Committee Members Present
Matthew Markert
Carlos Gonzalez
Paul Roberts
Lisa Jett
Radha Nabar
Howard Patterson
Eva Burnett
Jessica Dykes
Kay Pleasant

Committee Members Not Present
Michael Reed
Carrie Clayton
Andrea Eichelberger

Noncommittee Members Present

Meeting was called to order at 2:07 by Matthew Markert

Jessica Dykes motioned to approve the minutes
Carlos Gonzalez Seconded
No Discussion

Vote: Minutes passed unanimously.
Minutes were approved

In the previous meeting the committee had approved all flat budget requests.

Senior Admin Associate for Student Affair – Tab 27
When the salary was set it did not include fringe benefits, and the salary ended up being a couple dollars more than what was the anticipated budget. This is something the president did to correct that. Penciled in for one time funds for an increase of $19,026.

Athletics – Tab 28
Mabry paid this money last year out of Presidents Associates money, in full amount. The 2% merit is not supposed to be included in this request. Matthew and Dr. Patterson had previously gone through and estimated that $15,000 dollars in raises, so they zeroed out everything that was penciled in for the small 2% raises. They deleted all the 2% raise because they would have been counted twice otherwise. In this case, athletics is looking for $12,066, those may be market adjustment. This will be penciled in as $12,066 as a one-time fund.

Patriot Ambassadors – Tab 30
They are ambassadors for the university, they would be at a multitude of events such as: foundations board meetings, all the typical orientation meetings, fundraising meetings, and work with Debby Wood on all president’s parties. They would be a representation of who our students are. They would be hand-picked and we aim to get the best and brightest of our students. The $5,000 will go to blazers and outfits so that they all look the same and they can always be recognized as what the ambassadors wear. In our letter to the president when we list everything the committee has voted on, we would have a separate paragraph that is asking to utilize president’s associate money because the program will directly benefit his office. Possibly ask the president to use President’s Associate money for this.

HPC Operations – Tab 29
Washer and Dryers one time funds. HPC Operations has a budget of $658,085, projecting net of exemptions $633,649 for the main fee. Priority number 2 and priority number 3 will be requested at the VP level, $175,000 for the lights and $35,000 for the floor. Considering giving them $75,000 on a separate budget to allow covering for the batting cages, hoping that Dr. Mabry will match it for. If gym lights and rubberized flooring isn’t approved at the VP level it is important to see its priority for us.
Career Services – Tab 3
Is just asking for the 2% salary increase.

Cheerleading and Mascot – Tab 4 & Dance Tab – 8
It would be beneficial to combine the cheer and dance accounts since it is the salary for the same person. The way the numbers worked out is that $15,000 goes towards the salary on cheer side, the $7,500 goes away under wages, along with $750 in fringe benefits. Roughly $8,000 goes away, the $22,000 of cheer goes towards salary, $15,000 from dance goes towards the salary, which is $37,000 salary for the new coach. We need to add $16,000 salary to this budget.

Co-curricular – Tab 5
Increase for student traveling and research for presenting at conferences, asking for an increase that is consistent with student growth. Penciled in $7,195 as a budget.

Counselling – Tab 7
Out of the $14,000 they are requesting, $11,000 of it will be considered budgeted the other $3,000 is one time funding.

Debate – Tab 9
Asking for more money to go to more events, they were very successful this past year and since it is a young team they are expecting to have more success at the national level. Flat budget but penciled debate in at $5,000 for one time as seed money debate. Encouraging him to put some of that budget towards generating some revenue.

Financial Aid Office – Tab 12
No request.

Greek Life – Tab 13
Budget request is for student travels to the educational conferences. The students that go to these conferences launched an It’s on us campaign, talking about consent and bringing awareness to the issue. The $3,812 will be penciled in our budget and if needed to we will switch it to one time.

Intramurals – Tab 15
Right now we have it in there as an increase of $4,900. Which needs to change to an increase from the general budget for $1,000 salary fringe and $4,900 for student positions. We are also going to grant one time funding of $5,000 for any other needs they have. Out of the total increase they are asking for $7,900 will be budgeted and the other $3,000 will be considered a onetime fund.

So far we have $127,447 as one time funds, the final amount we have budgeted is $1,885,726.

Carlos Gonzalez motions to approve the budgets we have discussed.
Paul Roberts Seconds
Discussion: No more discussion
Vote: Voting passes unanimously.

We have approved this budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Motion for the Student Fee Committee authorizes the expenditure up to $75,000 dollars in matching funds to go towards covering the outdoor batting cages near baseball and softball.

Paul Roberts approve the motion
Kay Pleasant seconds
No Discussion
Voting: Passed unanimously

Kay Pleasant made a motion to write a letter of response to the Debate Team to encourage them to utilize a portion of the $5,000 as seed money to host a debate competition on campus to help raise money. The letter will be drafted by the Committee Chair, Matthew Markert.
Paul Roberts seconded
Voting passed unanimously

The Presidents Associate account is being request for the Patriot Ambassador Program. The committee will send a letter to Dr. Mabry requesting if it can be funded through the Presidents Associate account. The committee feels it is beneficial to use this fund because it will mainly help the President’s office and not necessarily student at large.

Kay Pleasant motions for the Student Fee Advisory Committee respectfully request that the ambassadors program will be funded, this first year, through the President Associates funds.
Jessica Dykes Seconded
Voting passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned by Jessica Dykes at 3:25
Carlos Gonzalez seconded.

Submitted by Radha Nabar