



# Student Services Fee Advisory Board

OPEN BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 25th,  
2019 3:30PM-5:30PM  
Sabino Room, SUMC

## I. Meeting Called to Order: 3:32 p.m.

## II. Roll Call – Secretary Cortinas

- Member Adamson
- Member Bemis
- Secretary Cortinas
- Member Feder
- Member Leo
- Member Navarro Benavides
- Co-Chair Nobbe
- Member Patel
- Member Perez - **Absent**
- Member Tran - **Absent**
- Chair Westby

## III. OLD BUSINESS

No old business

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

### PROPOSAL DISCUSSION AND VOTING

#### **SF20.01 ASUA Civic Responsibility**

Member Nobbe: It's a project to ensure that students have the opportunity to find ways to contribute to the Tucson community through community service and political engagement. Some of the programs that currently exist are volunteer Alternative Spring Break and Cheer and Basketball League. Also, they're looking to start the vote QA initiative within ASUA to increase students engaging in electoral issues and voting. *I motion to approve SF20.01 ASUA Civic Responsibility in full for \$84,100 for year one and two.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Member Feder: I really think the community outreach aspect of UofA is important in Tucson, especially through different initiatives and Basketball Leagues, as well as serving other communities and helping

students understand civic engagement to the voter responsibility drive. I really think it's all important aspects of what UofA does.

Co-Chair Nobbe: Cheering Basketball League is early academic outreach by getting children in our community see positive things at the UofA and get to experience that. Also, funding alternative breaks is something we should do on our campus because that will increase diversity among the students who are able to participate. And hopefully, we get minority and underrepresented populations on campus not be burdened by the financial cost of going to Spring Break trip to do service.

Member Bemis: My favorite thing about this project is the voting aspect of it. I think youth nowadays either don't know how to vote or they're voting but they're not informed about what they're voting about.

Member Navarro Benavides: It's unclear to me is the collaborations with programs that do similar work with GEL and other things. My concern is if the project is mirroring these other alternative Spring Break programs that already exist or are they copying and starting a new project.

Member Adamson (proxy): While the outcomes of this program could better the campus as a whole, it's ASUA Civic's responsibility is to use innovative methods to do so, and SSFAB funds should go to more essential areas of immediate concern.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.01 ASUA Civic Responsibility in full \$84,100 for year one and two. All oppose.*

*Approval SF20.01 ASUA Civic Responsibility fails.*

**SF20.02 Behavioral Intervention: Engaging students' in their health, wellness, and safety to achieve success**

Member Navarro Benavides: This project offers student assistance as a resource to UofA students in challenging areas such as psychological health, physical health, victimization, relationship issues and other various issues that can impede the success of students. The key aim of the proposal is to continue to reduce waiting time for students who enter the Dean of Students Office and the mental health support by providing an immediate support at no cost. *I motion to approve SF20.02 Behavioral Intervention: Engaging students' in their health, wellness, and safety to achieve success in full for \$218,700 for three years.*

Treasurer Patel: Second.

Secretary Cortinas: It's important for students to have a place to go to when they're feeling depressed. I know a lot of students suffer from anxiety as well, and many of them don't realize they're suffering from these until after the fact. So I fully support this project.

Treasurer Patel: I agree. I support this proposal and its initiative to provide better mental health services to our students. I also appreciate their collaboration with CAPS and expanding the overall Dean of Students mission.

Member Navarro Benavides: As we see behavioral and health issues be a concern across the nation and in college campuses, I think this is one innovative way of trying to triage those support services and reach students faster.

Secretary Cortinas: I appreciate that this is at no cost because many students suffer from financial needs.

Member Feder: *I motion to amend SF20.02 Behavioral Intervention: Engaging students' in their health, wellness, and safety to achieve success to be \$195,000 for three years.*

Member Adamson: Second.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I think it's a great initiative that needs to continue. I think the amendment will not hurt the bulk of the program itself and it can continue in future years and service can still be provided to students.

*Amendment to SF20.02 Behavioral Intervention: Engaging students' in their health, wellness, and safety to achieve success to be \$195,000 for three years passes.*

Member Navarro Benavides: One of the things I saw in the proposal is that it does offer some support for funding in Assistant Dean and considering the essential role that the Assistant Dean plays in supporting students who may be encountering barriers. I question why this isn't already supported by our institution.

