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Vice President for Student Affairs

**From:** The Student Services Fee Advisory Board

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**Subject:** SSFAB Recommended Funding Allocations for FY17

The Student Services Fee Board met on February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss and vote on the 24 proposals submitted by the Student Affairs Departments. The Board reviewed the merits of each proposal and after careful consideration we are pleased to recommend funding for 19 of the 24 projects next year; 4 proposals were approved for 2 year funding and zero proposals were approved 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.

Thank you.

Proposal #	Proposal Name	Dept	# Yrs Requested	Requested Year 1	Requested Year 2	Requested Year 3	Total Requested	# Years Funded	Approved Funding Year 1	Approved Funding Year 2	Approved Funding Year 3	Total Funded
SF17.01	Arizona Mentors	AISS	3	31,100	31,300	31,800	94,200	-	-	-	-	-
SF17.02	ASUA Club Funding	ASUA	3	151,500	151,500	151,500	454,500	1	100,000			100,000
SF17.03	ASUA Safe Ride	ASUA	2	212,000	212,000	-	424,000	1	212,000			212,000
SF17.04	Campus Events & Engagement	DRC	3	56,800	56,800	56,800	170,400	2	56,800	56,800		113,600
SF17.05	Career Services: Connections for Career Readiness and Opportunities	Career Services	3	139,500	139,500	139,500	418,500	-	-			-
SF17.06	Child Care	GPSC	1	101,000			101,000	1	101,000			101,000
SF17.07	GPSC Club Funding	GPSC	1	15,200			15,200	1	10,000			10,000
SF17.08	GPSC Graduate Enrichment Program	GPSC	1	10,100			10,100	-	-			-
SF17.09	GPSC Professional Opportunities Development	GPSC	1	22,300			22,300	1	15,000			15,000
SF17.10	GPSC Research and Project Grant Funding	GPSC	1	122,000			122,000	1	88,800			88,800
SF17.11	GPSC Travel Grants Program	GPSC	1	284,500			284,500	1	153,500			153,500
SF17.12	Immigrant Student Resource Center	Admissions	3	39,400	39,400	39,400	118,200	2	39,400	39,400		78,800
SF17.13	Innovate UA's Student Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Career Skills Program	AISS	2	61,700	66,700		128,400	1	61,700			61,700
SF17.14	PASS Probation Program	Academic Success and Achievement	2	173,800	173,800		347,600	1	155,000			155,000
SF17.15	Project Pave the Way	Admissions	3	89,400	89,400	89,400	268,200	2	89,400	89,400		178,800
SF17.16	Project Rush FY16-18	Financial Aid	3	235,100	235,100	235,100	705,300	1	123,800			123,800
SF17.17	Scale Up Initiative	AISS	1	188,500			188,500	-	-			-
SF17.18	Scholarship Universe	Financial Aid	3	176,400	176,400	176,400	529,200	1	101,600			101,600
SF17.19	Student Faculty Engagement Programs	SAEM	1	121,400			121,400		80,000			80,000
SF17.20	Student Legal Services	ASUA	2	51,800	51,800		103,600	2	51,800	51,800		103,600
SF17.21	Supporting the UA Green Fund and Sustainability Office	Dean of Students	1	33,500			33,500	1	33,500			33,500
SF17.22	Technology to Work	Student Unions	1	34,800			34,800	1	6,000			6,000
SF17.23	Transforming Our Campus Community	Dean of Students	2	409,400	405,400		814,800	-	-			-
SF17.24	University Emergency Medical Services	ASUA	3	206,100	156,000	156,100	518,200	1	91,500			91,500
<b>Total Project Proposals</b>				<b>\$ 2,967,300</b>	<b>\$ 1,985,100</b>	<b>\$ 1,076,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,028,400</b>		<b>\$ 1,570,800</b>	<b>\$ 237,400</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,808,200</b>

## **SSFAB 2016-2017 Funding Recommendations**

### **SF 17.01 Arizona Mentors**

The board voted against recommending funding for Arizona Mentors. While the board does understand the need for professional mentors and acknowledges the prior successes of the program, it felt that mentorship pairing would be both inorganic and exclusive to a variety of underserved student populations. As it also would only benefit 1% of the student population, we felt that with the limited funds available other proposals will have a greater impact on students.

