

# **Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee**

## **March 31, 2023 – Meeting Minutes**

### **VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Members Present:** Christine Lin (SAFAC Chair Outgoing), Randee Sepeda (SAFAC Chair Incoming), Brian Allison (Faculty), Rajan Rijal (Staff), Shiva Davanloo (Faculty – Alternate), David Tercero (Staff – Alternate), Michele Culpepper (Faculty – Alternate), Travis Grasser (Faculty – Alternate), Jesus Palacios (Student Rep), Elijah Pinguel (Student Rep)

**Members Absent:** Sammi Woodyard (SAFAC Vice Chair Incoming), Marifrances Casey (Staff – Alternate), Brian White (Faculty), Beren (Joe) Davidson (Student Rep), Yonel Jose Perez Rodriguez (Student Rep)

**Administrative Liaison / Coordinator:** Michael Gregorash (Present)

**Minutes Taken By:** Michael Gregorash

**Representatives were present from the following organizations:**

Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden, Mock Trial Advertising Books, Women's Basketball National Championship, Surgical Assisting Graduation Celebration

**I. Official Start of Meeting:**

The email meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m. on Tuesday April 4.

**II. Budget Review:**

At the beginning of this meeting, the SAFAC budget balance is \$482,366.00

**III. Approval of past minutes and additional notes:**

The minutes were presented from the meeting on March 3, 2023.

Michele Culpepper made a motion to approve the minutes. Brian Allison seconded.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**IV. Funding Requests Presentations:**

**a. Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden**

Funding in the amount of \$2,232.12 is requested to cover the costs of creating the Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden. The Collin College Agriculture Club is excited to submit plans for building the Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden on the northeast side of campus. The garden will be on the west side of the Caterpillar Tunnel, parallel to S Collin Way. The focus of the club's research and design principal was to utilize plants and shrubs that are beautiful yet functional. Vibrant colors will attract a vast array of pollinators. All plants will be native or adapted to Texas, ensuring they are best suited for our soil type and climate. The committee members have sought the guidance of

the Collin Extension Agent, Brad Voss, and feel confident that the Ag Club is well prepared. The purpose of the Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden is four-fold:

1. To support and maintain a habitat for butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.
2. To act as a means of research and hands-on lab exercises to further the quality of education of horticulture and agriculture students.
3. Educate the community by providing information on the importance of pollinators and how they can contribute to conservation efforts.
4. To complement the Seed Library already established on campus.

**b. Mock Trial Advertising Books**

Funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 is requested to cover the costs of purchasing Mock Trial Advertising Books for the purpose of promoting and advertising the Political Justice League Mock Trial student organization. The Collin College Mock Trial Team will have at least five of the eleven students coming back to compete again next year – giving the team the most experience it has ever had in my tenure as the head coach. To that end, the team will continue to practice for the balance of the semester, and build our courtroom skills. The money being requested will go toward advertising for new team members this semester and over the summer, materials to practice, and, if funded, an end-of-year awards ceremony (this is optional and would be the first thing cut if the committee is trying to cut costs).

**c. Women's Basketball National Championship**

Funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 is requested to cover the costs of sending the Women's Basketball Team to Lubbock Texas for the NJCAA National Tournament. The 2022-23 Women's Basketball team had an outstanding year, winning National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region V tournament regular season conference champions with a 28-1 record while being ranked number 7 nationally going into regional play. We, unfortunately, did not win the regional tournament but, due to an outstanding season, earned our first-ever invitation to the NJCAA National Tournament held in Lubbock, Texas, from March 22nd-27th. We are still in the middle of the tennis season and still to host the 2022-23 Men's National Tennis Tournament. Due to the short notice of the tournament and the rise in the cost of travel, lodging, and food, we are requesting \$40,000 additional to send the team to Lubbock for the tournament. This additional funding will ensure that we finish the year under budget.

**d. Surgical Assisting Graduation Celebration**

Funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 is requested to cover the costs of the Surgical Assisting Graduation Celebration. As the only Advanced Technical Certificate holders in the college and already credentialed Surgical Technologists, the Surgical Assisting Program students work full-time in the operating room and juggle school and personal responsibilities. After successfully completing a challenging year as first assist students in both the classroom and in their surgical clinical, the Surgical Assisting Program Graduation celebrates their amazing efforts. The celebration recognizes the student sacrifices as well as the support and encouragement of family and loved ones. The Surgical Assisting Program graduates will participate in a

pinning and certificate ceremony, receiving recognition from the supportive SA Program faculty and director. Following the ceremony, the students and their families and loved ones will enjoy lunch, laughter, and reflection of their amazing journey. Participants of the SA Program Graduation Celebration include the student graduates, their families and loved ones, and SA Program faculty and director. The Dean of Health Sciences and Emergency Services, Michelle Millen, will be invited to offer congratulations to the SA Program graduates during the pinning and certificate ceremony. The materials purchased for the event will be utilized for decorations, program celebratory items, and food/drink.

**V. Funding Requests Voting Results:**

**a. Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden**

Funding in the amount of \$2,232.12 is requested to cover the costs of creating the Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden.

Travis Grasser made the motion to fund up to \$2,233.00 to cover the costs of creating the Wylie Campus Pollinator Garden. David Tercero seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**b. Mock Trial Advertising Books**

Funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 is requested to cover the costs of purchasing Mock Trial Advertising Books for the purpose of promoting and advertising the Political Justice League Mock Trial student organization.

David Tercero made the motion to fund up to \$2,000.00 to cover the costs of purchasing Mock Trial Advertising Books. Elijah Pinguel seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**c. Women's Basketball National Championship**

Funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 is requested to cover the costs of sending the Women's Basketball Team to Lubbock Texas for the NJCAA National Tournament.

Elijah Pinguel made the motion to fund up to \$40,000.00 to cover the costs of sending the Women's Basketball Team to Lubbock Texas for the NJCAA National Tournament. Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**d. Surgical Assisting Graduation Celebration**

Funding in the amount of \$3,000.00 is requested to cover the costs of the Surgical Assisting Graduation Celebration.

Travis Grasser made the motion to fund up to \$3,000.00 to cover the costs of the Surgical Assisting Graduation Celebration. Brian Allison seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous to pass.

**VII. Announcements:**

Michael Gregorash announced that the SAFAC Annual Budget Hearing will be taking place on Friday, April 21 via Zoom, and that the next SAFAC Monthly Meeting will be taking place on Friday, May 5, 2023 via Zoom.

**VIII. Adjourn:**

David Tercero made the motion to adjourn the meeting on Thursday April 6 at 12:08 p.m.