

**IRA COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 12, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Marcus Reveles, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Student Members

Present: Costello, Finley, Garcia, Herrera, Hussain, Mendoza, Thomas, Zhou

Absent:

Faculty Members

Present: Abnet, Bruschke, Mickey, Ngo, Nobari, Xie

Absent: Passante (E)

Non-Voting Members

Present: Edwards, Ohtomo, Reveles, Stang, Ward

Absent: Masoud, Mollenauer

Guests: Robbie Abraham

(Thomas-m/Hussain-s) Passante was excused from the meeting by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Mickey-m/Bruschke-s) The agenda was approved by presented by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Abnet-m/Garcia-s) The minutes from the March 5, 2021 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There were no public speakers.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

**a. Line Item Transfer
Request – 3518**

IRA 019 20/21 (Thomas-m/Abnet-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the line item transfer

Reveles yielded to Robbie Abraham.

Abraham stated that 3518 London Semester Internship was requesting to transfer \$24,000 from 8077 Travel to 8074 Contracts/Fees/Rentals to cover the costs of virtual activities.

IRA 019 20/21 (-m/-s) Roll Call Vote: 16-0-0. The motion was adopted.

**b. Discussion: IRA Funding
Deliberation**

Reveles yielded to Edwards.

Edwards went over the options to distribute the remaining funds after the funding deliberation process was completed. He also went over the pros and cons for each option.

Edwards went over the spreadsheet that showed the numbers under each option.

Reveles stated that the members would be voting in an anonymous poll to see which options were preferred.

The results were pretty even among the options; there were no clear leaders.

Bruschke stated that he and Passante developed a new option for the Committee to consider.

Bruschke stated that there was a concern on how COVID-19 affected the 2019-20 actuals. Step 1 only looks at the higher amount of the 2019-20 actuals or the three-year average of the actuals including 2019-20. The option would modify step 1 but only include the 2020-21 award in determining the amount to use. The award would be based on 10% of the highest of these numbers, not to exceed the 2021-22 request.

Stang stated that the steps of the funding deliberation process have already been approved by the Committee. The current options are to consider how to adjust the approved funding deliberation process. The discussion is to hone onto one of the option to figure out the best way to distribute the remaining funds.

Bruschke stated that Stang is correct. There was a concern that 2019-20 spending was not addressed.

Edwards stated that the steps were not alternated since the President's Office approve the funding deliberation process. None of the steps could be changed without the President's approval.

Edwards asked what the members wanted to make their decision next week. They had hoped to narrow down the options during the discussion, but the members may need to discuss each option.

Reveles suggested doing another poll but allowing the members to vote for multiple options.

Stang asked if any of the options reduce the concern brought up by Bruschke and Passante.

Bruschke stated that options C and D received more votes, but option C favors the fourth quartile.

Edwards stated that options B and D utilized the rankings and are most in line with the governance document. These options take the majority of the remaining funds and distribute them top to bottom. There are many flaws in option C. Options B and D either will fully or nearly fully fund the higher ranking programs.

Reveles stated that they would redo the poll. The members will select their top two options.

Options B and D received a majority of the votes.

Edwards stated that options B and D would be used at next week’s meeting. The members could discuss options A, C, E and the option presented by Brusckke to see if any would be added to next week’s meeting.

Ward asked Brusckke to state how the remaining funds would be distributed in the new option and not by changing the approved steps in the funding deliberation process.

The members discussed the other options to see if any could be eliminated from consideration. The members agreed to remove options A and E.

Reveles asked why option C could be considered.

The members stated that that they were interested in funding all of the programs, and option C was the only one that did that.

Reveles yielded to Edwards.

Edwards stated that there were still remaining funds in all of the options. The members could consider funding those programs with these remaining amounts.

[Stang left the meeting at 9:56am.]

Reveles stated that based on the discussion the worksheet would include options B and D since they received the highest votes, option C since there was still some interest and the option that Brusckke presented.

ROLL CALL VOTES

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ARTS	Thomas	Y
CBE	Zhou	Y
COMM	Herrera	Y
ECS	Hussain	Y
ED	Mendoza	Y
HHD	Garcia	Y
HSS	Finley	Y
NSM	Costello	Y
ARTS	Mickey	Y
CBE	Xie	Y
COMM	Brusckke	Y
ECS	Ngo	Y
ED	Shand	Y
HHD	Nobari	Y
HSS	Abnet	Y
NSM	Passante	Absent
Chair	Reveles	Y
Results		16-0-0

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBERS'
PRIVILEGE**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.



Deserita Ohtomo, Recording Secretary



[Marcus Reveles \(Apr 2, 2021 10:23 PDT\)](#)

Marcus Reveles, IRA Committee Chair