*Approval of SF20.02 Behavioral Intervention: Engaging students' in their health, wellness, and safety passes.*

### **SF20.03 Boxing Up Hunger**

Co-Chair Nobbe: This project aims to help the food insecurity issue that is around campus. So Arizona Student Unions take food from conferencing events to be repackaged and delivered to students who are food insecure on campus and is done in collaborations with Campus Pantry. *I motion to approve SF20.03 Boxing Up Hunger in full for \$72,500 for one year.*

Member Feder: Second.

Treasurer Patel: I appreciate the initiative to combat food insecurity on campus. It's also a great way to eliminate food waste that often times occurs in Student Unions. But I would love to see more support from Student Unions and this institution itself in combating these issues.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I think the investment for the blast chiller is essential because this past year, there has been some issues regarding food safety concerns and that we were not able to take things from as many events as we'd like because we were not able to cool it down in a safe enough amount of time. So having the blast chiller will help combat that issue.

Member Navarro Benavides: I like that the blast chiller is a part of the proposal in order to facilitate getting the food cooled down and then given to students faster. But there's also an indication that the blast chiller will also benefit the Student Unions and they'll get to reap the benefits from having this expensive item that we would help purchase. So considering the Student Unions will be helping with some upfront costs, *I motion to amend SF20.03 Boxing Up Hunger to 52,200 for one year.*

Member Adamson: Second

Member Feder: I agree with member Navarro Benavides that since the Student Unions will be reaping the benefits, they should step up on the proposal. I would love to see this proposal come to life fully and in the future years, if they need additional funding for boxes and additional resources, they can come back.

*Amendment to SF20.03 Boxing Up Hunger to 52,200 for one year passes, Co-Chair Nobbe opposes.*

*Approval of SF20.03 Boxing Up Hunger passes.*

#### **SF20.04 Campus Neighborhoods Night Security**

Co-Chair Nobbe: This proposal seeks funding support for two University of Arizona police officers who are dedicated to campus security on night duty during the academic year. *I motion to approve SF20.04 Campus Neighborhood Night Security in full for \$30,000 for one year.*

Member Feder: Second.

Secretary Cortinas: I support this proposal. I do a lot of my homework here on campus at night and I have to walk all the way to sixth street garage so I think it's good to have extra security on campus for students to feel secure at night.

Member Leo (proxy): There's no question for the need for additional security around our campus, however, this proposal fails to address it in a meaningful way. I believe that the UAPDs approach to improving campus security needs to be reevaluated and there is a difference between making students feel safe and actually making campus safer for students and for that reason, I believe we shouldn't fund this program.

Treasurer Patel: I understand the need for more security, and while I support security to make student feel safe and comfortable on campus, I don't think law enforcement is always the answer so for that reason I do not support this proposal.

Co-Chair Nobbe: Our board did talk about which areas on campus are targeted and according to the grant writer, things are based off of areas where there's high traffic or high security concerns. We would just like to address that a lot of other areas on campus that we feel might be needed. And for the grant writer to take into consideration the new honors village, and areas by 6<sup>th</sup> street.

*Approval of SF20.04 Campus Neighborhood Night Security passes. Member Patel opposes.*

#### **SF20.05 Compost Cats**

Member Bemis: Compost Cats is the largest student run industrial scale composting program in the United States. They have a three year funding agreement with the City of Tucson that is ending this year. *I motion to approve SF20.05 Compost Cats in full for \$71,100 for one year.*

Member Adamson: Second.

Member Feder: I think they do excellent work in our community. I'd like to see this proposal supported so that they can sustain themselves for years to come especially with how much waste UofA produces, there should be a proper way to dispose of this. Sustainability is an important topic.

Member Bemis: I agree. I think reducing waste is very important and a pressing issue. I think another great thing about this project is that they're not just using it to compost things, but they're also using the money to reach members of the community so they can figure out how to compost themselves and reduce waste.

Co-Chair Nobbe: *I motion to amend SF20.05 Compost Cats for \$60,000 for one year.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second

Member Leo (proxy): While I support the Compost Cats program, I strongly disagree with the presumption that new leadership will ensure complete financial independence. I believe that moving forward the program will require significant institutional support to fulfill their goals. In my experience, the need for such drastic changes often requires a reevaluation of the program itself before any growth can be achieved. I would like to see how the transition to the Office of Sustainability impacts Compost Cats before dedication any funds.

