To: Melissa Vito  
Senior Vice President, Student Affairs – Enrollment/Strategic Initiatives

From: The Student Services Fee Advisory Board

CC: Joel Hauff  
Teresa Whetzel

Date: April 02, 2018

Subject: SSFAB Recommended Funding Allocations for FY19

The Student Services Fee Board met on February 26th to discuss and vote on the 27 proposals submitted by the SAEM/AISS Departments. The Board reviewed the merits of each proposal and after careful consideration we are pleased to recommend funding for 25 of the 27 projects next year; 5 proposals were recommended for 2 year funding and 1 proposal was recommended for 3 year funding. The Board recommended allocations as well as the rationale for these allocations are on the attached pages.

We respectfully request your approval of our recommendations.

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SSFAB Funding Recommendations FY19

SF19.01  ASA Peer Mentors
The board voted to recommend funding ASA Peer Mentors for two years; $430,000 for the first year and $444,000 for the second year. The board recognizes this project as a great resource on campus given that retention numbers consistently need to be increased and are a priority for the university. Additionally, the hiring of student peer mentors to facilitate these efforts is a great career and professional development experience. However, limited funds were available, causing us to reduce the amount of funds allocated. As a board, we appreciate the changes made to this project during the past year and recognize that ASA peer mentors will continue to impact thousands of students on campus.

SF19.02  Behavioral Intervention: Engaging Students
The board voted to recommend $200,000 of partial funding for the Student Assistance and Behavior Intervention Program for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. This program aims to minimize the impact of challenges students’ face, which can prevent them from being successful at the UA, and to help build a stronger campus community. The board recognizes the importance of this program and the needs on campus it addresses. This program also helps alleviate some of the burden on CAPS. However, the amount requested seemed high relative to previous funding levels and the board felt that the program could be successful with slightly less funding.

SF19.03  Boxing Up Hunger
The board voted to recommend partial funding for Boxing Up Hunger in the amount of $13,000. The board values this project’s aim to further help remedy the food insecurity faced by some students on campus. However, there were some logistical issues the board recognized in the proposal, in terms of efficiency and time-management that we hope can be remedied in future proposals of this kind.

SF19.04  Campus Events and Engagements
The board voted to recommend $34,700 in funding for one year for Campus Events and Engagement. The board recognizes this project is important to support because, continued improvement in accessibility for students on campus is vital to providing services to students with disabilities. This funding also helps support diversity in our campus community at various events. With one year of funding, the board will be able to assess what this proposal accomplishes during the next year, and welcome future funding requests.

SF19.05  Common Ground Alliance
The board voted to recommend $150,000 in funding for Common Ground Alliance for year one, and $150,000 for year two. The board values this project’s commitment to inclusive excellence
and issues of diversity are crucial to the University of Arizona’s ability to serve students. The board recognizes the collaborative role CGA plays in bringing the UA Cultural & Resources Centers together, along with other partners, to offer comprehensive programs and services that enhance students’ awareness and skills that are related to issues of diversity. Additionally, the Board appreciates the way CGA is expanding local, state-wide, and global opportunities to students by way of the Global Experiential Learning program embedded in this proposal. While CGA was not offered full-funding, the board believes the intent and objectives of the grant can still be upheld with the amount recommended.

**SF19.06 Continued Support for Rooftop Garden Project**
The board does not recommend funding the Rooftop Garden project. The board felt the addition of a second location in front of Nugent would not be an appropriate use of funds as the rooftop garden on the Student Union Memorial Center could be further developed. With the intention of the project to be part two of the rooftop garden, the board did not see the connections and had concerns about having an open garden placed on the mall.

**SF19.07 Disability Cultural Center**
The board voted to recommend partially fund the Disability Cultural Center for one year at $50,000. The board recognizes the potential for the Center as something that can expand services and visibility for disabled students. The first year original request seemed larger than necessary to get this center started. As with other projects, the board wants to see the DCC operate for a year and come back with their successes and metrics to support the need for continued funding.

