African Student Association

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee believes that the African Student Association is providing a great benefit to our campus. We believe they had a good presentation and are committed to educating the entire campus about their rich culture. There are a few budget recommendations outlined below.

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

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

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

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

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

5) We are deducting $200 dollars from your open house event. After much discussion about the benefits of the event, we believe we should match the group’s contributions and pay $1,000.  
   GDM: 1a, 7, 8

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

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

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

5) All student groups are supposed to act as if they are nonprofits. According to your budget, you plan on earning a profit of $1,169.58 dollars for fiscal year 2014-2015. Because of this, we are deducting $1,170 from your overall request as it is excess. GDM: 8, 7

Directives: None.
All-Campus Elections Commission

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

Requested Allocation: $12,226  
Recommended Allocation: $10,417

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

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

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

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

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

4) The Committee deducted $104 as the submitted budget had an unexplained positive difference of $84. GDM: 9

Minority Opinion:
Comments: The Minority believes the ACEC justified a greater portion of their stipends than was funded by the Majority.
Al-Madinah Cultural Center

Committee Vote: 9-1-0

*Requested Allocation:* $78,400

*Recommended Allocation:* $63,450

**Majority Opinion:**

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

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

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

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

3) The Committee recommends a $1,000 cut from travel for Islam Awareness Week. The students’ benefit from subsidizing travel for students outside our University was not enough to justify funding. GDM: 1, 4

4) The Committee recommends a $4,000 cut for I-Cultures Festival. The Committee feels entertainment could be found at a more affordable cost, or from outside funding. GDM: 7, 8

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

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

7) The Committee recommends a $1,000 cut from the ski trip since it is unclear how this benefits the entire student body and whether external funding has been sought. GDM: 1, 2, 7

8) The Committee recommends a $400 cut from the study day. Evidence of outside funding and a benefit to the vast student body were ambiguous. GDM: 1, 2, 7
9) The Committee recommends a $3,200 cut from the Sister's Socials since they fail to meet the minimum requirements to receive funding due to violation of the Equal Opportunity Statement.

10) The Committee recommends a $3,300 cut from the Brother's Bashes since they fail to meet the minimum requirements to receive funding due to violation of the Equal Opportunity Statement.

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

**Minority Opinion:**

*Requested Allocation:* $78,400  
*Recommended Allocation:* $67,450

*Comments:* The Minority recognizes the significant campus contributions of the I-Cultures Festival, the fiscally responsible manner in which it is planned, and recommends fully funding the event.

1) A $4,000 addition for I-Cultures.  
   GDM: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
Alpha Phi Omega

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee feels that the programming is largely consistent with the standards of the SSFC. While it was thought that the Student Services Fee should not fund the following costs, it does not mean that external funding shouldn’t be sought. The Committee supports the continuation of this organization and encourages growth where possible.

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

1) The Committee recommends a $14,600 cut from the international trip since it is not clear how this benefits the wider university body.         GDM: 1, 2, 4

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

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

4) The Committee recommends a $150 cut from the holiday party. It isn't clear how this program benefits the wider university body.         GDM: 5

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

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 7-3-0

Requested Allocation: $46,551  
Recommended Allocation: $40,584

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

However, the Committee did feel that there were certain requests that did not align with the GDMs and hence cuts were made accordingly.

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

1) A cut of $1,800 is recommended for the stipends given to the student worker. The Committee did not feel this was an appropriate use of SSF funding.  
   GDM: 10b

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

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

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

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

6) A cut of $1,400 is recommended for the Fall Round dance event. The Committee felt the food expense for this event was too high with respect to the service provided.  
   GDM: 3, 4

7) A cut of $600 is recommended for community retreats. The Committee felt that there was not enough justification provided for the impact it has on the student body.  
   GDM: 1,2,3,4

8) A cut of $130 is recommended for the Sunrise Ceremony. The Committee felt that there was not enough justification on how the event impacted the larger student body.  
   GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4

9) A cut of $1,025 is recommended for the 40th annual celebration. The Committee strongly felt that this event did not include or impact the larger student body.  
   GDM: 4, 5
10) A cut of $351 is recommended due to operational reserves. GDM: 9b

11) A cut of $350 is recommended for the projector expense. The Committee strongly felt that this was not an effective use of SSF funding. GDM: 2,3,7,8

12) A cut of $100 is recommended for the comedy night event. The Committee felt that this event did not impact the larger student body and is not an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 4, 5

*Directives:* The Committee would like to see efforts made towards seeking external funding.
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $10,379  Recommended Allocation: $8,550

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

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

1) Deductions of $100 for travel expenses to conferences, $15 for coffee, and $85 for food/drinks for fundraising under operational travel and food breakdowns were made. The SSFC feels that while this is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the Student Services Fee but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found.  
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

2) Deductions of $379 were made for the distinguished speaker under the programming breakdown. The SSFC feels that more funding can be sought from other sources, such as corporate or departmental collaboration. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the Student Services Fee but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found.  
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 11-0-0

Requested Allocation: $37,075  
Recommended Allocation: $17,875

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

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

1) $200 deducted for gifts  
GDM: 4, 7, 8

2) $400 deducted for sweaters  
GDM: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

3) $150 deducted for parking  
GDM: 1, 4, 7, 8

4) $2,000 deducted for general meeting food  
GDM: 5, 6, 7, 8

5) $50 deducted for registration  
GDM: 7, 8

6) $1,500 deducted for networking blankets  
GDM: 3, 5, 8

7) $1,400 deducted for Fall and Spring Pre-Med Dinners  
GDM: 6, 7, 8

9) $3,500 deducted for Chicago Conference  
GDM: 1, 5, 6

10) $3,500 deducted for Texas Conference  
GDM: 1, 5, 6

11) $4,500 deducted for DC Conference  
GDM: 1, 5, 6

12) $2,000 deducted for Leadership Forum  
GDM: 1, 3, 5, 8

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

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

GDM: 4, 6, 8, 9
Art of Living Club

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Requested Allocation: $9,720  Recommended Allocation: $4,695

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee really enjoyed the Art of Living Club presentation. During the presentation the Committee strongly felt the group showed their mission and the service they provide to the larger student body. However, the Committee did feel that there were certain issues with the application. The budget sheet request and the application request for funding did not match. Furthermore, the Committee felt that certain operational and programming requests did not match with the GDMs and hence cuts were made accordingly.

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

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

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

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

4) A cut of $1,650 is recommended for the YES+ spring event. The Committee did not feel there was enough justification provided for the event to be hosted twice in the spring. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

5) A cut of $2,500 is recommended for the Art of Silence course. The Committee felt that, while present, the justification of the impact it had on the larger student body was inadequate. The final recommendation is an attempt to meet the organization’s contribution based on the attendance levels and mission of the organization. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Asian American Student Union

Committee Vote: 9-0-1

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

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

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

1) The Committee recommends a $2,979 cut due to the income less expense. The Committee feels a student organization should not be operating with a net income. GDM: 1, 7
2) The Committee recommends a $25 cut for the Student Unions and Activities fee. The Committee does not see the benefit to the wider student body. GDM: 1, 7
3) The Committee recommends an $1,800 cut for the Summer Board Retreat. It is not clear how this activity benefits the wider student body. GDM: 1, 5, 8
4) The Committee recommends a $1,700 cut for the Winter Board Retreat. It is not clear how this activity benefits the wider student body. GDM: 1, 5, 8
5) The Committee recommends a $3,000 cut for the Annual Gala. It is not clear how this activity benefits the wider student body, or that the Student Services Fee is necessary to subsidize this expense. GDM: 1, 5, 7
6) The Committee recommends a $4,350 cut from the 2nd annual career workshop since the benefit to the wider student body does not justify the requested cost. GDM: 5, 7
7) The Committee recommends a $250 cut from the community event since benefits of this program are not localized to the University of Minnesota and its student body. GDM: 5, 7, 8
8) The Committee recommends a $10,000 cut from the thirty-seventh spring conference. The Committee does not see a benefit to the wider student body, or a reason funding cannot be secured elsewhere. GDM: 5, 7, 8
9) The Committee recommends a $50 cut from the rice bowl since it does not feel travel subsidies benefit the University. GDM: 2, 5
10) The Committee recommends a $200 cut from the Malaysian Night since it does not feel travel subsidies benefit the University.  

11) The Committee recommends a $500 cut from FACT since it does not feel travel subsidies benefit the University.

12) The Committee recommends a $6,000 cut from the Tet Show since it feels the cost for room rental is higher than the student body should subsidize.

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

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $5,000

Recommended Allocation: $4,200

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 4-2-0

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

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

However, the Majority feels that there were some essential cuts needed, as they did not follow certain GDMs. This does not mean the Committee does not support the organization’s missions, but would like to definitely see external funding as another source of income.