Member Navarro Benavides: While I would like to have funded this in full amount, I hope that the amended amount will be used to prioritize a student team who could potentially address the initiative but in a smaller team. The amended amount I'm hoping still reaches student employees even though a smaller amount of student employees.

*Amendment to SF20.05 Compost Cats for \$60,000 for one year passes.*

*Approval of SF20.05 Compost Cats passes.*

### **SF20.06 Dean of Students Graduate & Professional Students Program**

Member Navarro Benavides: This project is seeking funding support for various graduate assistants working in offices or departments within the Dean of Students. *I motion to approve SF20.06 Dean of Students Graduate & Professional Program in full for \$449,800 for two years.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Secretary Cortinas: I like the proposal because it's giving them real life experience so I think it's a good initiative.

Member Feder: I think that this is very important because a lot of the graduate assistants that this program funds reach a vast number of our student population. I think it's really important that we see a return on these initiatives for our students directly, and this is a great proposal that really reaches out to a variety of students.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I am a big advocate of this program I think it's important experience for our students on campus to get first hand professional experience in the field. This is not only benefiting graduate students who are working in these positions but it's also benefitting all the students who are impacted by that.

Treasurer Patel: I think this program is essential and I like the impact the graduate assistants can have on the undergraduate population. But I do think this is such a large ask and would like to see the institution support the Dean of Students more.

Member Adamson: I would like to echo that the graduate assistants not only benefits the graduate students but also the undergraduate community. But due to lack of funding available, *I motion to amend SF20.06 Dean of Students Graduate & Professional Program to \$280,000 for two years.*

Member Feder: Second.

Treasurer Patel: I think that with the amendment, the Dean of Students will still be able to carry out the mission in the proposal, I would like to suggest that they keep the student assistants that serve in APASA, LGBTQ Affairs, NASA, and American African Student Affairs.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I am against this, I think that this project needs to be funded in full and it's something in the past Dean of Students have tried to get funding from the university but it is very hard to receive. I'm hoping that by at least funding a portion of the project, some of the initiatives can still be carried out.

*Amendment to SF20.06 Dean of Students Graduate & Professional Program for \$280,000 for two years passes. Co-Chair Nobbe and Member Leo oppose.*

*Approval SF20.06 Dean of Students Graduate & Professional Program for \$280,000 for two years passes.*

### **SF20.07 Disability Cultural Center**

Member Navarro Benavides: Seeks long term support for providing disabled students and their allies dedicated space to celebrate and explore disability identity and experiences. This proposal specifically seeks support for DCC professional and student staff. *I motion to approve SF20.07 Disability Cultural Center in full for \$129,200 for year one and \$98,000 for years two and three.*

Member Feder: Second.

Member Feder: I'm a big fan of this proposal. I think it's very far reaching since disability comes in different forms like physical, and cognitive learning, and all the varieties. I do think this is a tremendous ask to serve a wide variety of students on campus in a large capacity to serve in future years.

Member Navarro Benavides: One of the things I made sure to do this year was to go and visit the DCC because I believe in their mission. And I was excited to see the work that they've done in just a short year with limited funding from last year's SSF Board. I think their new proposal to really sustain and grow their work is essential.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I agree. I think being on the board last year, we all struggled with not being able to give more funding to this project, especially since it was a first year project. But we're thrilled that Cultural Center has been successful this year and students were able to benefit from this program so we definitely want to continue funding. However, due to tight funding this year and after seeing the space and the accommodations in the area, the Cultural Center is still larger than some other resource centers that we have on campus and all the furniture and stuff are still accessible, we cut down the ask and would like to see the funding go to the coordinator, graduate assistant, and programming.

Treasurer Patel: I think that this program deserves a lot more funding and support and it's essential in promoting diversity and our inclusive mission statement across campus.