**SF19.08 Faculty Fellows**
The board voted to recommend full funding of $50,000 for one year in order to support our campuses Faculty Fellows program. The board values the connection between students and faculty as a priority and a sees this as a necessary program to help improve student retention. With the funds provided, Faculty Fellows would have the opportunity to host more programs and provide students with better support. The board would like to see how the funds provided affects students and if the rate at which students participate in programs provided by Faculty Fellows increases.

**SF19.09 GPSC Professional Opportunities Development Funding**
The board voted to recommend full funding in the amount of $22,800 for one year, for the GPSC Professional Opportunities Development program. This program supports professional development events organized by graduate and professional students from across the university. The board recognizes this as an important program that supports impactful, well-attended events open to all students on our campus.
SF19.10  HydroCats
The board voted to recommend partially fund $50,000 to HydroCats for one year. The board recognized the emphasis our student body puts on sustainable projects. The HydroCats project plans to use funding to oversee sustainable crop production and add two additional greenhouses. The board would like to have more data and information on how the funds impacts individual students. The board would hope to see HydroCats provide in depth data in future years, which would allow the board to allocate more funds to future initiatives.

SF19.11  Innovate UA
The board voted to recommend funding $65,000 to Innovate UA for one year. The board is fully aware of the positive impact Innovate UA has on the campus for innovative students, across a variety of majors. The board allocated partial funding to allow the opportunity for continued assessment of growth from the funding. The board would value seeing growth and reach with Innovate UA and welcomes more proposals in the future.

SF19.12  Native Rise
The board voted to recommend full funding for one year in the amount of $113,000 for Native Rise. The board recognizes the utility in having programs that center Native American communities and build collaborations along the K-12 educational pipeline. In particular, the board was excited to see that undergraduate and graduate leaders of the UA have opportunities to positively impact their communities while also building a platform for their own academic success as Wildcats. The board looks forward to seeing the future impact of the initiatives outlined in this proposal.

SF19.13  Night Security
The Board recommends the Night Security project for full funding of $30,300 for one year. The Board values the importance of student safety, supported by this project. With the campus expanding in size and Tucson’s crime rates in consideration, the board decided to recommend funding in full, because it was determined there is significant demand for the service. The recommended funding is for one year as funding priorities of the Board could change in future years.

SF19.14  PlantED: Culinary Workshops for Students
The board voted to recommend funding for the PlantED: Culinary Workshops project for $6,100 for one year. This proposal would allow students to attend PlantED: Culinary Workshops for free. These students would be able to pick up a ticket from Campus Pantry in order to attend these workshops. The board recommends funding for less than the full amount requested to allow the project time to assess how many students utilize the free tickets and apply for future funding if the program is successful.
SF19.15  Project Pave the Way
The board recommends partial funding of $99,400 for year one and $99,800 for year two to Project Pave the Way. The board found this proposal exceptional in both the structure and depth of the proposal. The Board recognizes that this project really challenges student mentors to demonstrate to prospective students what they know about the U of A. This project not only addresses current students, but also future students, and how we are practicing giving back as future alumni as well.

SF19.16  Project RUSH
The board recommends funding Project RUSH for $110,000 for one year. The board recognizes that Project RUSH is a program effecting a huge portion of students and support is crucial. Project RUSH allows the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid to have more help during peak seasons (the beginning of the Fall and Spring academic semesters) for financial aid questions and issues. This funding would go towards temporary staff trained to answer financial aid questions, and the addition of staff has proven to reduce wait times. The board recognizes that it is important for the University to provide these services and provide a less stressful experience when dealing with financial aid questions and support for students.

SF19.17  GPSC Research and Project Grants
The board recommends partial funding of $100,000 for one year to the GPSC Research and Project Grants for the 2018-2019 Academic Year. This programs aims to provide support for student research projects at the UA. The board recognizes the importance of these projects on our campus as well as for the students. However, the amount requested seems a high relative to previous funding levels and would like to see the program show a progression of need.