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

1) A cut of $2,000 is recommended for stipends. The Majority did not see the need for stipends for the leadership positions at BGPSA. Furthermore Majority did not feel that stipends were a necessary component of BGPSA’s ability to provide high quality and relevant services to students. GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 10b

2) A cut of $600 from operational travel is recommended. The Majority did not see the need for and overall student benefit of the requested amount. GDM: 1, 4, 5

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

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

5) A cut of $100 from the Each One, Reach One program is recommended. The Committee did not see the gift given as an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 1, 2, 6

6) A cut of $480 from the spring reception is recommended. The Committee did not see the need for this event to be hosted at a place where room rental was $500. The Committee also felt the event did not benefit a larger student body. GDM: 2, 5, 6

7) A cut of $155 from the general body meetings is recommended. The Committee did not see the high cost of food for general meetings or the gift as an appropriate use of SSF funding. GDM: 1, 2, 5, 6
8) A cut of $600 from the First Thursdays Social Networking event is recommended. The Committee did not see the need for a room with such a high rental cost. GDM: 1, 3

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

**Minority Opinion 1:**
*Requested Allocation*: $13,340  
*Recommended Allocation*: $6,985

*Comments*: The Minority felt that the stipends requested by BGAPSA were not fully justified. The Minority felt that the group's size and the number of hours of work were not sufficient explanation for the officer stipend request. There are groups within the University that put more hours into their organizations without officers receiving stipends. The Minority felt that this might trigger other groups requesting stipends from SSF. While there are positions that should get stipends in order to compensate members for time and efforts put into the group, positions in BGAPSA should be stressed as a unique opportunity and experience that will help members succeed in the future even if it means that those positions lack stipends.

**Minority Opinion 2:**
*Requested Allocation*: $13,340  
*Recommended Allocation*: $10,985

*Comments*: The Minority feels that members of BGAPSA made a strong enough case related to the duties and expectations of the organization officers to justify their full compensation as requested. GDM: 1, 2, 4, 8
Black Motivated Women

Committee Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $10,450  Recommended Allocation: $5,950

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $10,450 and voted to approve $5,950 for Black Motivated Women. The amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the impact on students, breadth of programming, and purpose of the organization. Following the concerns that BMW showed the Committee, the SSFC reallocated $500 for snacks for the board. All other initial recommendations remained the same.

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

1) A $500 deduction was made for parking vouchers under operational travel breakdown, $500 for snacks, and $200 was deducted for board t-shirts. While the Committee recognizes that benefits of being a board member should be extrinsic in some cases, the Majority felt that operational food was not fully justified and reallocated half of the requested amount. The Committee is of the opinion that Student Services Fee funds should not go towards parking vouchers for any group. The SSFC feels that the funds could be provided by other sources. Finally, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the Student Services Fee but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found. GDM: 5, 6, 7, 8

2) Under the programming breakdown, a $150 deduction was made for the BMW Retreat, $50 for Girl Talk, $1,000 for Power Brunch, $1,000 for Heart Week, and $1,100 for the Woman Empowerment Gala. The SSFC feels that while the request is for this to be fully funded by the Student Services Fee, more funding can be sought from other sources. The Committee is of the opinion that Student Services Fee funds should not go towards travel unless a sufficient need is presented and feels the funds could be provided by other sources in this case. The Committee recognizes that retreats can be important to the development of a board’s cohesiveness and took into account the lack of stipends requests. Finally, the scale of the event in proportion to the number of participants does not demonstrate a significant enough impact upon the campus to justify funding at the requested level. GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

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

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $32,967
Recommended Allocation: $25,902

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

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

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

1) The Committee recommends travel is cut $75 from the operational budget since it has not been demonstrated that the Student Services Fee is needed to fulfill this cost.
   GDM: 7, 8

2) The Committee recommends a $30 cut from officer transition meetings since it is not clear how this benefits the wider student body.
   GDM: 1, 2

3) The Committee recommends a $2,500 cut from Skeptech since it feels travel doesn't provide sufficiently broad services to the student body.
   GDM: 1, 5

4) The Committee recommends a $5,000 deduction from the major speaker since it feels funding could be secured from alternative sources.
   GDM: 7, 8

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

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

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

Majority Opinion:

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

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

1) The Majority recommends a deduction of $500 from the Swing Dance. The Majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach.

   GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

2) The Majority recommends a deduction of $6,400 from the Mission Trip. The Majority felt that the application process for which students can go on the mission trip was not designed in a way that will broaden the types of students that can gain access to this trip. Further there is evidence that this event is successful enough that alternative methods of funding can be used.

   GDM: 3, 4, 8

3) The Majority recommends a deduction of $5,000 from bus rental. The Majority did not feel the need to pay for services that will benefit non-student individuals. Based on the limited number of students that use the service, the Majority finds it reasonable for those individuals to use existing resources for transportation.

   GDM: 1, 3

4) The Majority recommends a deduction of $350 from the Halloween Party. The Majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach.

   GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

5) The Majority recommends a deduction of $1,100 from the Friday Night Coffeehouse. The Majority felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach. In addition there is no advertising for such an event, thus non-members are less likely to know of the event.

   GDM: 1, 2, 5, 7

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 8-0-0

Requested Allocation: $54,250

Recommended Allocation: $47,450

Majority Opinion:

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

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

1) $1,000 deducted for custodial

   GDM: 3, 6, 7, 8, 10

3) $500 deducted for seminar

   GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

4) $400 deducted for marketing

   GDM: 7, 8

5) $200 deducted for paper goods

   GDM: 7, 8

6) $500 deducted for textbooks

   GDM: 5, 6, 7, 8

7) $500 deducted for religious articles

   GDM: 5, 6, 7, 8

8) $3,700 deducted from programming: $100 from Pizza and Parsha, $200 from Girls Night Out, $300 from Bagel Lox N’ Teffilin, $1,000 from New York Leadership Conference, $1,500 from Community Building Events, $500 from Midnight Madness Breakfast, $100 from Individual Study

   GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

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

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

Request Allocation: $14,411

Recommended Allocation: $10,809

Majority Opinion:

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

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

1) The Committee recommends a deduction of $995 from operations. The Majority deemed that parking fees ($100), operational food ($820), student group registration ($25), and activity fairs ($50) should not be funded due to a lack of demonstrated benefits for students who do not participate in those services and that the Student Services Fee is not needed to fulfill the cost.
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

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

   GDM: 7, 8

3) The Committee recommends a deduction of $250 from the Survivor Dinner. The Majority deemed that the expense was not justified and should not be funded by Student Services Fees.

   GDM: 9

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

Committee Vote: 5-1-2

Requested Allocation: $188,035  
Recommended Allocation: $18,700

**Majority Opinion:**

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

In addition, the Committee assessed a $70,000 cut for plagiarizing another group’s past application. This dishonesty cast doubt on the credibility and reliability of CFACT’s entire application.

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

**Operational:**

1) The Majority recommends a deduction of $49,000 for salaries, wages, and stipends. The Majority deemed the funding for a Campus Coordinator and Program Coordinator by the Student Services Fee to not be fully justified. Further deductions from student stipends were issued to reflect time committed and the nature of responsibilities to the student group.  
   GDM: 1, 6, 10

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

3) The Majority recommends a deduction of $1,000 from consultant/professional fees for website maintenance. The Majority deemed that the service would not provide benefits to non-participating students and that alternative sources of income could be found.  
   GDM: 7, 8

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

5) The Majority recommends a deduction of $2,800 from equipment. The Majority deemed the iPad and furniture would not provide benefits to non-participating students and that alternative sources of income could be found. Further deductions were issued due to the lack of justification for their Fee request.  
   GDM: 5, 7, 8
6) The Majority recommends a deduction of $1,500 from office supplies. The Majority deemed the supplies would not provide benefits to non-participating students and that alternative sources of income could be found. Further deductions were issued due to the lack of justification for their Fee request. GDM: 5, 7, 8, 9

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

8) The Majority recommends a deduction of $500 from rent and utilities. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found. The deduction was also was issued due to the lack of justification for their Fee request. GDM: 8, 9

9) The Majority recommends a deduction of $25 from other expenses. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found and that there was a lack of justification for their Fee request. GDM: 8, 9

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

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

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

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

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

15) The Majority recommends a deduction of $400 from Day at the Capitol. The Majority deemed that both the travel and food expenses were unnecessary, due in part to the proximity of the event to the University campus and alternative means of transport to the event. GDM: 9
16) The Majority recommends a deduction of $5,000 from CPAC. The Majority deemed that the event was too exclusive, failed to provide benefits to non-participants, and failed to contribute a service to the student body or help foster community at the University of Minnesota. GDM: 1, 6

17) The Majority recommends a deduction of $150 from the Mississippi River Clean Up. The Majority deemed that the food expenses were unnecessary, failed to be justified, and could be fulfilled by other sources of income. GDM: 8, 9

18) The Majority recommends a deduction of $600 from the Adopted Lakes Testing and Pick Ups. The Majority deemed that the food expenses were unnecessary, failed to be justified, and could be fulfilled by other sources of income. GDM: 8, 9

19) The Majority recommends a deduction of $1,100 from the Minnesota Mining Month. The Majority deducted from both travel and entertainment due to a failure to justify their request, in addition to failing to show that alternative sources of income could not be found for travel and entertainment. GDM: 8, 9

20) The Majority recommends a deduction of $650 from the Christmas Tree Pick Up. The Majority deemed that this event was not consistent with the mission of the organization and lacked a benefit to non-participating students. The organization failed to justify the need for the event to be funded by the Student Services Fee. GDM: 2, 6, 9

21) The Majority recommends a deduction of $5,000 from the CFL Recycling Program. The Majority deemed that this initiative was not justified in its distinctiveness from other recycling programs on campus and why this particular recycling program should be funded by the Student Services Fee. GDM: 9

22) The Majority recommends a deduction of $600 from the Broom Ball Team. The Majority deemed that this event was not consistent with the mission of the organization and lacked a benefit to non-participating students. The organization failed to justify the need for the event to be funded by the Student Services Fee. GDM: 2, 6, 9

23) The Majority recommends a deduction of $2,000 from States Rights. The Majority deemed that alternative sources of income could be found (such as charging admission). Due to the high demand for such an event, a reasonable admission charge per student is feasible. GDM: 7, 8

**Directives:** The Student Services Fee Committee recommends providing detailed justification for the benefits of paid, non-student staff including how they benefit not only the student organization, but the entire University of Minnesota campus. Further justification for why alternative sources of income could not be found is recommended for future SSF requests. The Committee applauds the collaboration between CFACT and other student groups on campus, specifically for the Ron Paul Event. The Committee further encourages partnering with other student groups on campus to provide events and offset costs.
Furthermore, it is imperative that CFACT not plagiarize other groups in the future. The Committee seriously debated an even more severe punishment to CFACT’s funding; failing to correct this behavior in future cycles will be viewed as grounds for refusing to give CFACT any SSF funding at all for repeated dishonesty.