Secretary Cortinas: I would love to fund this fully but I think that they can make do with the furniture they currently have, so *I motion to amend SF20.07 Disability Cultural Center to \$98,000 for two years.*

Member Adamson: Second

Co-Chair Nobbe: Again, this is really hard this year with all the cuts. We would like to see a graduate assistant in the culture and a full time coordinator to do the outreach. And maybe the redesign can happen in increments, so the Cultural Center can maybe purchase some tables, and then chairs the next year. We definitely want to see this come back in the future when we have more money to allocate.

*Amendment to SF20.07 Disability Cultural Center for \$98,000 for two years. Member Navarro Benavides and Member Feder oppose.*

*Approval of SF20.07 Disability Cultural Center passes.*

### **SF20.08 Immigrant Student Resource Center**

Treasurer Patel: ISRC is seeking funding to increase the current resources and overall support. ISRC would like to continue to provide support to retain and recruit students DACA and are undocumented. *I motion to fund SF20.08 Immigrant Student Resource Center in full for 181,000 for year one and 182,000 for years two and three.*

Member Navarro Benavides: Second.

Member Feder: Catering to refugee students, I think it's really important that we're reaching out to those students and I really appreciate the mission of this project. I think this should be funded to continue serving this group of students.

Member Navarro Benavides: I think the work has been phenomenal in not just supporting students but also creating a culture of educators who are actively engaged in supporting students too. More importantly, the presentation of the project was phenomenal and had a personal impact just to see folks advocating for their rights to have access to education and that's why I'm a big supporter of this getting full funding.

Treasurer Patel: I think it's important that we support immigrant and refugee students especially since there's little to no support from the institution or central admin in terms of financial aid. When talking to ISRC and the students they serve, you can see that financial aid and security are number one needs across campus for those students.

Member Bemis: Student education shouldn't have anything to do with political climate at the time. I think that it's a disservice to students. With that being said, funding is limited and so *I motion to amend SF20.08 Immigrant Student Resource Center for \$152,000 for three years.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Member Feder: Funding for three years does provide financial security for the students at least for the next few years.

Co-Chair Nobbe: The last time ISRC applied for a grant, the board gave feedback to see more areas where refugee students would be impacted by the work and this proposal is a great example of how they took that advice and ran with it. I want to highlight how much we appreciate that and this should not be an initiative that does not continue.

Member Navarro Benavides: One of the reasons it's hard to see a cut in the budget is because ISRC exists in a very small room that's offered to them on campus and I think that any resources SSF can prioritize to maximizing the sense of belonging for this student population is essential. We want to make sure that the students feel like they are a part of the community.

*Amendment to SF20.08 Immigrant Student Resource Center for \$152,000 for three years. Member Navarro Benavides, Co-Chair Nobbe, Member Patel and Member Feder oppose.*

*Approval of SF20.08 Immigrant Student Resource Center passes.*

### **SF20.09 Innovate UA**

Secretary Cortinas: This is a program ran by students that gives them real life projects and hands on experience. *I motion to approve SF20.09 Innovate UA Funding for \$67,000 for two years.*

Member Feder: Second

Secretary Cortinas: I do love that the project is trying to get students to have hands on experience in real life but I feel there are other projects that do the same thing.

Member Navarro Benavides: I'm still unclear on how a consulting group participating in this project would extend beyond themselves and benefit the people across campus. I don't completely understand the vision of this project.

Treasurer Patel: I was also confused on what impact this would have beyond the team. I didn't see a vision that could last for two years with this proposal.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.09 Innovate UA in full \$67,000 for two years. All oppose.*

*Approval SF20.09 Innovate UA fails.*

### **SF20.10 Mobile LifeLab**

Member Navarro Benavides: The goal of this project is to make student engagement and career development more mobile in an effort to reach more students across campus. *I motion to approve SF20.10 Mobile LifeLab in full for \$54,300 for year one and \$52,500 for year two.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Member Navarro Benavides: I think the impact of LifeLab is very helpful. I understand the limitations of being here in the Student Unions, so it's a great approach to meet students where they're at. But I think we need to prioritize programs that are either not going to be supported otherwise or are essential to maintaining a sense of equity on our campus.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I agree. Cutting funding from this does not mean that the project will not exist in the future. Services can still be hosted here in the Student Unions.

