

# **Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee**

## **January 21, 2022 – Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Christine Lin (SAFAC Chair), Jana Walker (Vice Chair), Rajan Rijal (Staff), Gilbert Ymbert (Faculty), Shiva Davanloo (Faculty – Alternate), Fardeen Ferdous (Student Rep), Elijah Pinguel (Student Rep), Muhammad Musaab (Student Rep), Brian White (Faculty)

**Members Absent:** Michele Culpepper (Faculty – Alternate), Perla Diaz (Student Rep), Neishalys Rosario (Student Alternate)

**Administrative Liaison:** Michael Gregorash (Present)

**Coordinator:** Michael Gregorash (Present)

**Minutes Taken By:** Michael Gregorash

**Representatives were present from the following organizations:** AMTA UTA Regional, SWE Polo Shirts, Passport to the World A Safari through Zimbabwe, Fitness Equipment and Repair, Black History Month Speaker

**I. Official Start of Meeting:**

Christine Lin called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

**II. Budget Review:**

At the beginning of this meeting, the SAFAC budget balance is \$419,979.61

**III. Approval of past minutes and additional notes:**

The minutes were presented from the meeting on December 3, 2021.

Elijah Pinguel made a motion to approve the minutes. Gilbert Ymbert seconded.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**IV. Funding Requests Presentations:**

**a. AMTA UTA Regional**

Funding in the amount of \$4,652.56 is requested to cover the costs of attending the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) regionals in Arlington, Texas on February 25-27, 2022. We were invited to Houston to attend a Mock Trial there, and we had one student who won “Best Witness” at the event. We spent about \$7,000.00 sending our team of 10 to this event, which means that we need a little more money to attend the Regional event locally, which if we win would allow us to advance on to eventually participate in the NCAA Championships. Last year, we beat University of Nebraska and University of Wisconsin. We are asking for the bare minimums to be able to stay in Arlington

**b. SWE Polo Shirts**

Funding in the amount of \$539.00 is requested to cover the costs of purchasing polos for the members of the organization. Our organization is an advocate for women in STEM fields. We have one a month monthly meetings, and sometimes we will have guest speakers come in from the field, and we will also have workshops to help with learning (working on resumes, etc.). This semester, we will have mock interviews to help them become more comfortable and more familiar with being in that setting. We would wear the SWE polo shirts for different events, and we would wear these for different events (like the Student Involvement fair). We would be providing these to official members

**c. Passport to the World A Safari Through Zimbabwe**

Funding in the amount \$320.00 to cover the costs of funding the Passport to the World A Safari through Zimbabwe event. The presenter wants to talk about her home country of Zimbabwe, and she is very excited about presenting and talking about her home country. This event will be towards the end of February, and I have gone ahead and reached out to a couple of student organizations, and there are some students who are from Zimbabwe who are very excited to attend. I spoke with the presenter about food that would be representative for the region, and so they decided to be able to do scones and tea (as that has been a very normal thing to have there).

**d. Fitness Equipment and Repair**

Funding in the amount \$5,912.42 to cover the costs of purchasing some new equipment and repair some existing equipment at the Plano Campus fitness center. The main reason that we are requesting this funding is that we have a maintenance crew that comes in and services our equipment, and they have recommended that we service our treadmill belts. The remainder of the funds is for some general upgrades to equipment (dumbbells, etc.), as we get quite a bit of traffic to the weight room. We have a lot of students come in, but we are also the campus where the men's and women's basketball and men's and women's tennis come in and train, and so we want to be able to freshen up the facility and make it the best that it can be for them. We have a general budget for regular maintenance with an external company, but when things get worn down beyond that, we get stuck.

**e. Black History Month Speaker**

Funding in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the costs of an honorarium for a presenter for Black History Month. I am one of the reference librarians at the Frisco Campus, and I had been thinking about getting a speaker for Black History Month. I saw this book called "Teaching Black History to White People", and found that the writer was from the University of Texas at Austin. The book speaks about diversity and lessons that faculty can use to teach, and Jason Moore (who is a history professor at the Frisco Campus) was actually his TA, and said that he would be a great speaker. This presentation would be taking place via Zoom (although this speaker would like to be able to come to campus at some point in the future). There are three departments working on this (Library, History and the Writing Center).

**V. Funding Requests Voting Results:**

**a. AMTA UTA Regional**

Funding in the amount of \$4,652.56 is requested to cover the costs of attending the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) regionals in Arlington, Texas on February 25-27, 2022.

Gilbert Ymbert made the motion to fund the AMTA UTA Regional request for up to \$4,653.00. Fardeen Ferdous seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**b. SWE Polo Shirts**

Funding in the amount of \$742.00 is requested to cover the costs of purchasing polos for the members of the organization.

Shiva Davanloo made the motion to fund the SWE Polos for up to \$742.00. Muhammad Musaab seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**c. Passport to the World A Safari Through Zimbabwe**

Funding in the amount \$320.00 to cover the costs of funding the Passport to the World A Safari through Zimbabwe event.

Gilbert Ymbert made the motion to fund the Passport to the World A Safari through Zimbabwe event for up to \$320.00. Fardeen Ferdous seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**d. Fitness Equipment and Repair**

Funding in the amount \$5,912.42 to cover the costs of purchasing some new equipment and repair some existing equipment at the Plano Campus fitness center.

Muhammad Musaab made the motion to fund the purchasing some new equipment and repair some existing equipment at the Plano Campus fitness center for up to \$5,913.00, contingent on approval of the Vice President of Finance. Gilbert Ymbert seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass. Upon further discussion with Barbara Johnston (Associate VP Financial Services and Reporting), Dr. Albert Tezeno (VP Student and Enrollment Services) and Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley (Campus Provost, Plano Campus), it was noted that the Athletic Department would be financially responsible for the cost of the repairs and that the funding award should only cover the cost of the new equipment being requested.

**e. Black History Month Speaker**

Funding in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the costs of an honorarium for a presenter for Black History Month.

Shiva made the motion to fund the honorarium for a presenter for Black History Month for up to \$500.00. Muhammad Musaab seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**VI. Announcements:**

Christine Lin announced that the next SAFAC Meeting will be Friday, February 4, 2022 via Zoom.

**VII. Adjourn:**

Muhammad Musaab made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 PM.