Minority Opinion:

*Requested Allocation: $188,035  Recommended Allocation: $35,480*

Comments: The Minority feels that that, while allegations raised against CFACT’s application for SSF money are dreadfully serious, the actions taken by the Majority were not totally on par with the nature of the accusations.

GDM: 4, 6
Community Child Care Center

Committee Vote: 7-0-1

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

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

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

1) The Committee felt the Center request meet with all the guidelines.       GDM: All

Directives: None
Como Early Learning Center

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5) The Committee removed $210 from other programming (Valentine’s, potluck, and volunteer appreciation) and $500 from TLov’s travel expense as these seemed outside of the group’s mission and/or primarily benefited members of the group.
   GDM: 2, 6, 8

6) The committee deducted $2000 from reserves and $531 from difference. GDM: 8, 9
Council of Graduate Students

Committee Vote: 8-0-0

Requested Allocation: $121,280

Recommended Allocation: $106,725

Special Assessment Population: GRD students only

Majority Opinion:

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

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

1) $1,500 deducted from GEC Representatives GDM: 1
2) $5,000 deducted from Fixed Amount Scholarly and Professional Travel Grant Program GDM: 5, 6
3) $1,000 deducted from Event Co-Sponsoring Pool GDM: 7, 8
4) $350 deducted from Executive Board Meetings GDM: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
5) $380 deducted from Outstanding Faculty Award GDM: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8
6) $325 deducted from Leadership Awards GDM: 2, 6, 7, 8
7) $5,700 deducted from Social Events GDM: 6, 7, 8
8) $300 deducted from Summer Grad Student Hang Out GDM: 4, 5, 6, 8

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

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

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

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee recommends CRU be granted $6,775.

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

1) The Majority recommends a deduction of $900 because insufficient information was provided to justify the property tax cost. GDM: 3, 6, 7, 8

2) The Majority recommends a deduction of $100 because printing costs of CRU Cards seemed redundant with other budget items. GDM: 2, 3

3) The Majority recommends a deduction of $200 because mailing labels were seen as an unnecessary cost where needs can be met for less money. GDM: 8

4) The Majority recommends a deduction of $300 because fall leadership training does not benefit non-members of the group. GDM: 4, 5, 6

5) The Majority recommends a deduction of $400 because it was not clear what give-away costs were for, and food cost seemed unnecessary for the Fall Activity Fair. GDM: 3

6) The Majority recommends a deduction of $600 because additional funding for surveys was not justified and food costs seemed unnecessary for the Fall Dinner Line Surveys. GDM: 3

7) The Majority recommends a deduction of $400 because the frequency of Fall Social Events was unjustified. The Committee is willing to fund half of the events. GDM: 2

8) The Majority recommends a deduction of $2,125 because there was no other attempt at funding for the Fall Retreat, and the retreat does not benefit students who do not go. GDM: 4, 6, 7, 8

9) The Majority recommends a deduction of $100 because food was not justified for the World Vision Night event. GDM: 8

10) The Majority recommends a deduction of $2,850 because scholarships for the TC X-perience Conference do not benefit students who do not attend. GDM: 4, 6

11) The Majority recommends a deduction of $200 because the frequency of Spring Social Events was unjustified. The Committee is willing to fund half of the events. GDM: 2
12) The Majority recommends a deduction of $250 because the Valentine’s Day dinner and dance do not seem to meet group’s mission.  

13) The Majority recommends a deduction of $500 because the Man Maker / Women Maker Retreat would violate the Equal Opportunity Statement.

14) The Majority recommends a deduction of $50 because the Spring Freshman Dessert excludes non-freshman students.  

15) The Majority recommends a deduction of $60 because the Senior Dessert excludes non-senior students.

16) The Majority recommends a deduction of $400 because the Spring Retreat does not benefit students who do not go, and no alternative sources of income were attempted.

17) An additional $900 is deducted from the request for room rental fees. The Committee felt that a house space can help off-set some of these funds.

**Minority Opinion:**

*Requested Allocation:* $17,110  
*Recommended Allocation:* $1,875

*Comments:* The Minority believes that SSF funding is inappropriate for prayer services, and thus would deduct $100 from World Vision and $4,800 from weekly meetings.
Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature Student Association

Committee Vote: 3-2-0

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

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

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

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

Directives: None
Disabled Student Cultural Center

Committee Vote: 6-0-0

Requested Allocation: $28,173

Recommended Allocation: $22,538

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee would like to express our appreciation for the service that your group offers to disabled students at the University of Minnesota. The Committee wants to commend the DSCC for making campus lives for disabled students much easier and for their efforts to bring all disabled students on campus.

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

1) $65 was deducted from the Xbox Live account as it doesn't benefit all students who pay the Fee.
   GDM: 5, 6

2) $600 was deducted from Paychex fees. The Committee believed the cost was high and it did not justify the needs.
   GDM: 9

3) $320 in deductions was made from monthly Lunch and Learn events. The certain expenses slated are too high and the Committee was not convinced by the group’s justification.
   GDM: 9

4) $2,000 was deducted from fairs. While the Committee can see the benefit of the Disabled Services Fair, we felt that the slated cost of traveling is too high. Considering the fact that the guest has not been decided does not allow the Committee to give the full funding that the group requested.
   GDM: 9

5) $2,500 was deducted from the Disabled Artist Show. The Committee believed that the group's argument to hold the Disabled Artist Show twice a year wasn't justified.
   GDM: 9

6) $100 was deducted from the Finals Study Social. It is not the role of the SSF to cover the social events that do not benefit students who pay the Fee but do not participate in the programs.
   GDM: 5, 6

7) $40 was deducted from bridge painting. It is not the role of the SSF to cover the food and materials for bridge painting as it doesn't benefit all of the students who pay the Fee.
   GDM: 5, 6

Directives: None
Economic Student Organization

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

Requested Allocation: $5,300  Recommended Allocation: $3,040

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $5,300 and voted to approve $3,040 for the student organization, Economic Student Organization. The amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the core aspects of the organization. After consideration of the follow-up material, the Committee voted to approve ESO for the initial recommendation.

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

1) A $2,000 deduction was made for weekly events under the program breakdown. The SSFC feels that, while this event is partially funded by the organization, more funding can be sought from other sources. In addition, the benefits of programs and services to students who pay the Student Services Fee but do not participate in the programs and services could not be found.
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

2) A $120 deduction was made for the alumni event under the program breakdown. The SSFC feels that travel expenses should rarely be funded by the Student Services Fee funds and took into consideration the fact that the funds requested for parking do not support current students. The SSFC feels that this travel expense using the Student Services Fee funds does not help to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but who still pay the Fee.
   GDM: 6

3) A $140 deduction for website under the operational breakdown. The SSFC feels that there are free alternatives to website hosting and development that can be found through campus resources. In addition, the Committee does not see how the funds benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the Fee.
   GDM: 6, 7, 8, 9

Directives: Demonstrate that the Student Services Fee do not fund travel for non-students and seek external funding from sources such as corporate sponsorships.
Engineers Without Borders

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $7,988

Recommended Allocation: $5,865

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The Committee enjoyed the professional presentations by Engineers Without Borders and would like to express our appreciation for an organization that has greatly displayed the name of our University. The Committee recognized the group's breadth and depth of programming overseas and efforts to make the world a better place.

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

1) A deduction of $1,000 was made because the Committee does not feel that it is the role of the Student Services Fee to pay the $1,000 EWB-USA registration fee. GDM: 6, 8

2) A deduction of $1,123 was made for conferences. The SSFC does not feel it is necessary to pay for the full amount requested by the group for participants attending conferences because it does not help to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the Student Services Fee. GDM: 6

Directives: The Committee highly commends the group's continuous efforts and all their hard work. Continue to do a great job seeking outside funding.
Forensic Science Club

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

4) A deduction of $15 was made from the Fingerprint Workshop. The Majority noticed a discrepancy between program income and program expenses in the budget of $15. According to the budget, $15 was provided by fundraising income. The Majority subsequently reduced $15 to alleviate this difference.  
   GDM: 9

Directives: None
Fraternity Purchasing Association

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 5-3-1

Requested Allocation: $392,115  Recommended Allocation: $232,136

Special Assessment Population: GRD and Professional Students

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $392,115 and voted to approve $232,136 for the student organization, GAPSA. The Committee reconsidered the entire budget due to the controversy surrounding the organization both external and internal to the SSFC. The major reallocations were the Academic Grant, Professional Travel Grant, pass-through funding excluding COGS, and the Presidential Reception. They were approved at $27,000, $25,000, $106,670, and $3,425, respectively.

