Fees.  
GR: 7, 8

*Directives:* The Majority would encourage SCV to charge admission or organize a co-sponsorship initiative for big name speakers in the future. The majority also requests a breakdown of events the co-sponsorship Funding program will include.
Minority Opinion Rationale

**Students for a Conservative Voice (#1296)**

*Requested Allocation: $N/A  Recommended Allocation: $N/A*

*Comments:* No minority opinion was submitted.

*Directives:* N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (6-0-3)

Students for Design Activism (#2544)

Requested Allocation: $4,300

Recommended Allocation: $3,500

Comments: The Committee believed this organization demonstrated sufficiently how they intend to impact the larger University of Minnesota community. Therefore, for the 2012-2013 school year the Committee recommends an allocation of $3,500 of student fee funding.

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

1) Operational Food: Reduction of $200. - It was the general consensus of the Committee that food operational food did not meet the SSFC guidelines. The relevant question being, why should all fee paying students pay for the organizational leaders to have food at their personal meetings? It isn’t as if the meetings are events in which the fee paying students could attend.

GR: 1, 6, 7

2) Programming: Reduction of $600. - This reduction is a result of a $100.00 cut from food regarding general meetings and $500.00 for LABash. It is the general consensus of the Committee that groups should not use food to generate interest in the organization. Additionally, when it comes to traveling and registration fees for conferences, the Committee agreed to pay for some of the expenses not all of them as all fee paying students will not benefit from conference.

GR: 6, 7

Directives: If you would like the committee to reconsider, please submit additional justification. Also, please find a way for this organization to have their LABash experience to benefit the UMN community (i.e., a teach out or giveback, etc.). Also, as a result of receiving a SSFC allocation, this organization MUST institute an advertising campaign to gain greater student participation. Everyone shouldn’t have to be a graduate student, or design student, remember everyone’s student fees helped to support this organization!
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

United Nations Student Association – Model U.N. (#339)

Requested Allocation: $28,710.78  
Recommended Allocation: $11,800

Comments: The committee (unanimous majority) was impressed with UNSA’s growth plan and efforts to host a conference at the U of M campus. The ability to bring back valuable information from conferences was not clearly expressed, however, and the expectation to cover ~80% of costs with Student Fees seemed a bit excessive. Overall, the committee would like to see more events and seemed excited about the potential to host a conference.

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

1) The committee recommends cutting operations food by $500.00 to remain consistent with the belief that this doesn’t directly benefit the campus or fee paying students. GR: 1a, 1c

2) $4,576 and $11,835 were recommended to be cut respectively from the fall conference and spring conference. The committee was unsure as to the direct benefit to the campus and other fee paying students, and wanted to remain consistent with the $250/person precedent set forth for travel and room rental costs. GR: 1a, 1c

Directives: Look to host more events on campus and potentially spend more on advertising to increase awareness of the group.
Majority Opinion Rationale (7-1-1)

University of Minnesota Solar Vehicle Project (#1465)

Requested Allocation: $12,100  Recommended Allocation: $12,100

Comments: The committee was extremely impressed by this group. The group gets more than $200,000 from outside sources. All of the group’s travel and capital expenses are paid for by external fundraising. This group is only requesting fees money for on campus events that directly go to benefiting the greater campus community. For these reasons the committee voted to fund the group’s full funding request.

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

1) Funding given towards on-campus events that directly go towards benefiting students. GR: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7,

Directives: N/A

Minority Opinion Rationale

University of Minnesota Solar Vehicle Project (#1465)

Requested Allocation: $12,100  Recommended Allocation: $8,600

Comments: The Minority is astounded by the amount of fundraising the Solar Vehicle Project conducts. However, the Minority does not feel stipends are justified for this group.

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

1) Deduct $3,500 for the stipends – these are not justified for a group that focuses on issues of interest and self-improvement, such as gaining engineering skills. GR: 10

Directives: N/A
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-1-0)

University Quidditch League (#2586)

Requested Allocation: $27,000  
Recommended Allocation: $13,750

Comments: The Committee believed this organization demonstrated successfully its impact on the larger University of Minnesota community. Therefore, for the 2012-2013 school year the Committee recommends an allocation of $13,750 of student fee funding, a reduction of $13,250 from the requested allocation.