### **SF 17.02 ASUA Club Funding**

The board voted to recommend funding for one year in the amount of \$100,000. The limited availability of SSF funds creates a need to contain spending and reduce negative impact with cuts. Though less than the requested \$150,000, \$100,000 will allow ASUA Club Funding to continue to operate and will encourage a more competitive bid for funding and, subsequently, submission of higher quality proposals in the future.

### **SF 17.03 ASUA SafeRide**

The board voted to recommend funding in full for one year in the amount of \$212,000 for ASUA SafeRide. The board noted the difficulty in funding recommendations this year as funding was limited but has held SafeRide in high regard during the funding process. Because of the wide student base it serves, its commitment to adapting to technology changes and the vast student employment it provides, the board is ecstatic to recommend ASUA SafeRide for funding. Multiyear funding was withheld as the board sees potential for growth and potential outside funding as the program continues to exist.

### **SF 17.04 Campus Events and Engagement**

The board recommends full funding for two years in the amount of \$56,800 annually. The board frequently notes its irritation when a program like this isn't already being funded institutionally and this program specifically hits that note. Citing that this program seeks to boost inclusion, accessibility and actual tangible student services as well as student employment, the board could not more highly recommend this program for funding.

### **SF 17.05 Career Services: Connections for Career Readiness and Opportunities**

The board voted against recommending funding for Career Services: Connections for Career Readiness and Opportunities. While the board does understand the need for employer and student interactions and relations, the example list of employers given to the board seemed to benefit certain colleges and departments more than others, specifically leaving students within the Humanities and the Social Sciences at a disadvantage. In the future, the board would like to see how Career Services is making connections with employers within both the Tucson community and the country at large to reach underserved student populations outside of the business school and other highly served programs.

### **SF 17.06 GPSC Child Care**

The board unanimously recommends funding in full for \$100,000 for one year for GPSC Child Care. The board overwhelmingly supports this program and its sole recommendation is that marketing be more apparent for the program.

#### **SF 17.07 GPSC Club Funding**

The board voted to recommend funding in the amount of \$10,000 for one year to GPSC Club Funding. Citing the broad use and relatively small cost, the board recognizes that without this funding certain critical clubs would be left without the proper resources to operate. Similarly, the board notes that while “double-dipping” into ASUA club funding seems available, a variety of the resources GPSC clubs may request funding for are unavailable within ASUA club funding.

#### **SF 17.08 GPSC Graduate Enrichment Program**

The board voted to not recommend funding for GPSC Graduate Enrichment program on the basis that, although the program request was small, its purpose was being fulfilled through other programs and in this tight funding year did not necessitate SSFAB support.

#### **SF 17.09 GPSC Professional Opportunities Development**

The board voted to recommend funding in the amount of 15,000 for one year to the GPSC Professional Opportunities Development program. The board recognizes the merits of the program and the opportunities it provides for graduate and professional students. Although the board also felt that the program was also being provided through other entities on campus its merit and wide use benefitted our vote in recommending full funding for one year.

#### **SF 17.10 GPSC Research and Project Grant Funding**

The board voted to recommend partial funding for one year in the amount of \$88,000 for one year. While the board recognizes the wide use of this fund among graduate students, it was a comparatively large request for funding and in this tight funding year merited cuts. The board chose to maintain funds appropriate to sustain the coordinator and a competitive pool of grant money.

#### **SF 17.11 GPSC Travel Grants Program**

The board voted to recommend funding for one year in the amount of \$153,500. Travel Grants is one of our GPSC’s flagship programs and is widely lauded by graduate and professional students as a beneficial if not necessary program. Unfortunately, the program is not considered as competitive as it could be and, in this difficult funding year, the board chose to cut down on funding it in full to fund other things elsewhere.

#### **SF 17.12 Immigrant Student Resource Center**

The board recommends funding the Immigrant Student Resource Center for \$39,400 per year for two years. The ISRC aims to help recruit and retain immigrant students at the University of Arizona. ISRC will help currently enrolled immigrant students, including but not limited to students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), secure work permits, better access to scholarships and career counseling, expand academic support services and create jobs for undergraduate and graduate students. Fee dollars would go towards five undergraduate student workers, one graduate assistant, as well as operations and professional development.

**SF 17.13 Innovate UA**

The board voted to recommend funding for one year in the amount of \$61,700. Innovate UA shows promising growth and likely ability to secure funding from outside sources, which the board would like to see pursued in the future. Providing one year of funding will allow Innovate UA to continue its programming while also searching for alternative funding in the future. The board recommends that Innovate UA consider expanding its effort to reach out to all disciplines and match more students with enriching programs accordingly.