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

1) The deduction of $1,000 was made for the CPA Consultant because the Committee found a CPA irrelevant when an external auditor was already funded at $6,000. A $360 deduction for Campus Club Membership was made because the Committee does not believe that students who do not participate in GAPSA programs benefit from the advantages of GAPSA’s Campus Club membership.

2) Deductions were made in the amounts of $5,000 for office supplies, $1,500 for parking reimbursements, $660 for data recording services, and $1,000 for Reps to Board of Regents were made under operational expenses. The stipend cut was employed because the need for two Reps to the Board of Regents was deemed excessive. All other cuts were made because benefits to those who pay the Student Services Fee but do not participate in the programs and services of the organization could not be found.

3) The cut to the GAPSA Forum of $3,400 was because the Committee believed that the funds allocated to food were disproportionate with the need demonstrated by the campus based on the attendance levels.

4) Deductions were made in the amounts of $37,000 for Operational Reserves; $1,000 for Grad Teaching Award; $1,500 for Small Event Grant; $2,500 for President’s Reception; $11,000 for Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week; $12,500 for Social Grant; $1,500 for Small Grant; and $1,000 for Rock Climbing Event.

5) The cut to the GAPSA Forum of $3,400 was because the Committee believed that the funds allocated to food were disproportionate with the need demonstrated by the campus based on the attendance levels.
6) Throughout the entire SSF process, GAPSA failed to cooperate with the deadlines clearly outlined by the Committee. The fact that the Executive Board refused to provide an official response to the legitimate concerns of the Committee could not be overlooked due to lack of compliance with Minimum Requirement #15. Failure to meet that minimum requirement is grounds for cutting 100% of funding. However, the Committee voted to apply a 35% deduction of funding, excluding pass-through funding, because the SSFC believes that the other organizations GAPSA represents should not be punished for the decisions of the Executive Board. This equates to $67,588.75.

Min. Req. for SSFC Applications: 15

**Directives:** Provide transparency to assembly members to avoid the controversy accompanying this year’s request and abide by all requirements of Student Services Fee application.

**Minority Opinion:**

**Comments:** The Minority felt that the group deserved more funding given the size of their group and the work they do in order to connect graduate and professional students to the University. Although there should be some kind of penalty for lack of transparency within the group, the Minority thinks that 35% penalty was a bit harsh given the work they do and the number of students they represent within the University. The Minority felt that rather than 35% direct penalty, the Committee should have given clear directives to the group so that they can operate in the most efficient and effective ways to benefit both professional and graduate students. The Minority is concerned with the idea that a sudden shrink of funding will make the group passive about issues regarding graduate and professional students as they are also valuable members of the University. The Minority firmly believes that the job of the SSFC is to aid and direct student groups so that they can operate to benefit the entire University.
Group Organizations for FIRST (GO FIRST)

Committee Vote: 6-1-1

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

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

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

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

2) Deductions were made in operational costs of $100 for travel, $200 for special meeting food, $900 for all printing and copying items, and $25 for registration. The SSFC does not fund registration fees of any type for any groups in accordance with GDM 6. The SSFC feels that travel expenses should rarely be funded using the Student Services Fee and this case does not merit an exception. The SSFC feels that using the Student Services Fee funds for any of these items does not benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the Student Services Fee. Finally, the Committee believes that while they cannot justifiably be funded under the SSF, external funding may be sought for these expenses.  
   GDM: 6, 7, 8

3) The Committee assessed deductions of $20 for the Post Kickoff Design Workshop travel, $20 for the Mock Kickoff travel, $20 for the Summer Robotics Summit travel, $20 for the Kickoff travel, $350 for the End of Year Banquet, $1,750 for the Collegiate Conferences First Championships, $2,800 for volunteering at first regionals, and $8,800 for IGVC under the Programming Breakdown. The SSFC feels that travel expenses should rarely be funded using the Student Services Fee and this case does not merit an exception. The scope of some of these events does not demonstrate a large enough demand for these programs. The SSFC feels that using the Student Services Fee funds for any of these items does not benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay the Student Services Fee. Finally, the Committee believes that while they cannot justifiably be funded under SSF, external funding may be sought for these expenses.  
   GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Directives: Continue to search for ways to impact the campus on an interdisciplinary level. Seek interdepartmental funds and demonstrate that the primary funder of events is not always the Student Services Fee, especially while considering the cost per head.
Gymnastics Club

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

Requested Allocation: $10,000  Recommended Allocation: $3,549

Majority Opinion:

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

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

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

   GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8

2) The Committee has restored $1,000 dollars to your reserve, but there was still $651 unaccounted for that was not restored. All student groups are supposed to act as non-profits. Your group is planning on having a positive income $651 this fiscal year. Thus, the Committee has deducted $651 dollars from your request.

   GDM: 8, 9

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

Minority Opinion:

Requested Allocation: $10,000  Recommended Allocation: $4,200

Comments: Gymnastics Club should not be penalized for their carryover because this value can serve as an operational reserve (currently $0) and is within the reasonable range. The group should have $651 restored to their SSF recommendation.
**Habitat for Humanity #335**

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

**Majority Opinion:**

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

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

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

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

*Directives:* Maintain programming that shows Habitat for Humanity’s commitment to its mission. Demonstrate that the Student Services Fee does not fund travel, and seek external funding from sources such as corporate sponsorships or consider organizational contributions for events that primarily benefit the organization.
Hillel: Jewish Student Center

Committee Vote: 8-0-0

Requested Allocation: $74,814

Recommended Allocation: $38,464

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The Committee recommends that Hillel: Jewish Student Center receives $38,464 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The Committee recognizes the organization’s ability to foster community and provide a clear service to the student body. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF funds that are detailed below.

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

1) The Committee assessed a deduction of $7,550 from salaries, wages and stipends. The Committee felt that the Israeli Shaliach is unable to provide additional benefits to students who are not affiliated with the group but are still paying the Fee. As for the other, it is clear how that can benefit the entire student body in terms of outreach, but there isn't enough warrant to show the need for such large stipends. GDM: 6, 8, 9

2) The Committee assessed a deduction of $2,000 from the Basketball Tournament.
   GDM: 2

3) The Committee assessed a deduction of $1,000 from Leadership Training.
   GDM: 4, 8

4) The Committee assessed a deduction of $1,000 from the Jewish Federation General Assembly.
   GDM: 9

5) The Committee assessed a deduction of $1,000 from the ZOA Conference.
   GDM: 6, 8, 9

6) The Committee assessed a deduction of $500 from the Big Ten Shabbaton.
   GDM: 6, 8, 9

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

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

9) The Committee assessed a deduction of $200 for Tie, Thai, Tye, $3,600 from Shabbat, $500 from First Dinner, $300 for advertising and food from Finals Week, $700 from Class Dinners, and $200 from Soup 4 U. The Committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need for such a high food cost.
   GDM: 3, 9
10) The Committee assessed a deduction of $1,200 from the Shareholder Meeting.  
GDM: 7, 9

11) The Committee assessed a deduction of $550 from Movie Night, $1,150 from Basketball, $1,500 from Jingle, $200 from the Sustainability Event, $750 from Whirlyball, $600 from Zumba/Yoga, part from Finals Week (refer to number 9), $700 from Sports Games. The Committee felt that these events do not align with the mission of this group and lack the evidence that it leads to greater outreach, education, or unique services for the student body.  
GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

12) The Committee assessed a deduction of $450 from the MN Daily. The Committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need such a high advertising cost.  
GDM: 7, 9

13) The Committee assessed a deduction of $1,100 from weekly cookies. The Committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need such a high food cost.  
GDM: 3, 9

14) The Committee assessed a deduction of $250 for Good Deed Week. The Committee does not feel the need to pay for the travel of other non-University students and there is no evidence suggesting a need or amount of reach this event will create.  
GDM: 3, 7, 9

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

16) The Committee assessed a deduction of $1,000 from Rabbi Program. The Committee recognizes the educational benefit this activity will bring to campus, but the group shows signs that alternative funds can be arranged.  
GDM: 7, 8

17) The Committee assessed a deduction of $1,000 from the stipend for the Israel Discussion.  
GDM: 10

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

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

Majority Opinion:

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

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

1) A $100 deduction was made for travel-gas. The Committee felt that it is not necessary to allocate the Student Services Fee for local travel since this does not benefit the student body as a whole and can be funded through other sources

GDM: 1, 6

2) A $100 deduction was made for board meetings and another $100 for snacks. The Committee felt that the board meetings do not need food to be successful and that the Student Services Fee should not fund individuals or events that don’t include the option of participation from the entire student body.

GDM: 1, 6

3) A $25 deduction was made for the SUA registration fee. All organizations have to pay this fee, even ones who do not have large enough budgets to qualify for the Student Services Fee. Therefore, the Committee believes it is not the responsibility of the SSFC to pay this fee.