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

1) Operational Expenses: Reduction of $10,000. - $2000 of the reduction was from “salaries, wages and stipends” and $8,000 from rent. It is the opinion of the Committee that student stipends weren’t justified in the application for student fees funding. Additionally, this organization isn’t asking for an office space in which they could share with the larger community, instead the ask is for a playing field, and student fee funding cannot support that entirely. GR: 10b, 6

2) Programming: Reduction of $3,250. - When it comes to traveling and registration fees for conferences or sporting events, the Committee agreed to pay for some of the expenses not all of them as all fee paying students will not benefit from conference or sporting event. The methodology to this determination was to allocate $250 for approximately 10 students to travel to the World Cup event. GR: 6

Directives: If you would like the committee to reconsider, please submit additional justification.
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-0)

University YMCA (#138)

Requested Allocation: $45,000  Recommended Allocation: $35,450

Comments: The committee would like more information on the Y Buddies and Y tutors as they seem like good programs but at this time, we cannot find the justification to allocate funds to them based on the information that we have. We subtracted $1900 from Y-tutors, $4700 from Y-buddies, and $2950 from the Physical, Healthy, Driven program.

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

1) Couldn't see a benefit to all student with above-mentioned programs. GR: 1a

2) Could not see how the programs targeted students that had the need. GR: 5

Directives: More information on the travel specifics and the two programs mentioned above would be helpful during final deliberations.
Majority Opinion Rationale (9-0-0)

Voices Merging (#892)

Requested Allocation: $28,335  
Recommended Allocation: $21,744

Comments: The unanimous majority was extremely impressed with Voices Merging's ability to involves students at the University in creative, cultural expression. The majority found that Voices Merging is an integral part of campus community and that its beneficial effects extend beyond its programming and into everyday campus life. The majority feels that with the recommended figure, Voices Merging will be a successful organization yet again next year.

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

1) In Voices Merging's budget, carryover was projected at $3,661.00 for the end of year 2012-2013. The group already does have a reserves account, so this amount was deducted from the request. GR: 9

2) The majority did not feel that reimbursing members for gas expenses was an appropriate use of fees money, and so $400.00 was deducted from the request. GR: 1a, 9

3) The "High to College School" program, while very admirable, does not fit any of the guidelines for decision making, so its requested fees funding amount, $2,530.00, was deducted from the request. GR: 1a, 2, 4, 6, 9

Directives: The majority encourages Voices Merging to continue its open mic nights and provide an outlet for students to be creative and address societal issues. The majority also would like Voices Merging to supply copies of its newsletter and documentary for next year's fees request.
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-0)

The Wake (#819)

Requested Allocation: $60,000  
Recommended Allocation: $58,168

Comments: The Committee believed this organization demonstrated successfully its impact on the larger University of Minnesota community. Therefore, for the 2012-2013 school year the Committee recommends an allocation of $58,168 of student fee funding, a reduction of $1,832 from the requested allocation.

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

1) Operational Expenses: Reduction of $1,832. - $300 of the reduction was from “food” and $1,532 was from the difference remaining (income less expenses). It was the general consensus of the Committee that food operational food did not meet the SSFC guidelines. The relevant question being, why should all fee paying students pay for the organizational leaders to have food at their personal meetings? It isn’t like the meetings are events in which the fee paying students could attend. Additionally, because there is a reserve built into the budget there is no need for the added $1532 (1,531.60 rounded to the nearest dollar). GR: 6, 9

Directives: If you would like the committee to reconsider, please submit additional justification.
Majority Opinion Rationale (8-0-0)

**Women's Student Activist Collective (#266)**

*Requested Allocation: $30,000*  
*Recommended Allocation: $29,500*

*Comments:* The committee (majority rationale, unanimous vote) strongly felt that WSAC has shown consistency in providing quality programming.

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

1) A deduction of $500 was made for operational food costs; this decision was made by the committee due to the lack in justification for adhering to SSF guidelines. The committee concluded that operational food does not provide a service to SSF paying students who do not participate in WSAC on an operational level.  
   GR: 1

*Directives:* Please continue such quality work on future SSF requests. The budget was thorough, and both the application and presentation demonstrated clear adherence to SSF guidelines.


**Facts and Figures**

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