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To: Division of Student Affairs, SSF Applicants, and University of Arizona Students
From: The Student Services Fee Advisory Board

Subject: Advice Allocations Fiscal Year 2015

The Student Services Fee Board has recommended and the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management has accepted the following allocations from the Student Services Fee in Fiscal Year 2014-2015

**Student Services Fee
 Board Recommended Funding
 Open Board Meetings held February 24 & 28, 2014**

Project #	Project Name	Department	Requested			Allocated		
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
SF15.01N	Arizona Mentors	Academic Success and Achievement	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SF15.02F3	ASA Experience	Academic Success and Achievement	183,200	178,200	178,200	183,200	178,200	178,200
SF15.03F1	ASUA Club Funding	ASUA	150,000	-	-	150,000	-	-
SF15.04N	Business Analysis Student Internship	SASG	18,700	-	-	-	-	-
SF15.05F1	Career Services SmartWeb Project	Career Services	8,800	-	-	8,800	-	-
SF15.06F3	Common Ground Alliance Project	Dean of Students	83,200	83,200	83,200	83,200	83,200	83,200
SF15.07P1	Financial Aid Project RUSH FY15-17	Financial Aid	276,000	276,000	276,000	232,000	-	-
SF15.08F1	GPSC Club Funding	GPSC	15,000	-	-	15,000	-	-
SF15.09F1	GPSC Graduate Enrichment Program	GPSC	10,000	-	-	10,000	-	-
SF15.10F1	GPSC Professional Opportunity Development	GPSC	22,000	-	-	22,000	-	-
SF15.11F1	GPSC Research and Project Grant Funding	GPSC	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	-
SF15.12F1	GPSC Travel Grants Program	GPSC	280,000	-	-	280,000	-	-
SF15.13P1	In-Hall Think Tank Tutoring Center Scale-Up	Residence Life	136,200	-	-	76,700	-	-
SF15.14N	Late Night Programming	Student Unions	44,000	-	-	-	-	-
SF15.15N	Leadership Online	Leadership Programs	20,000	-	-	-	-	-
SF15.16N	North Plaza Initiative	Student Unions	42,300	-	-	-	-	-
SF15.17P1	PASS	Academic Success and Achievement	182,600	182,600	-	182,600	-	-
SF15.18F1	Pave the Way	Early Academic Outreach	69,700	-	-	69,700	-	-
SF15.19P1	SafeRide	ASUA	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	-	-
SF15.20N	Service Experience Program	Academic Success and Achievement	26,500	-	-	-	-	-
SF15.21N	Speakers Series	ASUA	100,000	-	-	-	-	-
SF15.22P2	University Emergency Medical Services	ASUA	238,600	230,500	-	64,500	56,400	-
SF15.23P1	Volunteer and Civic Engagement Initiative	ASUA	52,300	52,300	52,300	52,300	-	-
Total			\$2,228,600	\$1,172,300	\$ 739,700	\$1,680,000	\$ 317,800	\$ 261,400

Funds Available to Allocate - FY2015	\$ 1,680,000
Board Approved Allocations - FY2015	\$ 1,680,000
Funds Retained in Reserve Balance	\$ -

Student Services Fee Board Funding Rationale:

SF 15.01 Arizona Mentors

The board does not recommend funding. Arizona Mentors is open to all students, from freshmen to junior year, and aims to partner undergraduate students with faculty and staff mentors. The board recognized the impact that a guide can have on the undergraduate experience; however members were weary of the relationship that develops when a mentorship is instituted rather than organically fostered. We also found that peer mentorship can have a deeper influence, which is addressed in other proposals.

SF 15.02 ASA Experience

The board recommends funding in full for \$183,200 for the first year, and \$178,200 for years two and three. ASA Experience employs students as peer mentors across campus. They have a proven record of success as they are partnered with big programs on campus such as New Start. They aim to expand their services in the following years, providing participants with more flexible levels of engagement. This program supports student professional development, as well as, undergraduate retention.