GDM: 6, 8

4) A $100 deduction was made for parking. The Committee did not feel that parking should be funded through SSF funds, as it does not benefit the campus or students.

GDM: 1, 6

5) The Committee recommends a $150 deduction for t-shirts to remain more consistent with the level of funding and cost per shirt allocated to other student organizations.

GDM: 6, 9

6) The Committee did not feel that it is the role of the Student Services Fee to pay the $50 Rice Bowl Registration fee.

GDM: 6, 8

7) There is a very high cost for the HMLC. This high cost has not been fully justified. The Committee believes that the conference can be just as successful with a lower food budget. Therefore, the Committee has deducted $2,150 from the request.

GDM: 6, 9
8) The Committee didn’t see the justification for the high cost for Asian American College Day and deducted $1,400 from the request.  

9) The Committee deducted $20 for gift cards in HMSA Workshops. Gifts only benefit those who are directly receiving the items and do not provide a greater benefit to the student body.  

10) The Committee recommends a deduction of $2,000 for the summer event. Summer events should not be funded through the SSF. The group must find alternative sources of income should they wish to continue with the Summer Event that the group has planned.  

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

12) The Committee did not see the justification for funding $150 for the Car Wash Fundraiser which has the expected fundraising income of $50.  

13) The Committee did not see the justification for funding $200 for the Valley Fair Fundraiser which has the expected fundraising income of $100.  

14) The Committee recommends a deduction of $1,800 for the Recognition Banquet. The Committee believed the Recognition Banquet only benefits individual participants and is not an appropriate use of the Student Services Fee.  

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

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $8,565  
Recommended Allocation: $8,565

Majority Opinion:

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

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

1) The budget request was justified. The strong arguments for funding were addressed in both the budget sheets and the presentations. All requests were in line with the applicable guidelines for decision-making.  
   GDM: 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $15,225  Recommended Allocation: $12,785

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $15,225 and voted to approve $12,785 for the student organization, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Development. The amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends the opportunities and services provided to the University community and the justification for the funding of these services. The Committee noted that many of the programs offered important opportunities that supplemented the academic curriculum, in turn benefiting the University campus as a whole.

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

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

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

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

Directives: None
Lutheran Campus Ministry

Committee Vote: 10-0-0

Requested Allocation: $45,700  
Recommended Allocation: $7,676

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Majority recommends that Lutheran Campus Ministry receives $7,676 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The Majority recognizes the organization’s ability to foster community and provide a clear service to the student body. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF funds that are detailed below.

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

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

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

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

4) A deduction of $1,000 was made from operational shared cell phone. The Committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit of an operational phone. 
GDM: 8, 9

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

6) A deduction of $700 was made from Welcome Week. The Committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit for such a large advertising budget. There are better cost effective methods that can be used or other sources of income. 
GDM: 7, 9

7) A deduction of $7,300 was made from worship. The Committee feels that this event is catered more for group members and does not reach out to other students on campus and give additional benefits to the student body as a whole. 
GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6
8) A deduction of $500 was made from the Cooking Club. The Committee felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater campus and student-based community. There is also clear evidence that the organization has the ability to partner with other organizations and receive external funds to supplement the cost.

GDM: 1, 4, 6, 8, 9

9) A deduction of $300 was made from the Tuesday Soup. The Committee felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach.

GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

10) A deduction of $6,530 was made from the Service Project. The Committee felt that the application process through which students can go on the mission trip was not designed in a way that will broaden the types of students that can gain access to this trip. Further, there is evidence that this event is successful enough that alternative methods of funding can be used.

GDM: 3, 4, 8

11) A deduction of $2,000 was made from the Block Party. The Committee felt that this event does not align with the mission of this group and the event lacks the evidence that it leads to greater outreach.

GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5

12) A deduction of $1,000 was made from general outreach. The Committee felt, based on the description of what the general outreach expenses are, that these are fees that all groups must pay. Further, most of the concepts are operational, not programming, and this equipment seemed to hold a greater benefit for the individual members rather than the student body. There is also no evidence of other forms of income to help supplement these costs.

GDM: 1, 6, 7

13) A deduction of $150 was made from education resources. The Committee felt that there are other avenues of income or resources that could be utilized to acquire the needed equipment.

GDM: 6, 7, 8

14) A deduction of $200 was made from the University Partnership. The Committee felt it is inappropriate that the SSF, which all students are paying, is being allocated for dues of the organization that directly benefit only the members of that organization or its affiliates.

GDM: 6, 8

15) A deduction of $534 was made due to the difference between expenses and income.

GDM: 9

Directives: Allocate more resources to reaching the student body about the specific events that your organization hosts.
MacLaurinCSF Students

Committee Vote: 6-1-0

Requested Allocation: $96,683  Recommended Allocation: $21,908

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11) Faith and Science and Faith and Humanities Lectures are the two most expensive lectures in the Faith and… series. These are all new events, and haven’t proven that they can happen successfully. The Committee is willing to fund other lectures with fewer costs to allow group to prove they can provide the suggested service in the future – $6,575  GDM: 2, 3

12) The Colin MacLaurin Fellows Program Retreat does not benefit those who do not participate, and there seems to be no attempt at alternative funding – $1,950  GDM: 4, 6, 7, 8
13) Finals Week Dinner can be funded by other sources – $600  
GDM: 8

14) Christian Faith & College Life Course can be funded by other sources, and the Committee was willing to match the outside funding that was attempted – $2,400 
GDM: 8

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

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

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

18) Furniture does not benefit the student body – $360 
GDM: 6

19) The group does not show financial responsibility by projecting a large budget difference – $10,697 
GDM: 9

Directives: None
Minnesota International Student Association

Committee Vote: 9-0-1

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

Majority Opinion:

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

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

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

2) Under operations, $500 was taken off from the possible lawyer expense. $250 was taken off for the television as the Committee did not see its benefit to the student body. $150 was taken off for the picture frame, $50 was taken off from the table cloth, $23 was taken off for the tripod, and $699 was taken off for Photoshop as the Committee did not believe these would benefit students outside of the group. $550 was taken off from the jackets and $1,000 was taken off for t-shirts as the Committee believed these costs to be excessive. $3,200 was taken off for printing to bring it more in line with the expenses of other groups. The Committee decided not to fund the $30 shipping expense or the $24 for US Bank. Additionally, the Committee did not feel that the water was needed, and deducted $559. GDM: 1, 3, 6, 8

3) The Committee deducted differing amounts from different events that it did not believe to be justified. These ranged from travel expenses to supplies that the Committee decided not to fund. These included: $800 off of the Community Engagement Event, $2,750 off of the Affiliate Cook-Off, $625 off of the Halloween Pumpkin Event, $825 from the Trick-or-Treat Event, $550 from the Ice Skating Event, $500 from the Flash Mob Event, $1,350 from the Legacy of MISA event, $75 from the MISA Movie Night, $1,250 from the International Movie Night, $190 from the Scary Movie Night, $440 from the Pizza Social, $75 from the Better U Workshop, $560 from the U Break Workshop, $500 from the Thanksgiving Event, $2,500 from the End-of-Year Luau, and $950 from ISOP. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Minnesota Public Interest Research Group

Committee Vote: 7-2-1

Requested Allocation: $154,880  
Recommended Allocation: $128,560

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee has reviewed the requested amount of $154,880 and voted to approve $128,560 for the student organization, Minnesota Public Interest Research Group. The amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends MPIRG for its wide breadth of programming, the number of students the organization’s programs are expected to reach, the quantity and quality of the programs, and the thorough justification for their request for the Student Services Fee for many of their services. Major deductions resulted from an incomplete justification for the necessity and distinctiveness for certain staff positions (GDM 10).

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

Operational:

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

2) A deduction of $1,980 was made for insurance, benefits, and taxes. The Majority reduced funding for health benefits and taxes in similar ratios to the reduced funding for MPIRG staff. The percentage reduced from staff funding is reflected in the reduction in health benefits and tax funding. GDM: 10

3) A deduction of $500 was made for operational supplies. The Majority deemed the full request of $1,000 was not fully justified and a reduction to $500 was recommended to maintain adequate funding for office supplies necessary for the operation and function of the student organization. GDM: 9

4) A deduction of $2,360 was made for the Fall Retreat. The Majority deemed that the extent to which the program would benefit both participating and non-participating students was not fully justified. In addition, the student organization did not demonstrate that financial need could not be offset through other financial avenues. GDM: 8, 9
Directives: The Student Services Fee Committee commends the wide breadth of programming, the quantity and quality of the services provided, and the justification for many of the services and programs described. The Committee was impressed at the extent to which MPIRG is able to assess the demand for programs from the University student body and subsequently provide those services.

Minority Opinion:

Requested Allocation: $154,880

Recommended Allocation: $77,500

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

GDM: 1, 5, 6, 10
Minnesota Student Association

Committee Vote: 10-0-0

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

Special Assessment Population: Undergraduate Students

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Directives: The Committee would definitely like to see efforts made towards external funding for certain operational and programming expenses.
Minnesota Quidditch

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

Requested Allocation: $24,550   Recommended Allocation: $15,550

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Majority agrees that Minnesota Quidditch is a group that fosters community on campus and provides an outlet for students to de-stress and have fun. However, when looking at the organization’s budget the Committee made a few cuts to ensure the allocation truly benefitted all students paying the Fee.

