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Student Services Fee Advisory Board  
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TO: Division of Student Affairs, SSF Applicants, and University of Arizona Students  
FROM: Student Services Fee Advisory Board (SSFAB)

RE: Advice ALLOCATIONS FY 2013

*The Student Services Fee Advisory Board has recommended and the Vice President for Student Affairs has accepted the following for Allocation from the Student Services Fee in FY 2012-2013.*

**Final Allocations by SSFAB, February 27 and March 2, 2012**

Project Number	Project Name	Dept	Requested		Allocated		FY 2013
			Yrs	Amount	Yrs	Amount	Balance
							\$1,500,000
SF13.01P1	Next Steps Center	Admissions	2	\$88,500 \$84,000	1	\$88,500	\$1,411,500
SF13.02P1	Alternative Breaks	ASUA	3	\$14,000 \$15,000 \$16,000	1	\$5,300	\$1,406,200
SF13.03F3	Student Advocacy and Assistance	DOS	3	\$43,500 \$82,900 \$82,900	3	\$82,900	\$1,362,700
SF13.04P1	GPSC POD Funding Grant for Graduate & Professional Students	GPSC	2	\$20,000 \$20,000	1	\$20,000	\$1,342,700
SF13.05F1	UA-Student Emergency Medical Services	ASUA	1	\$25,200	1	\$25,200	\$1,317,500
SF13.06P1	ASUA Club Funding	ASUA	2	\$125,000	1	\$125,000	\$1,192,500
SF13.07P1	Student Transitions Student Assistants-Expansion	Student Trans/Ret	2	\$134,200 \$131,200	1	\$134,200	\$1,058,300
SF13.08N	ASUA Service Initiatives	ASUA	3	\$40,700	0	\$0	\$1,058,300
SF13.09N	Arizona Model United Nations Conferences	Academic Success	3	\$8,000 \$9,000 \$10,000	0	\$0	\$1,058,300
SF13.10P2	Project RUSH Proposal FY2013-2015	Financial Aid	3	\$232,000	2	\$232,000	\$826,300
SF13.11F1	DOS Graduate Professional Program	DOS	1	\$154,900	1	\$154,900	\$671,400

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SF13.12P1	GPSC Travel Grants Program Grant for Graduate & Professional Students	GPSC	2	\$111,300	1	\$111,300	\$560,100
SF13.13F1	Daily Wildcat: Funds Career-Based Jobs & Content Expansion	AZ Student Media	1	\$60,000	1	\$60,000	\$500,100
SF13.14P1	Justice Education & Diversity Internship (JEDI) Program	DOS	3	\$40,000	1	\$40,000	\$460,100
SF13.15P1	GPSC Childcare Grant for Graduate & Professional Students	GPSC	2	\$26,000	1	\$26,000	\$434,100
SF13.16N	Internship Readiness Program	Career Services	3	\$127,500 \$123,500 \$123,500	0	\$0	\$434,100
SF13.17P1	Ensuring an Extraordinary Student Experience Professional Internship Program Graduate Coordinator	Development & Outreach	2	\$37,700	1	\$37,700	\$396,400
SF13.18F1	Speaker Series	SU	1	\$16,500	1	\$16,500	\$379,900
SF13.19N	Pathway to Academic Student Success (PASS) Probation Program	ASUA	3	\$100,000	0	\$0	\$379,900
SF13.20P1	Scholarship Universe	Student Trans/Ret	2	\$225,900	1	\$225,900	\$154,000
SF13.21P1		Financial Aid	3	\$350,000	1	\$161,500	\$(7,500)
<b>Total</b>				\$2,791,600		\$1,507,500	\$(7,500)
<b>Reserve= \$438,300</b>							\$430,800

**Rationales:**

**SF13.01P1 Next Steps Center**

The board recommends partial funding of \$88,500 for 1 year. The board felt that the amount of students impacted per dollar was great and merited its funding. The Next Steps Center fulfills an unmet need on campus and has shown its success in transitioning incoming freshman to the UA in previous years. The Board also recognized that this program helps increase enrollment of highly qualified students to the University and understands the importance of having a strong recruitment process. That being said, the application did not demonstrate a pressing need for multi-year funding nor did the application ask for professional staff positions. For these reasons, the board recommends 1 year of funding to ensure that the SSFAB can remain flexible in its monetary decisions for next year.

**SF13.02P1 Alternative Breaks**

The board recommends partial funding of \$5,300 for 1 year. Although this program did not fall under a priority on the SSF survey, the board recognized the uniqueness of the application and the importance of offering students a non-alcoholic alternative where they can engage in charitable work. For these reasons, we recommend partial funding to supplement the cost of weekend service trips as well as scholarships to help students off-set the costs of an Alternative Break. The board did not feel that the application demonstrated a pressing need for multi-year funding and felt that the success of the program could be measured in one year. The board would also like to strongly recommend that ASUA work to integrate Alternative Breaks within their budget (since Alternative Breaks recently got housed under ASUA) in order to alleviate the burden of funding this program off of the SSF.