Member Feder: I would love to see this sustain in the future, and hopefully, in a way that doesn't utilize a Student Services funding and in ways that doesn't cost what it currently does in this proposal.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.10 Mobile LifeLab in full \$54,300 for year one and \$52,500 for year two. All oppose.*

*Approval of SF20.10 Mobile LifeLab fails.*

### **SF20.11 Native Rise**

Member Leo: Native Rise impacts Native American students. This grant engages indigenous undergraduate and graduate students in campus community and culture. *I motion to approve SF20.11 Native Rise in full for \$116,700 in year one, and \$117,300 in years two and three.*

Treasurer Patel: Second

Member Feder: I really liked the SOAR mentors and allowing for early academic outreach in difference communities. I really think this is really critical to their enrollment and future.

Member Navarro Benavides: Intergenerational mentorship models are really helpful and as a graduate student here, I often look to those models to be more culturally responsive to those communities that I serve. Students in Middle school or high school who didn't have these mentors coming in and introducing them to the concept of college that maybe college wouldn't feel like a possibility and so Native Rise holds a very special place in my heart.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.11 Native Rise in full for \$116,700 in year one, and \$117,300 in years two and three.*

*Approval of SF20.11 Native Rise passes.*

### **SF20.12 Phase II UA Greenhouses**

Co-Chair Nobbe: UA Greenhouses is essentially a continuation of the system that currently exists on top of the Student Unions. *I motion to approve SF20.12 Phase II UA Greenhouses in full for \$104,500 for one year.*

Member Adamson: Second.

Member Navarro Benavides: I like the commitment of the greenhouses to providing produce to Campus Pantry, but I do see a possibility that they will be producing more than the Campus Pantry can facilitate currently, and that's a concern for me.

Treasurer Patel: I like the overall mission of this project but I don't see the need for the greenhouses.

Co-Chair Nobbe: Everything grown in the rooftop garden right now is loved by our students and it's great to provide them with fresh produce. However, I think an increase from 400lbs to 3000lbs is a huge

amount. In the future, I'd love to see this come back and maybe start with one greenhouse or do a smaller operation of half a greenhouse.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.12 Phase II UA Greenhouses in full for \$104,500 for one year. All opposed.*

*Approval of SF20.12 Phase II UA Greenhouses fails.*

### **SF20.13 PlantEd Culinary Workshops**

Co-Chair Nobbe: This project is a workshop series for students that take place on campus. This is open to all faculty and staff as well. This project is looking to get food insecure students to be able to come to these classes at no cost. *I motion to approve SF20.13 PlantEd Culinary Workshop for \$4,400 for one year.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Member Leo (proxy): I am in favor of supporting any program that allows students to learn essential life skills free of charge.

Co-Chair Nobbe: There are a lot of students who have attended and enjoyed these workshops, however, I wish that more of these classes took into consideration the student population who is actually attending and the topics of these sessions. In my personal experience, I thought that a lot of the classes I attended were very condescending towards students. Also, there were no accommodations for students who might not have access to kitchens or resources or money to purchase items that were used in these classes. I think these should be addressed if this is something that's going to be used for food insecure students.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.13 PlantEd Culinary Workshop in full for \$4,400 for one year. All opposed.*

*Approval of SF20.13 PlantEd Culinary Workshop fails.*

### **SF20.14 Professional Development**

Member Bemis: GPSC is launching a pilot program to establish and coordinate a professional development program in University of Arizona. This program will provide guidance to students regarding legal, financial literacy and writing skills. *I motion to approve SF19.14 Professional Development in full for \$53,100 for year one and \$53,600 for year two.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I like the initiative to find more professional development opportunities for students on campus. I think it's very beneficial, however, the cost of having a graduate assistant to find different things on campus that students can attend, I think this can be done by an undergraduate student. This is something a 10 hour per week appointed GPSC person or stipend member can do in one of their assignments. Also, it's a goal of GPSC in general to increase professional development and get speakers to present on campus, so I believe that this is something that's already met.

Member Leo (proxy): I think that there's definitely a need for more collaboration across our campus with these different programs. It makes better programs and more efficient university and I think GPSC has the right approach for creating more effective professional development programming that I wish other campus entities would emulate.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.14 Professional Development in for \$53,100 for year one and \$53,600 for year two. All opposed.*

*Approval of SF20.14 Professional Development fails.*

### **SF20.15 Project RUSH**

Member Adamson: This project allows the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid to implement flexible staffing model by hiring additional temporary staff for the busy season of the year. *I motion to approve SF20.15 Project RUSH in full for \$271,300 in year one and \$276,700 in year two, and 282,200 in year three.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Member Adamson (proxy): Project RUSH is my highest priority and this is one of the highest requests that directly pertains to undergraduate students. The coordinator directly works with students on a case by case basis. This will benefit students.

