SOFA Meeting 4/22/2015

Assembly Members Present: Haedyn Christie (QSU), Seamus Howard (Cowell), Chandler Moeller (Merrill), Aykezar Adil (Crown), Shannon Earl (Kresge), Rosemary (Oakes), Roshni Advani (Eight), Daniel Iglesias (Ten), Franchesca Finnigan (Treasurer), Justin Lardinois (Chair).

Fish Rap Live! (Requested: $581.60)

Shannon: I would rather fund a real newspaper rather than a satire newspaper because if you really want comedy you can just go online for free. Also I found that they are very one sided, they’re incredibly liberal and only show comedy from one side, so that’s why I would fund them much less than they are asking for.

Seamus: **Motion to fully fund Fish Rap Live!**

Ayke: **Second.**

Shannon: **Objection,** I think this needs to be discussed a little longer.

Roshni: I feel like it’s highly offensive to say they are a joke because people actually did put real words into it. So I think that I would be comfortable fully funding this organization.

Haedyn: I was gonna say that whether or not they are a comedy newspaper or not, they are very popular on campus so I am in favor of funding them.

Franchesca: They have really good paperwork.

Vote to fund:

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 0.

**Recommended:** $581.60.

Sailing Team (Requested $3373)

Justin: The founding amount that we have to discuss is $3,073 since we can’t fund retroactively.

Seamus: I know that we’ve funded different groups in the past, but I feel like the number of students that this would directly affect would be the members of the sailing team which is not much. I think it’d be great if we could give them the $3000, but I think I’d be more comfortable around $500-1000.

Shannon: From what Kresge Parliament said, they would love to fund sports. I would love to fund them but they don’t rally that much of the community, so maybe half would be good.

Roshni: Motion to fund the Sailing Team $450.
Seamus: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Recommended: $450.**

**Familia X (Requested $1500)**

Ayke: Having gone to a student of color conference and knowing that they really didn’t have a space in that conference I think that it’s important that we send these students to their conference. I **move to fully fund.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Recommended: $1500.**

**SHPE (Requested $7720)**

Shannon: I very much like this organization but I think that they’re asking for too much, so I would be comfortable funding some, but not all.

Roshni: **I motion to fund $720.**

Rosemary: **Second.**

Shannon: **Objection,** I think they should be funded a little more.

Roshni: I support this org but their event is in November and I feel like they have sufficient time to come back to SOFA in Fall Quarter and they have time to fundraise over time, so I wouldn’t feel comfortable giving them anything more than half.

Seamus: I think it should be a little more, like $1000?

Shannon: **Motion to fund $1000.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

Vote to fund $1000:

In favor: 8 | Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0.

**Recommended: $1000.**

**Surf Team (Requested $925)**
Shannon: I think they’re very Santa Cruz and a bunch of great people, I would be down to fund them their entire cost.

Rosemary: I agree with that since the last time they came to SOFA they were very enthusiastic about everyone coming.

Shannon: **Motion to fund $925.**

Daniel: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Recommended: $925.**

**NSBE (Requested $450)**

Seamus: **Motion to fund $450.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, **motion passes.**

**Recommended: $450.**

**Student Media (Requested $5000)**

Shannon: I love this idea but I think they’re asking for too much.

Seamus: I thought $26,000 was insane.

Roshni: **Move to fund $1000.**

Shannon: **Second.**

Ayke: **Objection.** Reserve my right to make a motion, adding up the numbers its $1020, **motion to amend to $1020.**

Seamus: **Second.**

Vote to fund $1020.

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 0 | Abstentions: 1

**Recommended: $1020.**

**Medieval Club (Requested $2000)**

Shannon: I love the medieval club, and I’m in the fencing team and we love the medieval club, I honestly don’t think they need $2000 but I’d love to give them at the very least $1000.
Seamus: Their food cost is $1632.

Roshni: That’s for 12 people, four meals per day per student.

Seamus: **Motion to fund $900.**

Shannon: **Second.**

Roshni: **Objection.** I think we should fund them like $500-700.

Roshni: **Motion to amend to $600.**

Ayke: **Second.**

Shannon: **Objection.** I liked the $900 number.

Ayke: I know this is their last chance to come to SOFA, but there’s fundraising that could be done until then.

Shannon: I know that they spend a lot of their own money on equipment, so I think we should be generous.

Vote to amend from $900 to $600

In favor: 4 | Opposed: 2 | Abstentions: 2, motion passes.

Vote to fund $600.

In favor: 7 | Opposed: 1 | Abstentions: 0

**Recommended: $600.**

ASU (Requested $2450)

Roshni: **Motion to fund $1500.**

Shannon: **Second.**

Seamus: **Objection.**

Shannon: I think it should be $2000.

Roshni: **I rescind my motion.**

Ayke: I really like that they’re going to be reusing their outfits, **move to fund $2000.**

Roshni: **Second.**

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

KASA (Requested $200)

Daniel: Move to fully fund.

Ayke: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Recommended: $200.

Students and Mathematics (Requested $200)

Daniel: Motion to fully fund.

Seamus: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.

Recommended: $200.

Group Folklorico Los Mejicas (Requested $798)

Seamus: Motion to fund $798.

Chandler: Second.

Ayke: Objection. Could we redo the math? We all got different numbers.

Daniel: Numbers aside, I think that we should fund them $798. And we can ask them to have a more comprehensive budget.

Roshni: Motion to amend to $700.

Daniel: Second.

Roshni: Acclamation.

Recommended: $700.

BMU (Requesting $600)

Ayke: Motion to fully fund.

Seamus: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.
Recommended: $600.

FPC (Requesting $250)

Daniel: **Motion to fully fund.**
Shannon: **Second.**

**Recommended: $250.**

Banana Slug News ($400)

Daniel: **Motion to fully fund.**
Chandler: **Second.**
Seamus: **Objection.** They do have money coming from Penny’s.
Ayke: When they were speaking, I wrote down that they said that they still need $370, so I would feel comfortable funding $370.
Shannon: **Motion to amend to $370.**
Daniel: **Second.**
Ayke: **Acclamation.**
**Recommended: $370.**

MSA (Requested $600)

Roshni: **Motion to fund $600.**
Seamus: **Second.**

**Recommended: $600.**

MESH (Requested $300)

Roshni: **Motion to fund $300.**
Seamus: **Second.**
Recommended: $300.

Justin: We are finished recommending and we are under budget. So does anyone want to make a motion to change any amounts?

Seamus: How much was the total funding?

Justin: We have $12000 to give out, the total that we have recommend $11,746.60.

Roshni: Part of me says that we should use the remaining money and give it to some organizations that we weren’t able to fully fund and part of me thinks that we should just leave as is because I feel that if the body agrees with all of this, we used most of our funding pretty well and its no problem if it rolls into next year’s budget. Also, I honestly feel that next week there will be a bunch of people with opinions and having a bit of wiggle room isn’t a bad thing.

Daniel: I’d rather give consideration to the different organizations that we didn’t really fund, and I know that this will be a bit contentious, but the sailing team needs new boats, but I understand that it’s very expensive.

Haedyn: I think that what we did this round is that we calculated how much we’d give out this round already assuming that we’d have more money than we did. I’d be in favor of keeping this and the last time we had a recommendation, the body dismantled it anyway so it doesn’t hurt to have extra.

Seamus: Move to forward these recommendations to SUA.

Chandler: Second.

Justin: Are there any objections? Seeing none, motion passes.