SF 15.03 ASUA Club Funding

The board recommends funding this application in full for \$150,000 for the next year. Upon discussing ASUA Club Funding, both graduate and undergraduate members of the board recognized the integral role that the Associated Students of the University of Arizona plays on our campus. Club funding allows clubs on campus to receive supplemental financial support, which has a direct impact on the Wildcat experience. This proposal also reaches a large number and range of students across campus.

SF 15.04 Business Analysis Student Internship

The board does not recommend funding. As the internship only employs two students, this proposal is a high cost for small number of students impacted. Board members expressed that the internship falls of the map when it comes to student engagement and participating in meaningful activity.

SF 15.05 Career Services SmartWeb Project

The board recommends funding this application in full for \$8,800 for one year. This online project is in conjunction with the rest of Career Services, which all members of the board agree is a great service for UA students. It creates student jobs, as well as helps all students in their career searches – an initiative listed in the top 5 priorities for both undergraduate and graduate students.

SF 15.06 The Common Ground Alliance Project

The board recommends funding this application in full for \$83,200 for 3 years. Although 2013 was the inaugural year for the Common Ground Alliance Project, the initiative has demonstrated a strong list of items supporting success. Through engaging a multi-level approach to inclusive and progressive issues, this project has created a safe space for discussing issues as well as created extra-curricular skill development for students. They funded many of the key cultural center events thus far, and the board feels their collaborative efforts across campus are a need at the University. The board would like to recognize that the application was extremely well written and the in-person presentation was gold standard.

SF 15.07 Financial Aid Project RUSH FY15-17

The board recommends partial funding for \$232,000 for one year. This project allows for faster financial aid customer service for both undergraduate and graduate students during the back to school season. It provides student employment, while avoiding outsourcing like other universities – features that set the University of Arizona apart. All members of the board value this feature of our school immensely and expressed concern that such a project dependent on student funding. We chose to fund Financial Aid Project RUSH at the amount they were awarded in recent years, rather than increasing the award as requested.

SF 15.08 GPSC Club Funding

The board recommends funding in full for \$15,000 for one year. Although this proposal shares a lot in common with ASUA's Club Funding, the board finds it to be a vital supplement for groups made up of mostly graduate students. We believe that the amount of money requested allows for graduate students to develop clubs that aid them in their scholarly pursuits, and appreciate that they can be further aided by academic departments.

SF 15.09 GPSC Graduate Enrichment Program

The board recommends funding in full for \$10,000 for one year. This program creates workshops by and for graduate students, as it fills the gaps in courses otherwise not offered. It meets objectives of graduate level professional development, academic support services, and expanded career opportunities – all of which were supported by graduate students in the 2013 Student Services Fee Survey.

SF 15.10 GPSC Professional Opportunity Development

The board recommends funding in full for \$22,000 for one year. The board supports this program, as it allows graduate students to host a wide range of events and workshops that are open to all people at the University of Arizona. It impacts both undergraduate and graduate students, and the board is the only source of funding for this type of event. It allows graduate students to further hone presentation and professional skills, while allowing other members of the campus community to access information.

SF 15.11 GPSC Research and Project Grant Funding

The board recommends funding in full for \$100,000 for one year. The board unanimously supported this proposal, as all members recognize that funding projects is integral in maintaining the University of Arizona's reputation as a big research school. It should also be noted that this sort of funding was one of the top 5 priorities that graduate students listed on the 2013 Student Services Fee Survey.

SF 15.12 GPSC Travel Grants Program

The board recommends funding in full for \$280,000 for one year. Travel Grants are GPSC's flagship program and is especially vital as many departments are losing funding. Attending and presenting at conferences has become a standard part of the graduate experience and with that the demand is on the rise. This year's proposal allows students to receive a higher amount of funding than in the past. Travel grants and professional development were one of the top 5 priorities that graduate students listed on the 2013 Student Services Fee Survey. Clearly this program makes a difference in the graduate student

experience, and the board found it indirectly affects undergraduates as many of their instructors are PhD and Masters students.