Member Navarro Benavides: Being on the board for two years now, Project RUSH's impact was hard for me to understand because the grant itself and the presentation and then the answers to our questions were very different.

Member Feder: With the portion of the tuition increase that was given to OSFA last year, one of my biggest concern is why the SSFAB funding will be appropriate. I urge central admin to take on full responsibility for funding this sort of proposal as it is essential to any university across the nation.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I agree. This is an area that should be supported by the university.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.15 Project RUSH in full for \$271,300 in year one and \$276,700 in year two, and 282,200 in year three. All oppose.*

*Approval of SF20.15 Project RUSH fails.*

### **SF20.16 ReaP, POD, and Student Showcase**

Co-Chair Nobbe: This project was submitted by GPSC and encompasses three different areas. ReaP grants are awarded to graduate and professional students who put forward high caliber proposals for their research. POD grants support the research and learning through bringing relevant visiting scholars to campus. Student Showcase is an annual event providing an opportunity for undergraduates, graduates, and professional students to present their research. *I motion to approve SF20.16 ReaP, POD, and Student Showcase in full for \$186,900 for year one, \$187,400 for year two, and \$188,100 for year three.*

Treasurer Patel: Second.

Member Leo (proxy): As an R1 research institution, student research both graduate and undergraduate is often the driving force of innovation on our campus, however, it is also an area that is often overlooked and underfunded. GPSC grant programs support the research projects done by students that would otherwise not be able to accomplish and has been an essential part of the university for over a decade. As a student that represents the interest of all students, we should show our support for the meaningful research conducted on our campus. So I believe we should provide full funding for this project.

Member Bemis: Hearing some of the graduate students talk about this part, one of their asks was to increase the research reward because the current reward of \$1,000 is not even close to what they need and I don't think they should have to cut things from their research to fit their budget. I think they should have enough to fund their research.

Treasurer Patel: *I motion to amend SF20.16 ReaP, POD, and Student Showcase in full for \$121,500 for one year. Member Leo opposes.*

Member Adamson: Second.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I think it's a good idea to lower this, as much as I would love to increase the number of student who would receive grants, there's been so many programs that we had to cut this year. I think this would be fair and hopefully, in future years, we will have more money to allocate to this program. For the record, I think graduate programs should do more to include professional development opportunities to their students.

Member Navarro Benavides: Voting for the amendment, I hope the grant amount stays the same just because we had to lower the funding to give them, and that this proposal comes back next year and I hope we can provide more support to graduate students. I know \$1,000 is not enough to cover costs of an opportunity development for students.

*Amendment to SF20.16 ReaP, POD, and Student Showcase in full for \$121,500 for one year passes.*

*Approval of SF20.16 ReaP, POD, and Student Showcase passes.*

### **SF20.17 Scholarship Universe Project Coordinator**

Member Adamson: This proposal is for a full time coordinator to oversee Scholarship Universe. The project will also fund additional marketing efforts. *I motion to approve SF20.17 Research and Project Grants in full for \$91,800 for year one, \$93,100 for year two, and \$94,400 in year three.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Secretary Cortinas: I use Scholarship Universe every year and a lot of students benefit from this. I think it's really essential for us to fund this project.

Member Navarro Benavides: I'm on the fence on this because I know how important scholarships are to students but they don't reach all students. There's student population that are not eligible for the scholarship posted on there.

Chair Westby: I would like to mention that this was a very contentious proposal for our board. We went back and forth a lot. There's a number of things to consider and the biggest point that I want to relay, as a board, we strongly hope that the university would step in and help fund this program.

Member Adamson: I know Scholarship Universe is a major selling point. We talk about this on tours, we talk about this on the phone or calling prospective students and families, we talk about this on student day experience. Scholarship Universe is something I know this university is proud of and values. I hope one way or another, Scholarship Universe gets supported because it's critical to the mission of this university.