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

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

2) The Committee deducted $500 dollars from operational printing and copying. In general, the $700 for flyers, $100 for surveys, and $200 for waivers was excessive and not beneficial to all Fee-paying students. All printing and copying costs were cut in half and funded at $500 in hopes the group will be more frugal and find other funding sources or electronic alternatives. GDM: 1, 6, 7, 8

3) Unlike other tournaments that bring events to campus and benefit the entire campus community, the Midwest regional tournament only benefits the 30 members who are attending. The Majority did not feel as though Fee money should be allocated to allow 30 students to go to play Quidditch. They are not going somewhere for training or education that they would be able to bring back to benefit all Fee-paying students. For that reason the Committee could not fund this event and deducted $1,000. GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8

4) The Committee decided to partially sponsor your World Cup VIII program. While, again, this mostly benefits the 30 students who are attending, the Committee felt that if students make it past regionals to the World Cup, it can partially support the World Cup. Bringing home a World Cup would be beneficial to the University so the Committee deducted only $5,000. GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 8

Directives: The Committee restored $635 for the difference you corrected and $3,000 for storage based on arguments you and other Student Services Fee Committee members made.

Minority Opinion:
Requested Allocation: $24,550   Recommended Allocation: $4,000

Comments: The Minority acknowledges Minnesota Quidditch’s popularity on campus, but believes most of its events and programs should be (and could be) paid by a combination of out-
of-pocket money and fundraising and ticket sales, especially since the out-of-town events only benefit those attending. 

GDM: 6, 8
**National Society of Black Engineers**

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

*Requested Allocation:* $8,515  
*Recommended Allocation:* $8,115

**Majority Opinion:**

*Comments:* The Committee reviewed the updated final requested amount of $8,515 and voted to approve $8,115 for the student organization, National Society of Black Engineers. The amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after consideration of the core aspects of the organization and the revised budget in accordance with the initial recommendation.

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

1) A deduction was made to plates, napkins, and utensils for $100 under the Operational Breakdown. The SSFC took into consideration the fact that the organization did not request stipends, but it chose to remove funding due to the impact upon the campus and further external funding that could provide for these services.  
   **GDM:** 6, 7, 8

2) A deduction was made to the National Convention for $300 under the Program Breakdown. The SSFC felt that travel expenses should rarely be funded under the Student Services Fee and took into consideration the fact that stipends were not requested for the board. In lieu of stipends, the Committee felt that the benefits of engaging in the organization include attending this conference under SSFC funding. The Committee felt that the Regional Conference benefited more students and considered the impact upon the campus with this deduction.  
   **GDM:** 1a, 3, 5, 6

**Directives:** Demonstrate that the Student Services Fee does not go towards travel at a high proportion and seek external funding from sources such as corporate sponsorships.
Natural Resources Association of Graduate Students

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

**Requested Allocation:** $3,691  \hspace{1cm}  **Recommended Allocation:** $3,234

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

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

1) A deduction of $25 was made for the SUA registration fee. The Committee did not feel that it is the role of the Student Services Fee to pay the SUA registration fee.  \hspace{0.5cm}  GDM: 6, 8

2) The Committee recommends a deduction of $350 for the Speaker Series. While the Committee can see the benefit of the speaker series, we felt that the slated cost of traveling is too high. Considering the fact that the guest has not been chosen doesn't allow us to give the full funding that the group requested. The travel expenses as well as the speaker gifts were unjustified by the group. Gifts only benefit those who are directly receiving the items and do not provide a greater benefit to the student body. \hspace{0.5cm}  GDM: 6, 8, 9

3) A deduction of $82 was made for coffee hours. The SSFC felt that this expense for coffee using the Student Services Fee funds does not help to benefit students who do not participate in the group, but still pay Fee. Thus, the SSFC recommends funding this expense with other sources. \hspace{0.5cm}  GDM: 6

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

1) Need for the Fees request for the Navs Launch event was not demonstrated – $700.
   GDM: 2, 3, 8, 9

2) Food and advertising costs can be eliminated from Explore-U (Student Activities Fair) and “other” was not specified – $300.
   GDM: 3, 7, 8, 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

9) There was no attempt to secure other funds for the Laborers Conference and can be funded by other means – $600.
   GDM: 7, 8

Directives: None
Plant Pathology Graduate Student Organization

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

**Majority Opinion:**

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

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

1) Under the program “Symposium”, the Committee deducted $1,000 from the budget for travel expenses and $2,000 under the food budget for a total deduction for $3,000 for the event. Money taken away from the food budget was deducted because the Majority felt that the price per head for food ($5,000/200=$25 dollars a head) was too excessive for SSF.  

   GDM: 4, 5, 6

2) The Committee scrutinized retreats and spring break trips for all groups. The SSFC is wary about the overall impact and benefit that these bring to the University community versus what it gives to the few students who are able to attend. The Committee settled on partially funding the event, and believes that the students attending should contribute as well as your department. This event has been funded before without SSF funding and the SSF Committee is not convinced that it can’t be funded without the Student Services Fee. The Committee recommends a $1,150 deduction.  

   GDM: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

3) For the “Como Park Outreach” program, again the Committee was not convinced on how this would benefit all students paying the Fee, and only saw it as helping a few students. The Majority is also confused as to why your department is not covering the cost of this program and decided to deduct $200 off of this event.  

   GDM: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

4) There were many reasons the Committee deducted $500 dollars from the program “Educational Module Development and Dissemination.” The Majority does not agree with spending Fee money on students who aren’t paying the Fee. Also there was no outside funding going to this program and the Committee felt as though your department should co-sponsor this event. The Committee also felt that travel is not a necessary expense, especially around the Twin Cities when we have access to the Campus Connector and metro busses. If students are compelled to drive off campus, the Committee does not see the necessity in reimbursing them for doing something they want to do. The SSFC decided to sponsor the event at $500 dollars.  

   GDM: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7
5) The First Friday Legacy Lunches were reduced by $1,200. The Majority was concerned with the high cost per head ($12 for a lunch), the specialization of the event, and the uncertainty of the need for this event. The Committee wanted to cut the frequency of the event and did not want to be solely responsible for paying for this event.

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-1

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

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

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

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

Directives: Continue to seek partnerships with other student organizations as well as pursue other sources of revenue outside of the SSF.
Queer Student Cultural Center

Committee Vote: 6-1-1

Requested Allocation: $68,741

Recommended Allocation: $49,011

Majority Opinion:

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

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

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

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

3) $1,761 was deducted from the Leadership Retreat and $1,000 was deducted from the GLBTA event as the Committee did not see enough benefit to the student body. The Committee deducted $800 from craft supplies as it did not feel it would benefit enough students. $6,100 was deducted from the symposium as the cost of this event seemed too large. A cut of $1599 was recommended to encourage further partnering with other student groups. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8

Directives: None

Minority Opinion:

Requested Allocation: $68,741

Recommended Allocation: $48,483

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

Committee Vote: 9-2-0

*Requested Allocation:* $128,775

*Recommended Allocation:* $48,059

**Majority Opinion:**

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

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

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

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

3) The Committee recommends a $1,500 cut from plane tickets since it is not clear that the Student Services Fee is needed to fulfill this cost.  
   GDM: 1, 7, 8

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

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

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

7) The Committee recommends a $5,500 cut from the School of the New Evangelization since evidence of the benefit to the University did not justify the full requested cost.  
   GDM: 1, 5, 8

8) The Committee recommends a $925 cut from the Fan into Flame event since evidence of the benefit to the University did not justify the full requested cost.  
   GDM: 1, 5, 8

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

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

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

13) The Committee recommends an $850 cut from Men's and Women's Nights since evidence of efforts to secure outside funding were lacking. 

14) The Committee recommends a $2,325 cut from Men's and Women's Nights since evidence of efforts to secure outside funding were lacking. 

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

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

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

Minority Opinion 1: 
Requested Allocation: $128,775  
Recommended Allocation: $51,909  

Comments: The Minority feels that Saint Paul’s Outreach justified its need for fully funded Men’s and Women’s Nights and an office.

1) A $3,000 addition for the office was fully justified because of the operational need for an office in the location outlined by the organization. The office in the location chosen by the organization is clearly part of its mission to allow a space for students and an alternate location may call for a name change due to switching to a different campus. 

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

Minority Opinion 2: 
Requested Allocation: $128,775  
Recommended Allocation: $45,285
Comments: The Minority believes that SSFC funding is inappropriate for prayer services, and thus would deduct $2,774 from Ash Wednesday. GDM: 1, 6, 8
Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

Majority Opinion:

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

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

1) The Committee recommends a $400 cut from registration for the International Contest. It is not clear that the benefit to the student body justifies the requested subsidy.  

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

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

Requested Allocation: $10,900  
Recommended Allocation: $6,375

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee reviewed the requested amount of $10,900 and voted to approve $6,375 for the student organization, Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers. The amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all projected expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Committee commends SASE for the extent of the programs offered, as well as the quality of services provided to the University community.