**SF13.03F3 Student Advocacy & Assistance**

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The board recommends funding this application in full over the next 3 years (\$43,500 for year 1 and \$82,900 for year 2 and 3). The board sees this program as a critical service that can potentially be used by all the students paying the fee. This program fulfills an unmet need on campus and has shown previous success in helping students with academic and personal issues. The application illustrated a stable need for funding by demonstrating a stable demand from the students who have used this service. The board felt that a professional staff position of this caliber must be given a long term commitment in order to ensure the best possible service to the students. This application also fixed a previous offset in funding of 2 professional staff positions making it easier and more transparent for the board to make an informed decision.

### **SF13.04P1 GPSC POD Funding Grant for Graduate & Professional Students**

The board recommends partial funding of \$20,000 for 1 year. This program falls under the *Top 5 Initiatives for Graduate Students* according to the 2012 SSF survey and warranted its funding. The board appreciated that the application showed an initiative in finding sources of funding outside of the SSF as well as demonstrating success in the past at providing a service that would otherwise be unmet. The board recommends funding this application for 1 year because the board did not feel that there was a consistent enough demand to warrant multi-year funding. The board also felt that funding this application for more than a year would reduce the flexibility of GPSC to effectively and efficiently deal with the changing demand from the student population. The board would also like to recognize GPSC for its exceptionally well written application and should be used as an exemplar for other applicants wishing to receive a recommendation from the SSFAB.

### **SF13.05F1 UA-Student Emergency Medical Services**

The board recommends full funding of \$25,200 for 1 year. The board recommends funding this application in full because it meets an unmet need on campus and falls under a top 5 initiative for undergraduate students. The board would like to recommend that SA try and encourage UA-Student Emergency Medical Services to outgrow their club status and become institutionalized within a department in SA. The board felt that this would ensure the longevity of the program and avoid complications with the SSF potentially funding the program twice (being a club, they would be eligible to receive funding from the ASUA Club Appropriations Board, which is funded by the SSF, as well as being eligible in receiving funds from the SSF directly through an application).

### **SF13.06P1 ASUA Club Funding**

The board recommends partial funding of \$125,000 for 1 year. ASUA Club Funding provides an opportunity for clubs on campus to receive supplemental funding to enhance their members' experiences. This application fulfills an unmet need on campus and has demonstrated its success in supporting clubs on campus in the past; however, the board recommends 1 year of funding so that the ASUA Club Appropriations Board can remain flexible in the fluctuating demand from the clubs.

### **SF13.07P1 Student Transitions Student Assistants-Expansion**

The board recommends partial funding of \$134,200 for 1 year. The board felt that this program provided an unmet need on campus and effectively demonstrated its success in the past. The board also liked the fact that the SSF (paid by students) was going to pay for student jobs, which are career based. The board recommends 1 year of funding because we felt that next year's board could effectively measure the success of the expansion in a year and make a better informed decision for funding in future (if the applicant seeks it). The board also felt that 1 year of funding would not hurt the expansion of the program because the application did not demonstrate a strong enough case to indicate otherwise.

**SF13.08N ASUA Service Initiatives**

The board recommends not funding this application. In our discussions, the board felt that the program did not meet any demonstrated need according to the 2012 SSF Survey as well as indicate a lack of community service opportunities on campus. Although the board recognized the importance of having opportunities like this for students to engage in, we did not deem it vital nor had the funds to recommend funding. With the recent reshuffling of various programs and services, the board felt that it would be best that this program have discussions with ASUA to prioritize its funding and possibly come back to the SSFAB when the program has settled into its new home.

**SF13.09N Arizona Model United Nations Conferences**

The board recommends not funding this application. Although the board recognized the growth and prestige of Arizona's Model United Nations chapter, we did not deem this application as an essential need for students on campus. The board recognized that ASUA may not be properly equipped to deal with this large of a funding request; however, the board felt that this is not the best place for a club to receive funding because of complications with potentially funding a club twice as stated earlier. The difference between this club and the UA-Student Emergency Medical Services club (which received our recommendation for funding from the SSF) was the fact that membership into the EMS program requires a medical certification and they provide a service to all students on campus.

**SF13.10P2 Project RUSH Proposal FY2013-2015**

The board recommends partial funding of \$232,000 for 2 years. This proposal falls under a top 5 priority according to the 2012 SSF Survey and has shown previous success in providing a service to students on campus. The board recognizes the importance of using SSF money to help fund student jobs on campus which helped motivate the board to recommend. We recommend 2 years of funding for numerous reasons: 1) the hiring cycle this program demands makes it difficult to provide students the best possible service with 1 year of funding so 2 years is recommended 2) the application demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of the expected demand and 3) demonstrated a need for stable funding.

**SF13.11F1 Dean of Students Graduate Professional Program**

The board recommends full funding of \$154,900 for 1 year. The board recommends that this application be funded in full because the amount of students that will be directly and indirectly affected per dollar is high. The application demonstrated its success in the past as well as an initiative in finding other sources of funding outside of the SSF. The application creates student based jobs that will provide a career based experiences, which the board recognizes as vital towards the development of our students. The board would also like to recognize DOS for its exceptionally well written application and should be used as an exemplar for other applicants wishing to receive a recommendation from the SSFAB.