Member Bemis: As for the marketing, I agree, I think this project markets itself. A lot of use were not in favor of funding the marketing but I think the project coordinator is essential to this project. I am in support of the increase of salary for the coordinator.

Chair Westby: *I motion to approve SF20.17 Research and Project Grants in full for \$91,800 for year one, \$93,100 for year two, and \$94,400 in year three. Majority oppose.*

*Approval of SF20.17 Research and Project Grants in full for \$91,800 for year one, \$93,100 for year two, and \$94,400 in year three fails.*

### **SF20.18 SPEAKout Graphic Design & Marketing**

Member Feder: This project allows for development of students' skills in graphic design, marketing, media, and art through employment and increasing UA campus community access to awareness and support and advocacy of UA cultural and resource centers. *I motion to approve SF20.18 SPEAKOut Design and Marketing in full for \$103,300 for three years.*

Member Navarro Benavides: Second.

Member Navarro Benavides: SPEAKout approach is through integrated student voice from marginalized backgrounds and so marketing is very essential.

Treasurer Patel: I like this project's mission in supporting students and telling their stories and I appreciate their vision. I think it's a great way to support marginalized students and promote a diversity inclusive campus.

Member Feder: There's no question in the value and effort of this project. For the seven advanced student worker positions to work in the individual centers, we believe that it will be able to operate with fewer as they collaborate across. With that, *I motion to amend SF20.18 SPEAKOut Design and Marketing to \$55,200 for one year.*

Member Adamson: Second.

Chair Westby: I love the idea of cross collaboration as opposed to having one person for each of the cultural centers. I think there's tremendous value in that especially a newly created Disability Resource Center and also with our VET center.

Co-Cahir Nobbe: I feel like year after year, this is something we have to cut. I'm hoping this year this task is something the graduate assistant can help take on and/or other students within these different areas. I'm

hoping that maybe there could be a way that this be considered an internship opportunity with student graphic design majors or within these departments as a whole if students are interested. An area some of us thought could be cut was some of the professional development. I think this is something we can really benefit from but the number was really high so I think this is an area we can take away from and maybe go directly to student wages.

*Amendment to SF20.18 SPEAKOut Design and Marketing to \$55,200 for one year passes.*

*Approval of SF20.18 SPEAKOut Design and Marketing passes.*

### **SF20.19 UA Campus Pantry Student Support**

Co-Chair Nobbe: Campus Pantry is located right next to the Student Unions and it's a supplemental grocery program for anybody with a catcard on campus. The campus is open 11 hours a week to benefit students during different times. This proposal is specifically for student support and full time coordinator. *I motion to approve SF20.19 Campus Pantry Student Support in full for \$95,500 for two years.*

Member Adamson: Second.

Member Feder: This is my number one priority. I have worked with the pantry in the past and I understand the level of physical involvement it takes to run an operation in that capacity.

Co-Chair Nobbe: I strongly believe that this needs to be fully funded. I think that with the pantry growing, we need someone who's fully hands on and student support is also very important to the operations.

Secretary Cortinas: I do agree that this is an important proposal but with limited funding *I motion to amend SF20.19 Campus Pantry Student Support to \$76,500 for two years.*

Treasurer Patel: Second.

Member Navarro Benavides: One thing I want to mention regarding Campus Pantry budget, they were very transparent about all the support they receive. Because food insecurity has risen to the level of interest and support from the president, I think the amended amount will still help them achieve their goal.

Member Leo (proxy): As a board, we are constantly talking about how many of these programs should have institutional support instead of relying on the student fees. Unlike so many other programs, the Campus Pantry was able to secure financial support from the institution this year. As such, I think the board should consider the financial needs of those programs over perceived student needs. There has been no evidence to support the need for the additional operating funds this proposal is requesting. I would rather see our funds go to support some of the other proposals we have this year. Many of which are already offering different supports to the Campus Pantry. I fundamentally disagree with the idea of student money going to support a university staff. The idea that funds will go to student support is greatly misleading and for these reasons I think we should reject the proposal.

Member Feder: I very strongly disagree. I would like to voice my opinion in the opposite direction. I think this proposal cannot cater more directly to students. It's fantastic that we have institutional support from

the president but until we solve this problem and see the numbers decrease instead of rise, we have to continue to provide support.