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

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

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

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

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

5) The Majority recommended a deduction of $725 from Study Sessions. The Majority deemed that this program is not consistent with the mission of the organization and questioned why it is necessary for the student organization and campus community. GDM: 1, 2

6) The Majority recommended a deduction of $300 from Bowling with SASE. The Majority deemed that this program is not consistent with the mission of the organization and questioned why it is necessary for the student organization and campus community. GDM: 1, 2
7) The Majority recommended a deduction of $50 from the Bagel Social. The Majority deemed that this program is not consistent with the mission of the organization and questioned why it is necessary for the student organization and campus community.  

GDM: 1, 2

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

GDM: 1, 6, 9

9) The Majority recommended a deduction of $1,500 from the Annual Banquet. The Majority deemed the food expenses were too high per attendee and lacked justification for the necessity of such a high cost. Reductions were made to fund $10 per expected attendee.  

GDM: 9

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

Committee Vote: 8-0-0

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

Majority Opinion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Directives: None
Somali Student Association

Committee Vote: 3-1-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5) The Majority recommended a deduction of $575 from the Fall Kick-Off. The Majority found incorrect budgeting. Total expense does not match total income. GDM: 9, 11

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

8) The Majority recommended a deduction of $5 from the Ladu Tournament. The Majority found incorrect information between totals. GDM: 3, 11

9) The Majority recommended a deduction of $300 for travel from Culture Night. The Majority does not feel the need to pay for the travel of non-University students who do not pay the Fee. GDM: 6

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 6-0-0

Requested Allocation: $75,000

Recommended Allocation: $75,000

Majority Opinion:
Comments: It was determined that this group’s mission and request was in line with the guidelines for decision-making. The Committee believed that its benefits are far reaching and are worth funding.

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

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

Directives: None
Student Veterans Association

Committee Vote: 5-0-1

Requested Allocation: $17,975

Recommended Allocation: $15,069

Majority Opinion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

Requested Allocation: $7,385  Recommended Allocation: $5,217

Comments: The Majority recommends that Students Against Hunger receive $5,217 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The Majority recognizes the organization’s ability to raise awareness and to reach out to new students. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF funding that are detailed below.

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

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

2) The Majority recommended a deduction of $250 for t-shirts and registration fee from the Other Operational Breakdown. The Majority felt that t-shirts are benefits of the group; thus the group should find means to fund them outside of the SSF. The same is true for the registration fee as all groups must pay that fee and financial aid is not needed for this group.  GDM: 6, 8

3) The Majority recommended a deduction of $500 for travel from Global Poverty. The Majority did not feel the need to pay for the travel of non-University students and since the cost of the event is $500, which includes the travel expense, this seems to be mislabeled.  GDM: 6, 9

4) The Majority recommended a deduction of $50 for travel from Loaves and Fishes. The Majority felt that since the location is in the Twin Cities area, it is not unreasonable for students to find their own means of transportation.  GDM: 6, 7, 8

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

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

7) The Majority recommended a deduction of $1,078 for the difference between expenses and income.  GDM: 9

Directives: Find alternative sources of income for travel off campus for members and membership-exclusive benefits.
Students for a Conservative Voice

Committee Vote: 6-2-0

Requested Allocation: $137,189  Recommended Allocation: $83,540

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Student Services Fee Committee reviewed the requested amount of $137,189 and voted to approve $83,540 for the student organization, Students for a Conservative Voice. The amount allocated for the following fiscal year has been reached after a careful and thorough review of all expenses expected to be incurred by this organization for the 2014-2015 school year. The Majority commends the expansion and increase in services, with subsequent justification for many of those increases. Several deductions to the request were made due to lack of fully explaining some of the programs and their justifications, in addition to a lack of benefit to non-participating students.

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

Operational:
1) The Majority recommended a deduction of $20,000 from salaries, wages, and stipends. The Majority deemed that providing stipends for student workers was justified, though to a lesser extent than that requested in the student organization’s application. The Majority recommended funding on a similar level compared to other student groups of similar size and scope. (NOTE: The Student Group Student Services Fee Committee is not responsible for funding the Minnesota Daily). The Editor-in-Chief’s stipend was cut by $500. The Managing Editor’s stipend was cut by $1,000. The Outreach Director’s stipend was cut by $1,500. Eight writer stipends were provided $100/each per month for 12 months, for a total of $9,600 (equaling a $12,000 cut from original request). The Distribution stipends were cut by $2,000 (total). The Advisor stipend was cut by $3,000. The Majority did not deem sufficient justification for the use of the Student Services Fee to fund an advisor.  

GDM: 10

2) The Majority recommended a deduction of $5,500 from consultant/professional fees. The Majority did not see sufficient justification for the need of a News Consultant, especially for the amount of funding requested for the item. The Majority believed alternative sources of information and aid could be found for cheaper costs.

GDM: 7, 8, 9

2) The Majority recommended a deduction of $800 from operational travel. The Majority did not see sufficient justification for funding parking for the student organization, and suggests alternative sources of income be utilized for parking.

GDM: 8, 9

3) The Majority recommended a deduction of $5,500 from printing and copying. The Majority did not see sufficient justification and evidence for the increase in demand for more issues. The Majority did not deem the hope to establish more advertising as sufficient grounds for increasing funding.

GDM: 9
4) The Majority recommended a deduction of $300 from other operational expenses. The Majority did not see sufficient justification for the funding of subscriptions. Though subscriptions may provide examples for the Minnesota Republic staff to learn from, the Majority deemed that the extent of the benefit for non-participants, in addition to the overall justification for the need for the Student Services Fee, was not adequate. The Majority also felt that other such resources were available for cheaper prices.

GDM: 6, 9

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

GDM: 6

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

GDM: 1, 2, 6, 9

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

GDM: 7, 8

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

GDM: 1, 6

9) The Majority recommended a deduction of $8,000 from Grants. The Majority did not feel that the need and justification for the grants program was sufficient for funding by the Student Services Fee. The Majority believed grant programs are available via alternate sources and that these smaller student groups could pursue these sources as opposed to grants through Students for a Conservative Voice.

GDM: 9

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

GDM: 1, 8, 9

Directives: The Committee applauds Students for a Conservative Voice’s partnering with other student groups on campus to host events, and the organization is encouraged to continue this in the future.

Minority Opinion 1:

Requested Allocation: $137,189
Recommended Allocation: $70,540
Comments:
1) The increase in printing costs from last year is not justified – $5,500 reduction GDM: 3

Minority Opinion 2:
Comments: Due to the uncertainty around the Ron Paul event created by CFACT’s defunding, the Minority would not fund the event for fear it will not be held with only two of its sponsors receiving funding.
Students for a Democratic Society

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

1) $300 was deducted from the cost of the banner, $1,000 was deducted from the t-shirts, and $400 from the sweatshirts. The Committee did not see enough benefit to the greater campus community to justify these expenses. GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

2) $300 total was deducted from the fall and spring meetings. It was determined that the group did not demonstrate need for these funds. GDM: 1, 2, 3, 8

3) $1,650 was deducted from the national conventions. The Committee did not see how this brought enough benefit to the campus overall to justify this expense. GDM: 4, 5, 8

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

5) $275 was deducted from the difference between income and expenses. GDM: 9

Directives: None
Students for Design Activism

Committee Vote: 3-0-0

Requested Allocation: $3,318

Recommended Allocation: $2,260

Majority Opinion:

Comments: The Committee recommends that Students for Design Activism receive $2,260 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The Committee recognizes the organization's ability to raise awareness in the community and the unique experiences the group could bring to the student body. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF funding detailed below.

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

1) The Majority recommended a deduction of $300 for a consultant. The Majority felt that there was lack in evidence for the need of a consultant. No additional funds are raised and other resources can be utilized.

GDM: 7, 9

2) The Majority recommended a deduction of $558 for Art Outreach. The Majority felt that though this event might encourage community recognition of the University, it has little impact on the student body and little outreach to the students. Thus, SSFC will match the grant given to this event.

GDM: 3, 5, 6

3) The Majority recommended a deduction of $200 for difference between income and expenses, thus budget is not accounted for.

GDM: 9

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

Committee Vote: 4-1-0

Requested Allocation: $21,976  Recommended Allocation: $581

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee recommends that Students for Human Life be granted $581.

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

1) Operational food does not benefit the entire student body -$800 GDM: 1, 4, 6
2) The blood drive did not appear to attempt to secure funding from elsewhere -$120 GDM: 7, 8
3) The cupcake event did not appear to attempt to secure funding from elsewhere -$156 GDM: 7, 8
4) The honorarium for the Dr. Peter K event was not justified -$3,000 GDM: 6, 7
5) The Pro Life week travel costs were not justified – $200 GDM: 8
6) The honorarium and video recording costs were unjustified for the Bobby Schindler event – $3,340 GDM: 6, 7, 8
7) The honorarium and video recording costs were unjustified for the Abby Johnson event – $3,340 GDM: 6, 7, 8
8) The travel cost for the Vitae Monologues was not justified – $50 GDM: 8
9) The Committee did not see fit to fund donations for the Cemetery of Innocence, and the travel costs were unjustified – $825 GDM: 1, 7, 8
10) The group had a large difference year after year that the group can use for funding – $9,500 GDM: 7, 8, 9
11) A 10% cut was levied for not seeking outside funding - $64. GDM: 7, 8

Directives: None
**Tesla Works**

Committee Vote: 4-0-0

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

**Majority Opinion:**

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

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

1) Under operational food we are deducting $500 dollars for your year-end banquet. We did not see how this benefits all Fee-paying students.  
   GDM: 6

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

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

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

**Directives:** Focus all SSFC funding requests toward events that benefit the University campus. If your group needs additional funding for events that only benefit a few or are for entertainment purposes, we suggest fundraising, ticketing members, and/or asking members to pay for it themselves.
The Wake Student Magazine #819

Committee Vote: 9-2-0

*Requested Allocation: $39,155  Recommended Allocation: $33,452*

**Majority Opinion:**
*Comments:* The Majority recommends that The Wake be granted $33,452.

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

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

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

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

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

5) There is a large projected difference. The amount left unspent is inconsistent with our recommended range for reserves – $4,633  GDM: 9

**Directives:** None

**Minority Opinion:**
*Requested Allocation: $39,155  Recommended Allocation: $37,202*

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

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

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

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

Directives: None
**Undergraduate Consulting Club**

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

**Majority Opinion:**

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

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

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

   GDM: 7, 8

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

   GDM: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7

3) $1,500 was deducted from the case competition program under the other line item, which included prizes. The Committee did not believe this would benefit enough of the student body.

