

**SSU FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
IRA BUDGET HEARINGS REPORT
April 23-25, 2004**

Members Present:

Jason Spencer, Co-Chair	Associated Students Representative
Amy Wingfield	Associated Students Representative
Cheryl Moore	Staff Representative
Brittany Davison	Associated Students Representative
Kendra Hooper	Associated Students Representative
Gregory Roberts	Academic Senate Student Affairs Comm. Rep.
Brad Mumaw	Proxy for Catherine Nelson
Chris Fadeff	Proxy for Ethan Lamoureux

Staff Present:

Katie Pierce, Co-Chair	Committee Staff, AVP for Academic Resources
Larry Furukawa-Schlereth	Committee Staff, VP for Administration & Finance
Kelly K. Mackura	Staff Support, Administrative Assistant

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

Agenda for each day
Copies of all IRA proposals
Memo to FAC re: IRA Hearings protocol

Action Taken: Ethan Lamoureux officially gave his proxy to Chris Fadeff for the remainder of the semester due to time conflicts. His letter will be retained in the Fee Advisory Committee (FAC) 2003/2004 binder.

The FAC reviewed proposals and heard testimony from twenty-three (23) IRA eligible programs. Following is a summary of discussion and suggestions for future consideration.

Four Permanently Funded Programs

Through discussion the Committee agreed that the 2002/2003 fee referendum stabilized the percentage distribution to the permanently funded programs. Based upon projected enrollments and fee level, and allowing for a hold-back (\$50,000) to build reserves, and Administrative overhead costs (6%), a total of \$2,379,933 is available for allocation. Katie Pierce presented a worksheet with the following allocations to the four permanently funded programs:

<u>Permanent Program</u>	<u>% of Funds</u>	<u>FAC Recommendation</u>
Athletics	62.25%	\$1,481,508
Center for Performing Arts	15.91%	\$378,647
Children's School	2.11%	\$50,217
Library Extended Hours	6.26%	\$148,984

The Committee recognized that permanent programs with regular staff and long-term on-going program commitments (Athletics and CPA) will be especially hard-hit by allocation reductions

resulting from decreased enrollment. Supplemental distributions to some of the permanent programs will be on the agenda for further discussion and review at the next meeting.

Annually Funded Programs

Annually funded programs were recommended for funding as follows:

Art Gallery: Recommended to fund \$11,000 to cover exhibitions, announcements, and student assistants. Committee recommends this program to a 2-year funding cycle. *Pending further discussion on 2005/2006 fund allocation.*

Community Counseling Center: Recommended funding as requested \$9,796.

Detour Sonoma: Committee was very disappointed with the group's tardiness and poor presentation. Committee recommended funding \$1000. *(New information and further discussion changes this fund allocation. Please refer to April 30th 2004 minutes)*

Fairfield Osborn Preserve: Recommended funding as requested, \$6,200. Committee recommends this program for a 2-year funding cycle. *Pending further discussion on 2005/2006 fund allocation.*

Heritage Month Lecture Series: Recommended funding at the current level, \$50,000. Committee recommends this program for a 2-year funding cycle. *Further discussion at April 30 meeting altered this allocation see minutes.*

Holocaust & Genocide Studies: Recommended to fund \$3,750. Committee would like to see the money spent on internship opportunities and guest speakers. Since this is a new eligible program, the committee would like to see how the program progresses within the next year. Committee invites this program to return next year with a reasonable request of an increase in funding.

KSUN: Recommend funding \$3,600 (\$1,700 less than requested due to the uncertainty of the FCC project). Committee would like the money to be spent on the licensure. Committee does not endorse purchase of a computer with the IRA.

Lacrosse: Recommended funding \$63,500 (\$6,310 less than requested). Committee is considering this program to be on a 2-year funding cycle. Committee will further discuss this consideration at the next FAC meeting.

M*A*T*H Colloquium: After discovering that Program Director Ben Ford is able to rent the equipment he requested funding for, the committee decided that the equipment is not an efficient use of fund allocation. Committee recommended funding \$2,450. Since this is a new eligible program, the committee would like to see how the program progresses within the next year. Committee invites this program to return next year and will consider a well-reasoned request for increase.

Mathematics Teaching Assistant Program: Recommended to fund \$8000. Since this is a new eligible program, the committee would like to see how the program progresses within the

next year. Committee invites this program to return next year with a reasonable request of an increase in funding.

Model United Nations: Recommended to fund \$11,000. Committee felt that fundraising efforts are difficult due to the demanding preparation for the Model United Nations Conference. Since there are many students who return to assist their fellow students in the preparation efforts, the Committee thought the returning students could assist in fundraising efforts. The fund allocation to this program should not be spent on the travel expenses of students who have previously taken the course and gone on to the conference. Committee recommends this program to a 2-year funding cycle. *Pending further discussion on 2005/2006 fund allocation.*

OCBL-Civic Engagement Curric. Initiative: Recommended to fund \$5,000. Committee would like to see half of the funds allocated support one Service Learning Leader position and the other half of the fund support the five pilot community-based thesis program. Since this is a new program, the committee would like to see how the program progresses within the next year. The committee invites this program to return next year with a reasonable request of an increase in funding.

Project Censored: Recommended to fund \$22,000. Committee felt that Project Censored could still produce good quality work without the additional funds. Also, funds awarded earlier in this year provided some equipment upgrades.

RSCAP Student Assistant Supplement: Recommended to fund \$6,000. Since this is a new eligible program, the committee would like to see how the program progresses within the next year. The committee invites this program to return next year with a request for increase if it seems warranted.

Sonoma Film Institute: Recommended to fund this program the same as last year's allocation of \$8,000. The Committee asked Pierce to suggest to the Film Institute director that she contact the Associated Students Publicity Manager for some suggestions on increasing promotion of the film series. Committee recommends this program to a 2-year funding cycle. *Pending further discussion on 2005/2006 fund allocation.*

SSU Literary Magazine- Zaum: Recommended to fund \$2,000 to cover costs of publishing Zaum. The committee did not favor funding for VOLT, viewing it as a product of another organization (Pacific Film and Arts). *Clarification is being sought regarding the relationship of VOLT to SSU. See minutes of future meetings.*

Sonoma SERVES: Committee does not recommend funding for this program this year. Committee supports the concept of the request, but does not agree that the IRA funds should be the sole fund support of a course. Committee felt that IRA funds are intended to supplement a course. Committee invites this program to return next year with a sufficient request for fund usage in relation to an already existing course.

Sonoma State STAR: Recommended funding as requested, \$20,000. The Committee noted the improved look and content of the paper in recent issues as well the positive impression of the IRA hearing presentation.

University 238: Foundations of Leadership: Recommended to fund \$3,500. Committee felt the request for an increase due to the cost of supplies expenses was insufficient. Committee does not recommend the purchase of a digital camera due to the extensive access to numerous operable cameras on campus. The committee recommends this program to a 2-year funding cycle. *Pending further discussion on 2005/2006 fund allocation.*

The following eligible and currently funded programs did not apply for 2004-2005 funding: Biology Curatorial Fellowships, History Journal, and Undergraduate Research Grants.

The Committee will continue deliberations at the next meeting, Friday April 30,2004.