SF19.18  Scholarship Universe Departmental Coordinator
The Board recommends one year of funding for $31,400 for Scholarship Universe. The board saw the benefit that would come from the addition of this position on campus to help the student population using the scholarship universe program. The board hopes this funding will result in continued improvement, as the student experience with Scholarship Universe can at times, be frustrating. The Board also wants to see how the partnership with Campus Logic affects the need for support from SSF for future years.

SF19.19  SPEAKOut Design and Marketing
The board recommends allocating partial funding of $70,000 for the SPEAKOut Design and Marketing proposal for one year. The board recognizes the value in this project, and would like to encourage additional emphasis on digital rather than print marketing materials. The Board believes one year of funding will work for this project and with continued growth; the Board would like to see SPEAKOut reapply for funding next year.
SF19.20  **Stickers for Sustainability**
The Board does not recommend funding the Stickers for Sustainability project. The Board believes this project needs to be better developed and is not the best use of student fee dollars. The Board is concerned that students could potentially abuse the program, or not use the stickers at all. The price for stickers was higher than we felt comfortable supporting and would be spent each year on the incoming freshman class. This project should consider requesting funding from the Green Fund or Freshman Fee board, as the request seems more applicable to these funds.

SF19.21  **Student Faculty Interaction Grant**
The Student Faculty Interaction Grant project is recommended for funding in the full for $50,000 for one year. There has been a growing demand for extracurricular opportunities for students that this project could help fill. This project gives faculty an opportunity to be innovative and provides students with a great opportunity to learn outside the classroom.

SF19.22  **Supporting UA Green Fund and Sustainability Office**
The board voted to recommend full funding of $30,900 for one year for Supporting UA Green Fund and Sustainability Office. The board has recognized the importance of green projects and initiatives around campus. Students are seeking ways to increase sustainability. Due to the importance of sustainability and the limited resources available to the Office of Sustainability, the board felt that it was appropriate to fund the UA Green Fund and Sustainability Office.

SF19.23  **UA Campus Pantry**
The board voted to recommend funding for UA Campus Pantry in full for one year at $43,000. This project is vital, to the board and this campus, in combating food insecurity within the student population. It also provides student employee positions, as well as a graduate assistant position. The board did not approve in full for two years only because we want to ensure funds are being used as efficiently as possible each year, and look forward to a similarly constructed proposal for the following fiscal year.

SF19.24  **University of Arizona Emergency Medical Services**
The board voted to recommend that UA Emergency Medical Services receive partial funding in the amount of $187,900 for year one and $194,000 for year two. This proposal is very important to the university and Tucson community as a whole and we believe that the fast response time is essential in providing medical care to students. In addition, we believe that the funding used for vehicles and radio upgrades are essential for continuing to provide quality care while promoting safety for the EMTs.
SF19.25  University of Arizona Job Shadow Program
The board recommends funding the UA Job Shadows project in full for $15,700 for one year. The Board is pleased to support this program, which provides a hub for students to tap into the UA alumni network that will help students in their career search. There is a growing demand for job-related opportunities for student’s campus wide, as can be observed with the Eller career programs, but which are absent among the majority of other colleges. Job-related programs like this can substantially increase a student’s chance of finding a job post-graduation. This project was very highly valued project by the board.

SF19.26  Veterans Education and Transition Services
The board recommends funding the VETS proposal for year one at $151,600 and year two at $152,100. The board believes these are vital programs on campus for Vets. These programs give veterans and their dependents programming and space that compliments their experiences as students, and provides much needed support for this student group. As with other proposals, the board was cautious to approve for more than a single year, but compromised and landed on two years funding, asking that VETS come back again.

SF19.27  Women’s Resource Center
The board voted to recommend funding the Women’s Resource Center in full, for all three years of requested funds at $129,700 for year one, $129,700 for year two, and $129,700 for year three. This proposal is very important to the University of Arizona and the plethora of students the WRC serves throughout the year. They host many programs and events for gender-related issues, and also have a variety of internships through the center to further promote involvement and leadership. They serve approximately 10,000 students each year. The vital student impact, both now and in the future, provided by this center, is the reason the Board voted to approve the proposal in full, for three years.