

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING AGENCY

Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom

7:00 PM

Minutes

Members

Rylee Lindemann, Chair
Lilly Ng , Vice Chair
Andrew Frelich, Advisor
Page Schoer, SOFA Liaison
Christopher Song, SOFA Liason
Kale Stroup, Senate Liaison
Alexander Dembinski, SOFA Liaison

Visitors

Bryan Bresina
Alex Tangren
Skyler Strand
Evan Rys

*arrived after call to order

**excused absence

*** unexcused absence

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair R. Lindemann called the Student Organization Funding Agency meeting to order at 7:00 PM on 01/26/2021.

II. MINUTES

P. Schoer moved to approve minutes without objection.

III. REPORTS

A. Advisor

A Frelich reported that if groups do not have proper approval from the UND Office of Safety, SOFA can still hear the requests, but it is contingent upon receiving approval from the office.

B. Senate Liaison

No Report.

C. Treasurer

No Report.

D. Vice Chair

No Report.

E. Chair

Post reports are due 30 days after funding has been used. R. Lindemann also announced that the new policy for SOFA programming and transportation requests.

From now on, both of these requests must be pre-approved by the UND Office of Safety and Management. To gain approval, organizations must fill out a special events form.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Men’s Club Hockey Team (Transportation) –

Men’s Club Hockey Team approached SOFA requesting funding for a trip to St. Cloud, MN from January 29th-30th.

Read by C. Song, concurred by K. Stroup

Round Trip Mileage	251	miles
Number of Students Traveling		22
Funding Tier Amount (Below)	x	\$30.00
Amount to be Funded		\$660.00
Amount Funded by SOFA		\$660.00

MOTION

C. Song moved to allocate \$660.00 to Men’s Club Hockey Team contingent upon proper approval from the UND Safety Office.

Seconded by L. Ng

DISCUSSION

No discussion

VOTE

MOTION CARRIES

B. Ski and Snowboard Club (Transportation) –

Ski and Snowboard Club approached SOFA requesting funding for a ski trip in Whitefish, MT that was taken from January 14th-18th.

Read by P. Schoer, concurred by C. Song

Round Trip Mileage	<table border="1"><tr><td>1,812</td></tr></table>	1,812	miles
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Number of Students Traveling			
Funding Tier Amount (Below)	x	<table border="1"><tr><td>27</td></tr></table>	27
27			
Amount to be Funded		<table border="1"><tr><td>\$80.00</td></tr></table>	\$80.00
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		<table border="1"><tr><td>\$2,160.00</td></tr></table>	\$2,160.00
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Amount Funded by SOFA		<table border="1"><tr><td>\$2,160.00</td></tr></table>	\$2,160.00
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MOTION

P. Schoer moved to allocate \$2,160.00 to Ski and Snowboard Club contingent upon proper approval from the UND Safety Office.

Seconded by K. Stroup

DISCUSSION

No discussion

VOTE

MOTION CARRIES

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. UND Bass Fishing Club (Transportation) –

NOT PRESENT.

B. North Dakota Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (Operating) –

North Dakota Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society approached SOFA requesting funding for members of the organization to attend the National American Meteorological Society convention. Normally, the request would be a transportation request but has been switched to an operating request to fund the registration fees for the American Meteorological Society virtual conference.

Read by K. Stroup, concurred by C. Song

Summation of A. Office Supplies	\$0.00
Summation of B. Postage	\$0.00
Summation of C. Telephone	\$0.00
Summation of D. Advertising and Printing	\$0.00
Summation of E. Other Expenses	\$300.00
Amount Fundable = Total *.75	\$225.00

MOTION

K. Stroup moved to allocate \$225.00 to North Dakota Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society.

Seconded by C. Song

DISCUSSION

No discussion

VOTE

MOTION CARRIES

C. New Liaison Applicant – Alex Tangren

R. Lindemann asked the new applicant Alex Tangren why he was interested in joining SOFA.

A. Tangren answered that he became interested after he received funding for the Ski and Snowboard Club and wanted to continue to give back to the college community.

R. Lindemann asked A. Tangren what his major was and what his class schedule looked like.

A. Tangren answered that he was majoring in aviation and that his classes were asynchronous during this time. He also informed SOFA that he serves as the treasurer for Kappa Sigma fraternity.

R. Lindemann asked if the applicant would be comfortable communicating with organizations through email, reaching out, and answering questions.

R. Lindemann asked A. Tengren if he would be comfortable speaking up if he was against a measure, even if other SOFA members were on opposing sides.

A. Tengren answered that he was comfortable speaking up and has experience making difficult discussions related to money.

A. Frelich asked A. Tengren how many credits he was taking during the current semester.

A. Tengren responded that he was taking 15 credits at this time.

D. New Liaison Applicant – Skylar Strand

R. Lindemann asked the applicant why he was interested in joining SOFA.

Skyler Strand answered that members of SOFA had encouraged him to join. He also indicated that he was interested in being a part of something that made a difference on campus and has experience at the state level working with appropriating funds.

R. Lindemann asked the applicant what his major was and what his class load was for the semester.

S. Strand answered that he was only enrolled in an internship credit for the semester. He is majoring in finance and political science.

R. Lindemann asked the applicant if he was involved with any other organizations on campus.

S. Strand answered that he became a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and that he joined College Republicans.

R. Lindemann asked if S. Strand would be comfortable reaching out to organizations and communicating via email.

S. Strand answered that he was comfortable communicating in this manner.

R. Lindemann questioned if the applicant would be comfortable speaking his thoughts even if he encountered opposition.

S. Strand responded that he was confident in being able to speak up.

A. Frelich asked S Strand about other class commitments and other job commitments that he has.

S. Strand responded that his only class was associated with his internship credit.

A. Frelich confirmed that UND was still recognizing the applicant as a student.

DISCUSSION

SOFA had discussion regarding the first applicant, Alex Tangren.

L. Ng stated that she was the one that encouraged him to apply and that she supported him becoming a Liaison.

K. Stroup indicated that he applauded A Tangren's effort to become a Liaison after difficulties with previous requests.

SOFA voted on approving Alex Tangren as a SOFA Liaison.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIES

SOFA had discussion on the second applicant, Skyler Strand.

K. Stroup discussed that the applicant seemed very direct and capable of the position.

L. Ng affirmed her support for the applicant.

P. Schoer indicated that the applicant's experience with the state would be helpful with SOFA.

SOFA voted on approving Skyler Strand as a SOFA Liaison.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIES

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

K. Stroup announced that the SOFA bylaw updates would be brought to Senate this week.

R. Lindemann announced that there would be no SOFA the following week.

A Frelich reminded SOFA that a total of eight students in good standing could be SOFA Liaisons.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair R. Lindemann adjourned the meeting on January 26th, 2021 at 7:45 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Rylee Lindemann
Chairman

Rylee Lindemann

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Faith Wahl
Recording Secretary

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