**SF13.12P1 GPSC Travel Grants Program Grant for Graduate & Professional Students**

The board recommends partial funding of \$111,300 for 1 year. The board recommends funding this application because travel grants falls under the top 5 initiatives for graduate students, meets and otherwise unmet need, and has shown an initiative in finding outside funding sources. The board also recommends that this application be funded for 1 year in order to increase the flexibility for the travel grants program and be better prepared to meet the demand for next year. The board would also like to recognize DOS for its exceptionally well written application and should be used as an exemplar for other applicants wishing to receive a recommendation from the SSFAB.

**SF13.13F1 Daily Wildcat: Funds Career Based Jobs & Content Expansion**

The board recommends full funding of \$60,000 for 1 year. The board recommends funding this application mainly because of the many students that the application will directly and indirectly impact. The Daily Wildcat demonstrated an initiative in finding outside sources of funding and the board determined that it would be a worthwhile investment to fund this pilot program.

**SF13.14P1 Justice Education & Diversity Internship (JEDI) Program**

The board recommends partial funding of \$40,000 for 1 year. This program provides an unmet need on campus and was the only application that addressed social justice this year. The board recognizes the importance of social justice programs and the need to raise awareness and educate students in order to prepare them for the diverse experiences outside of the classroom. To remain consistent with previous applications, the board recommends that the JEDI Program be funded for 1 year since it is a pilot program. The board would also like to note that this application was vaguely written. We had to ask many clarification questions; for this reason, the board would like to see measurable assessment goals in their progress report so that next year's board can monitor the success of the program.

**SF13.15P1 GPSC Childcare Grant for Graduate & Professional Students**

The board recommends partial funding of \$26,000 for 1 year. This application serves to meet a demand on campus that is not properly addressed. After discussions with GPSC to amend the wording of the application to include graduate **and** undergraduate students, the board would recommend funding this application for 1 year as a pilot program in the hopes that this application will take the first step in solving an issue on campus. The board recognized that this application serves as a temporary fix and may not be the best solution, but felt that it is better to do something than nothing at all to address the problem. After much discussion, the board also recommends that departments on campus need to work together to find a permanent home and more inclusive means of providing childcare.

**SF13.16N Internship Readiness Program**

The board recommends not funding this application. The board felt that the application's intentions were justified but the means of addressing the issue was not. The application did not meet the board's understanding of what students want in terms of preparing them for life after college. The program offered preparation for internships rather than access to internships.

**SF13.17P1 Ensuring an Extraordinary Student Experience**

The board recommends partial funding of \$37,700 for 1 year. The board originally felt uncomfortable funding this proposal due to the foreseen difficulty to quantify success satisfactorily. However the potential to bring in additional sources of funding to the university could not be passed up and the board was willing to fund this program for one year with the suggestion that other sources of funding should be used in the future to support this program if it is successful.

**SF13.18F1 Professional Internship Program Graduate Coordinator**

The board recommends partial funding of \$16,500 for 1 year. The program demonstrated its success in the past and showed an initiative in finding other sources of funding as well as success in garnering outside financial support.

**SF13.19N Speaker Series**

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The board recommends not funding this application. The board did not feel that this program was a vital component in the student experience. That being said, the board recognized that this program had the potential to enrich the academic experience of students on campus and would like to recommend that if Student Affairs receives more than the projected amount from the SSF that it go towards funding this program.\*

### **SF13.20P1 Pathway to Academic Student Success (PASS) Probation Program**

The board recommends partial funding of \$225,900 for 1 year. The probation program provides a need that is otherwise not met on campus and is critical in helping retain students at the UA. The board also recommends funding this application because it supports student jobs. In order to remain consistent with previous applications, this program is a pilot and warranted our recommendation of 1 year of funding because we felt that the program could be accurately assessed in this time. The board would also like to see this program become a mandatory part of any student on probation rather than an opt-in program.

### **SF13.21P1 Scholarship Universe**

The board recommends partial funding of \$161,500 for 1 year. This program offers a unique way for students to access scholarships and receive financial assistance, which was a top 5 undergraduate initiative according to the 2012 SSF Survey. The reduction in funding from the original amount reflects the board's concerns with SSF money being used to pay for a raise in the salary of the applicant writer as well as an investment in entrepreneurial ventures. The board recommends that this money be spent on anything but the enterprise part of the program because we were not satisfied with the plans for expansion. If marketing the program to other schools is a goal of the applicant, the board would feel more comfortable if that money was not being paid by the SSF. The board would also like to offer some constructive criticism regarding the program in order to enhance students' experiences: 1) improve the quality of the scholarships offered on the website and 2) increase the amount of local scholarships on the website.

The board felt that it was necessary to reduce the original amount requested (\$350,000) to the level of funding the program received previously from the SSFAB because we did not feel comfortable

The Board also recommends that if there are remaining funds that it be allocated to the following program:

1. \*Speaker Series (\$100,000 for 1 year)

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