

Location: Student Union, 116 Teche Room

Date: 10/16/2023

Time: 3:05pm

Facilitator: Abdel Garbie

Meeting Minutes

- 1) FALL2023 Funding Spreadsheet
 - a. Estimated amount needed: ~\$8,000.
 - b. Research Supplies applications discussed.
 - i. The problem was software requests and textbooks; we cannot fund these.
- 2) By-law changes
 - a. Proposal to move remaining funds from other categories to the travel category.
 - i. After consideration, the committee voted against this, in favor of supplemental funding.
 - b. Proposal to “rename” Programming” category to “Events” category.
 - i. The committee voted in favor of this, but the vote will take place in the last general council meeting.
 - c. Discuss policy on rejecting single applications requesting funds from multiple categories.
 - i. Will discuss further in 3rd funding meeting, but the committee votes to agree on this in principle.
 - ii. Came out of a need to make sure we can fund every student and their application(s).
- 3) Funding opportunities
 - a. Review of Jon Patric Veal’s proposal
 - i. Why not charge every student, including undergraduate students, a research (R1) fee?
 1. UNO’s attempt (brought up by Dr. Khey) was mentioned.
 - a. It is not a valid comparison, as it was to start a plethora of things, including a football program and other sports programs. It was also going to increase student fees by triple digit percentages. What Jon Patric is proposing is applying the same small fee for undergraduate students.
 2. The committee agreed that a change like this will take a while. Adding/Removing fees is something outside of GSO’s control.
 3. Also, the backlash from a recommendation like this will not be something to handle.
 - ii. The funding committee agrees to shelf this proposal.