*Amendment to SF20.19 Campus Pantry Student Support to \$76,500 for two years. Co-Chair Nobbe, Member Adamson, and Member Feder oppose.*

*Approval SF20.19 Campus Pantry Student Support passes.*

### **SF20.20 UA job Shadow Program**

Member Feder: This project brings together alumni, UA-connected employers and other willing professionals to offer a one day job shadow. The purpose of this program is to provide industry exploration for curious students and also supply exposure to students who may have career focus but lack professional experience. *I motion to approve SF20.20 UA Job Shadow in full for \$16,500 for one year.*

Member Bemis: Second.

Secretary Cortinas: I like the idea that students are able to check out jobs before committing fully.

Treasurer Patel: I also like how this project gives students insight to what their future might look like. I support programs that help students learn before graduating in careers they don't like.

Member Bemis: I think it's great to see how well received this is by students and employers.

Member Navarro Benavides: While I see the importance of engaging people early on, and I think this project should stay as it is instead of expanding simply because of limited funding, so *I motion to amend SF20.20 UA Job Shadow to \$8,000 for one year.*

Member Leo: Second.

Secretary Cortinas: This is actually a proposal I would like to have been funded in full but I think the amended amount is better than nothing.

*Amendment to SF20.20 UA Job Shadow to \$8,000 for one year passes. Member Leo opposes.*

*Approval of SF20.20 UA Job Shadow to \$8,000 for one year passes.*

### **SF21.21 Universal Design, Campus Outreach and Engagement**

Secretary Cortinas: The DRC has long partnered with campus colleagues to provide legally mandated equal access to courses, buildings, and events for disabled students. However, the Law has limits as it only focuses on access and not necessarily equity. This project is looking for better accommodations for disabled students. *I motion to approve SF20.21 Universal Design, Campus Outreach and Engagement in full for \$116,300 for year one and \$128,200 for year two.*

Member Feder: Second.

Member Navarro Benavides: I think this proposal is addressing the fact that while campus seat does accommodate in response with federal regulations, it's really important that educators across camps gain the skills to make sure their programs and events are responsive to all student population. I'm really

excited about this proposal, and I've also engaged with some of the folks who do this work and taught me so much more about how to be conscious about the environment and the settings that I create with these programs on campus.

Member Leo: *I motion to amend SF20.21 Universal Design, Campus Outreach and Engagement to \$55,000 for one year.*

Secretary Cortinas: Second.

Co-Chair Nobbe: As a board, we feel that there are certain areas in this proposal that can be taken out. For example, the assessment portion. Although our university is driven by assessment, I think collaborating with the DRC and their methods that they already have for assessment could be utilized. I think in the future, this is a great area our research assistant or graduate assistant can be included, instead of funding a full-time coordinator or staff. I love the idea of bringing in student staff. I think that's a great experience for them.

Chair Westby: Campus Lab is a resource available to almost all groups on campus at no cost, the university funds that program. It allows you to survey students, assess your programs, and a number of different things at no cost. I would encourage everyone to reach out to them to get more information.

Member Navarro Benavides: I think the role of the assessment and media is essential. I agree that dealing with sensitive information from a marginalized student population requires a level of expertise, and I'm sad that we can't help support that expertise this year.

Member Feder: I would encourage a collaboration with the College of Education and their certification rehabilitation programs and hopefully will not have to use as many extra funding for that.

*Amendment to SF20.21 Universal Design, Campus Outreach and Engagement to \$55,000 for one year passes.*

*Approval of SF20.21 Universal Design, Campus Outreach and Engagement to \$55,000 for one year passes.*

## **PAR DISCUSSION AND VOTING**

### **SF19.05P2 Common Ground Alliance, PAR SF-T203**

Treasurer Patel: Introduces CGA PAR, Motions to approve PAR SF-T203

Chair Westby: Seeing no further discussion we'll move to a vote. All those in favor of PAR SF-T203 for Common Ground Alliance say "Aye", all those opposed same sign, any abstentions?

- Board unanimously votes in favor of PAR SF-T203.
- PAR SF-T203 passes (PAR Approved)
- PAR SF-T203 will be changed to PAR SF-54 upon ratification

**V. ADJOURNMENT: 5:34 PM**

**PROPOSAL DISCUSSION AND VOTING**