**SF 17.14 PASS Probation Program**

The board voted to recommend one-year funding in the amount of \$155,000 for the PASS Probation program. While the board notes its merits in benefitting student retention, providing student employment and serving the most academically underserved students, there was room for marginal cuts within its budget which had to be made to accommodate other programs.

**SF 17.15 Project Pave the Way**

The board recommends funding Project Pave the Way in its request of \$89,400 per year for two years to engage UA undergraduate and graduate students in increasing college accessibility for high school students in Tucson who may be low income, minority, or first generation college students. 89% of proposed funds would directly impact enrolled UA students through employment or engagement opportunities including two half time graduate assistants and 16 undergraduate ambassadors and leaders. The board strongly supports proposals that fund student employment and efforts to bring more local students to the UA.

**SF 17.16 Project RUSH**

The board voted to recommend funding for one year in the amount of \$123,800, a little more than half the project request. Most programs this year are receiving less than their request due to a substantial drop in available funds for distribution and an increase in funding requests. The concerns of the board regarding this program were that while it is important to connect students with their scholarship money quickly, the program is about how well the students are served rather than whether they are served. The board wants students to be served well, but felt that in a year of low funds it could not justify fully funding this program. The board supports Project Rush and encourages it to look to cost savings in order to counterbalance the decreased funding and to continue its excellent work.

**SF 17.17 Scale Up Initiative**

The board voted against recommending funding for the Scale Up Initiative. While the board notes that the student services provided by the Student Services fee are wide and varied, the board felt that the scale up initiative reflected poor foresight in initial construction and noted its disinterest in each individual portion of the proposal and that students would potentially regard them as a waste of money or unused.

**SF 17.18 Scholarship Universe**

The board voted to recommend funding for one year in the amount of \$101,600. While the board does not feel it can fund the full proposal due to the limited funds available this year, it wants to continue and expand its support of this program, particularly considering the excellent use it made of the very low funding last year. The growth of the program, which now serves thousands

of UA students through the improved website, and the interest of other universities in this program (to the point where it could ultimately be supported from external sources) were both key factors the board noted. The program answers an enormous need, employs student workers and speaks to several of the most important areas identified on the student fee survey.

#### **SF 17.19 Student Faculty Engagement Programs**

The board recommended funding in the amount of \$80,000 for one year to the Student Faculty Engagement Program. While the board understands the need for full funding, it still fully supports the program and the rich tradition that the Student Faculty Engagement here at the University of Arizona. Due to the lack of funding this year it could not fully fund the Student Faculty Engagement Program and recommends reducing individual programming budget funding to make up for cuts.

#### **SF 17.20 Student Legal Services**

The board recommends funding ASUA Student Legal Services for two years in the amount of \$103,600 (\$51,800 annually). We believe that free legal services are an indispensable resource for students and that the lives of many students would be severely impacted if it were not funded. Similarly, the board wants to note and commend the incredible work of the office and its commitment to not only providing above par quality service but also providing work experience for undergraduate and graduate students.

#### **SF 17.21 Supporting the UA Green Fund and Sustainability Office**

The board voted to recommend funding in the amount of \$33,500 for one year to Supporting the UA Green Fund and Sustainability Office. Citing the increased need for sustainable practices on campus, the board recognizes the Sustainability Office's commitment to providing these practices on campus and subsequently notes the proportional increase in funding merited.

#### **SF 17.22 Technology to Work**

The board voted to recommend one-year funding in the amount of \$6,000 for this program. The board recommended this funding be used explicitly for the completion of the nutritional information website. The board was not in support of funding any of the other components of this proposal.

#### **SF 17.23 Transforming our Campus Community**

The board voted against recommending funding for Transforming our Campus Community. While the board recognizes the value of inclusion-based initiatives on campus, the board is concerned with the lack of specific planning the program presented and also notes that a decent amount of proposed action already occurs through other departmental initiatives on campus. The board would like to see a revised action plan for the program in the future.

#### **SF 17.24 University Emergency Medical Services**

The board voted to recommend funding for one year in the amount of \$91,500. While the board supports UEMS, it had to vote to reject funding for any half-time student wages as this was presented in a manner that was not feasible from an accounting perspective. Similarly, the board did not feel obligated or motivated to provide full funding for other item lines such as a new vehicle for the program.