   GDM: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

**Directives:** None
United Nations Student Association

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee recommends that the United Nations Student Association is granted $13,640, their full request for fully meeting all GDMs.

Directives: None
University Honors Program Student Association

Committee Vote: 3-2-0

Requested Allocation: $10,250  Recommended Allocation: $7,450

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Majority recommends that the University Honors Program Student Association be granted $7,450.

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

1) The operations travel cost for a service bus is not justified – $500  GDM: 8

2) The printing and copying cost are not fully justified to meet the demand that was explained – $300  GDM: 2, 8

3) The Travel Grant does not serve all Fee-paying students, and it was not clear that the selection process met all of the minimum requirements to apply for SSF – $2,000  GDM: 6, Min. Req.: 6, 10

Directives: None
University of Minnesota Judo Club

Committee Vote: 5-1-0

Requested Allocation: $12,463

Recommended Allocation: $1,984

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

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

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

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

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

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

Minority Opinion:
Requested Allocation: $12,463

Recommended Allocation: $4,565

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $30,265  
Recommended Allocation: $24,743

Majority Opinion

Comments: The Committee was very impressed by the amount this group does, and its ability to represent the University of Minnesota around the country. The largest subtraction was the difference between their budgeted income and expenses totaling $3,970.

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

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

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

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

4) A difference of $3,970 was subtracted, as it was not deemed necessary as a reserve. 
   GDM: 9

Directives: None
University of Minnesota Undergraduate Mock Trial Association

Committee Vote: 4-0-1

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

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

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

1) The Committee cut a total of $7,749 from funding for competitions. The three that were most looked at were The Windy City Invitational, The Joliet Regional, and the Invitational outside of the region. The Committee saw the importance of these events, both locally and abroad, but did not feel that Student Services Fee funding for all events was justified by the information provided. The Committee would like the group to decide where to allocate the granted money and to further seek out additional funding from other sources. – $7,749

GDM: 2, 3, 7, 8

Directives: None
University YMCA

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

Requested Allocation: $58,350  Recommended Allocation: $37,000

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee recommends that University YMCA receives $37,000 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The Majority recognizes the organization’s ability to foster community, provide unique services to the student body as well as the benefit this organization brings to the University. However, there were sections of the budget that did not warrant SSF funding that are detailed below.

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

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

2) The Majority recommended a deduction of $2,500 from the Y CAP event for food, room rental, and travel fees. The Committee felt that there was not sufficient evidence proving the need and/or benefit for such a large budget for this event. It is unclear what the selection process is or why the food and travel fees are so high. The Committee will partially fund due to the benefit it brings for the University community.
   GDM: 3, 7, 9

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

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

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

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

GDM: 2, 6, 7, 8

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

GDM: 1, 4, 6, 8

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

GDM: 1, 4, 6

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

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

Requested Allocation: $32,850  Recommended Allocation: $19,550

Majority Opinion:
Comments: The Committee recommends that the WAM Collective be granted $19,550.

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

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

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

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

4) The Committee did not find the card making supplies under “other” for the Study Night @ WAM Event to be congruent with the purpose of this event – $200  GDM 2

Directives: None
Waterski and Wakeboard Club

Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

1) The Committee decided not to fund this group.          GDM: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8

Directives: None
West Coast Swing Club

Committee Vote: 5-0-0

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

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

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

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

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

Directives: None
Wesley Foundation

Committee Vote: 8-0-0

Requested Allocation: $76,396

Recommended Allocation: $34,354

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9) A deduction of $3,000 for rent was taken as the Committee was not totally convinced that $12,000 was needed from the Student Services Fee. GDM: 8

10) Funding for the program called “coffee break” was deducted by $400 dollars. There was no cost under food, only advertising and rental. We were unsure what advertising was needed for this event. We also do not feel as though this event is totally in line with your mission or
essential for the success of your group and do not see a justification for the Student Services Fee to pay for this event. GDM: 3, 8

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

12) $3,150 was cut from TCF Bank Stadium Movie Night. The Committee felt that, while this could be a great event, SSF funding should not be directed towards it. We believed your costs could be covered by a simple door charge. GDM: 3, 7 and 8

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

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

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

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

17) The Committee believed that the “Simpson House Homeless Shelter” program is a great one and will be great for the community. However, the Committee did not feel as though the estimated attendance per event allows for SSF funding so $500 was cut. The Committee hopes that this event continues but that the individuals involved contribute more. GDM: 1a, 3, 4, 8

18) Again the Committee believed this is a great event, however, with only 15 participants, $150 was cut from “Relay For Life”. GDM: 1a, 3, 4, 8

19) The SSF Committee scrutinized group retreats. The Committee only wishes to fund retreats that would truly benefit the University committee. We cut $2,000 from the program “Fall Retreat” because we were not convinced of the value that this would bring back to campus as a whole and we believed that funding for this event could come from someplace other than SSF funding. GDM: 1a, 3, 5, 7, 8

20) For similar reasons as the Fall Retreat, the Committee cut $5,500 from the program “Spring Break Trip”. We decided this event should not receive SSF funding because the costs are very expensive for 30 students and the benefit to campus was not adequately conveyed to the Committee. GDM: 1a, 3, 5, 7, 8
21) The Committee cut $4,600 from the program, “Star Wars Marathon,” as were unsure how this event aligned with your mission. We felt as though this money is not necessary for your group to function and was defined by you as purely “entertainment”. We felt that there are many other avenues for students for an event like this. GDM: 3

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

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

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

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

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

Committee Vote: 5-3-0

Requested Allocation: $33,532

Recommended Allocation: $25,022

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

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

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

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

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

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

Directives: The Majority would like you to push to get more outside funding through grants, working with other student groups, fundraising, etc. We were also concerned with your audit reports and want to make sure the money you are being given is properly accounted for.

Minority Opinion 1:
Requested Allocation: $33,532

Recommended Allocation: $27,242

Comments: The Minority feels that WSAC demonstrated the need and benefits to the campus of having a Staff Advisor and the full request for the Ad Campaign.

1) A $2,500 addition for Staff Advisor was justified because of the fact an organization with WSAC’s scope has a significant need for someone who could manage communication channels without the hindrance of a demanding class schedule and free up the time for the board to continue to contribute to other organizational obligations. GDM: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, 5
2) A $2,500 addition for a Campus-Wide Ad Campaign was justified because of the impact on campus coupled with the demand for events of this nature. The Student Services Fee Survey conducted by the Office of Measurement Services demonstrates that the desire for programming of this nature is the highest of any subject of programming. The benefits to both the WSAC and the campus are sufficient to fund.

_GDM: 1a, 1c, 2, 3, 5_

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

**Minority Opinion 2:**

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

*Comments:* The Minority would fully remove the staff advisor funding as it is not fully justified.
Young Americans for Liberty at the University of Minnesota

Committee Vote: 5-1-1

Requested Allocation: $70,020  Recommended Allocation: $31,987

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

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

1) $8,100 deducted for stipends and wages  GDM: 7, 8, 10
2) $6,000 deducted for rent  GDM: 6, 7, 8
3) $5,550 deducted for equipment/office supplies  GDM: 6, 7, 8
4) $1,750 deducted for internet and website production  GDM: 6, 7, 8
5) $1,100 deducted for accountant and insurance  GDM: 6, 7, 8
6) $1,000 deducted for meeting food  GDM: 6, 7, 8
7) $1,100 deducted for registration/membership fee  GDM: 5, 6, 7, 8
8) $12,033 deducted from programming ($1,288 from States’ Rights, $1,495 from Retreat, $1,000 from 3rd Annual Debate, $4,000 from National Convention, $1,000 from Kurt Billing, $250 from Capitol Trip, $1,000 from Constitution Day, $1,000 from Drug Prohibition Forum, $1,000 from 2nd Amendment Rights Forum)  GDM: 3, 5, 6, 7, 8

Directives: Again, the Committee commends YAL for the work they do in adding to the diversity of voices heard in the University community. Continue the collaboration with other student organizations that you have pursued historically.

Minority Opinion:
Comments: Due to the uncertainty around the Ron Paul event created by CFACT’s defunding, the Minority would not fund the event for fear it will not be held with only two of its sponsors receiving funding.