SF 15.13 In-Hall Think Tank Tutoring Center Scale-Up

The board recommends partial funding of \$76,700 for one year. This proposal would bring the proven success of the Think Tank to residence halls across the campus. It has a positive record with the opening of an in-hall Think Tank in Manzanita-Mohave, and the board supports expanding to more buildings. As this is available to both on-campus students and commuters, it gives many students access to academic support. The board is in support of partial funding because we feel that this program can request money from other sources, such as the Information and Technology Advisory Board.

SF 15.14 Late Night Programming

The board does not recommend funding. In the board's discussions about the proposal, we felt that this type of programming would not find success on the University of Arizona campus. This program was presented as a campus-wide community builder, as well as a response to alcoholism on campus. The board feels that there are better ways to address alcohol-culture, which this type of entertainment does not directly do. Although there are positive benefits in a large-scale program that brings the campus together, we feel this need is met through ASUA's Spring Fling and the RHA Block Party, which already have successful records.

SF 15.15 Leadership Online

The board does not recommend funding. The board did not believe that this proposal would provide a truly engaging experience for students. There were heavy doubts whether a skill such as leadership can be taught online. Although the board does not support this project, we did appreciate that the proposal is open to students that physically attend the UA and online students.

SF 15.16 North Plaza Initiative

The board does not recommend funding. This proposal desires to put entertainment featuring local bands and artists at the Student Union in order to provide alternatives to drinking-focused activities for students. The North Plaza Initiative was funded for the 2013-2014 school year, yet none of the board members could speak to anything memorable that has been showcased. The board believes that the Wildcat Events Board already serves this purpose with successful results.

SF 15.17 PASS

The board recommends funding in full for \$182,600 for one year. This program supports students who are on academic probation, and has experienced great success since it's inception. The board finds this proposal to be a vital part of retention of undergraduate students, and aiding graduate students as many of them are teachers. Nonetheless, in future years, PASS will be funded by a fee paid by students on probation, and will only need board support for one more year.

SF 15.18 Pave the Way

The board recommends funding in full for \$69,700 for one year. As this program aims to increase the number of minority and low-income students, the board felt this is an investment in both future and

current Wildcats. This initiative creates professional development opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students as they develop multifaceted programming. It also begins to prepare underrepresented groups for a future at the University of Arizona, which positively impacts the Tucson community.

SF 15.19 SafeRide

The board recommends funding in full for \$150,000 for one year. In discussing SafeRide, the majority of board members recognized that this is a service used frequently across campus. It creates student jobs and nurtures the growth of employees, while providing a sense of security for students travelling at night. Nonetheless, the board only recommends funding for one year as many members are concerned about the impact that the light rail system might have on demand. As a precautionary tool, we would like to see SafeRide reassess and come back next year.

SF 15.20 Service Experience Program

The board does not recommend funding. The Service Experience Program funds staffing a graduate assistantship and transportation support to aid University of Arizona students in volunteer projects across the Tucson area. The board ultimately felt this program was very similar to another volunteer-based proposal; it would be wiser to continue to fund the Volunteer and Civic Engagement Initiative that has proven be successful, rather than try something new.

SF 15.21 Speakers Series

The board does not recommend funding. Speaker Series is a great program at the University of Arizona that brings both entertainment and social issues content to students. Nonetheless, a fee has been passed that will allow this project to receive direct funding. The board believes this new funding will be sufficient and does not wish to grant them additional funds.

SF 15.22 University Emergency Medical Services

The board recommends partial funding for \$64,500 for the first year, and \$56,400 for the second year. All members of the board, especially those involved in Residence Life, recognized the safety impact that UEMS has on our campus. This program fosters medical skill development and is highly competitive. Due to this, the board believes the program should be funded for everything except for student wages. Paying students for this program quickly becomes costly as multiple students are on the clock every night, seven days a week. Also, we found that students still flock to this opportunity despite the lack of pay and that the volunteer nature actually benefits many of these students in their future medical profession careers.

SF 15.23 Volunteer and Civic Engagement Initiative

The board recommends funding in full for \$52,300 for one year. This initiative is beginning it's second year, and has seen success in the 400 students already registered. Board members agreed that this program directly addresses student engagement, which is a top priority at the University of Arizona. Although the program has laid a great foundation in it's first year, the board recommends only one year of funding so that the program can be flexible as new needs arise.