

**IRA COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Marcus Reveles, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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, Reveles, Stang, Ward

Absent: Masoud, Mollenauer

Guests: Robbie Abraham

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Garcia-m/Finley-s) The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(Garcia-m/Bruschke-s) The minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS

There were no public speakers.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

TIME CERTAIN

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Line Item Transfer – 3309

IRA 020 20/21 (Thomas-m/Bruschke-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the line item transfer by 3309 GEO481A Field Camp.

Reveles yielded to Robbie Abraham.

Abraham stated that the program was requesting to transfer \$11,000 from 8050 Supplies and \$2,003 from 8077 Travel to 8074 Contracts/Fees/Rentals to cover the costs of virtual field exercises due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

IRA 020 20/21 (Thomas-m/Bruschke-s) Roll Call Vote: 16-0-0. The motion was adopted.

b. IRA Funding Budget

Reveles stated that the Committee would use the plurality vote to determine what option to select since no decision was made at last week's meeting.

IRA 021 20/21 (Garcia-m/Thomas-s) A motion was made and seconded to approve the IRA awards for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Reveles yielded to Edwards.

Edwards went over the options and provided information about the pros and cons for Option F.

Edwards went over the spreadsheet that showed the funding for Options B, C, D and F. There were remaining funds that the Committee could consider how to use after an option was selected. They may decide to give additional funds to specific program or return the funds back to reserves.

Edwards stated that he also wanted to summarize the fee projections since they forgot to include the 7% administration fee on the amount used from reserves.

Reveles stated that the Committee would discuss each option before the plurality vote.

The members discussed Option B. The discussion included:

- The option was a good choice. With the remaining funds, they could fund an additional eight programs.
- It would be good to return some funds to reserves.
- It was more important to spend funds for students.
- This option would give the most funding.

The members discussed Option C. The discussion included:

- The option disregards the rubric scores.
- The highest-ranking program would not be fully funded.
- The option is the only one that funds all programs in the fourth quartile.
- The option takes away from the work the voting members did to complete the rubric scores.

The members discussed Option D. The discussion included:

- The option was a good choice.
- In the future, there should have been a percentage given to the programs in the fourth quartile.
- A percentage of the remaining funds could be given to the fourth quartile programs.

The members discussed Option F. The discussion included:

- The option funds all program up to a ten percent increase, but it does not fund all programs.
- If funding were given to all requests each year, there would be a point where stable funding is not possible.

IRA 021A 20/21 (Garcia-m/Hussain-s) An amendment was made and seconded to select one of the options.

IRA 021A 20/21 (Garcia-m/Hussain-s) Roll Call Vote: Option B: 4; Option C: 1; Option D: 6; Option F: 4; Abstentions: 1. By a plurality vote, Option D received the most votes (6). The amendment was adopted.

IRA 021B 20/21 (Bruschke-m/Herrera-s) An amendment was made and seconded to raise the awards for programs 3352, 3268 and 3571 to the minimum award of \$2,000.

IRA 021B 20/21 (Bruschke-m/Herrera-s) Roll Call Vote: 16-0-0. The amendment was adopted.

IRA 021C 20/21 (Abnet-m/Thomas-s) An amendment was made and seconded to award funds to programs 3217, 3208 and 3214 (all in the fourth quartile) the lower of their 2020-21 award or their 2021-22 request.

Stang asked the reason to award these returning programs at the proposed amounts.

Abnet stated that he would like to see all of the programs receive some funding.

Bruschke stated that it did not seem fair to give these programs fully funding and proposed a friendly amendment to award the programs 75% of their 2021-22 requested amount. Abnet and Thomas accepted the friendly amendment; there were no objections to the friendly amendment.

IRA 021C 20/21 (Abnet-m/Thomas-s) Roll Call Vote: 16-0-0. The amendment was adopted.

IRA 021D 20/21 (Mickey-m/Thomas-s) An amendment was made and seconded to fund new programs in the fourth quartile 75% of their requested amount except for Global Collaboration Simulation which would be funded at \$2,000 (the minimum award).

Bruschke stated that by funding these programs is setting the bar low, and the Committee is taking on obligations for the future.

Nobari stated that this would affect programs that had higher rubric scores and requested a higher increase for the 2021-22 year.

IRA 021D 20/21 (Mickey-m/Thomas-s) Roll Call Vote: 9-3-4. The amendment was adopted.

Edwards stated that there were programs that requested significant increases. Edwards asked the members if there were any programs that they rated might be awarded additional funds.

Nobari stated that 3265 Border Reporting requested additional funds for per diem, which they have not requested in the past.

IRA 021E 20/21 (Nobari-m/Bruschke-s) An amendment was made and seconded to award an additional \$4,000 to 3265 for their per diem.

IRA 021E 20/21 (Nobari-m/Bruschke-s) Roll Call Vote: 10-1-5. The amendment was adopted.

There was no further discussion on the amended motion.

[Xie left the meeting sometime after the voting for IRA 021E.]

IRA 021 20/21 (Garcia-m/Thomas-s) Roll Call Vote: 15-0-0. The amended motion was adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTES

| | | 020 | 021A | 021B | 021C |
|-------|----------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| ARTS | Thomas | Y | Option B | Y | Y |
| CBE | Zhou | Y | Option C | Y | Y |
| COMM | Herrera | Y | Option D | Y | Y |
| ECS | Hussain | Y | Option D | Y | Y |
| ED | Mendoza | Y | Option B | Y | Y |
| HHD | Garcia | Y | Option D | Y | Y |
| HSS | Finley | Y | Option D | Y | Y |
| NSM | Costello | Y | Option D | Y | Y |
| ARTS | Mickey | Y | Option B | Y | Y |
| CBE | Xie | Y | Option B | Y | Y |
| COMM | Bruschke | Y | Option F | Y | Y |
| ECS | Ngo | Y | Option F | Y | Y |
| ED | Shand | Y | Option F | Y | Y |
| HHD | Nobari | Y | Option D | Y | Y |
| HSS | Abnet | Y | Option F | Y | Y |
| NSM | Passante | Absent | | | |
| Chair | Reveles | Y | A | Y | Y |
| | Results | 16-0-0 | Option B: 4 Option C: 1 Option D: 6 Option F: 4 Abs: 1 | 16-0-0 | 16-0-0 |

ROLL CALL VOTES

| | | 021D | 021E | 021 |
|-------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| ARTS | Thomas | Y | Y | Y |
| CBE | Zhou | A | A | Y |
| COMM | Herrera | Y | N | Y |
| ECS | Hussain | Y | A | Y |
| ED | Mendoza | Y | Y | Y |
| HHD | Garcia | Y | Y | Y |
| HSS | Finley | Y | Y | Y |
| NSM | Costello | A | Y | Y |
| ARTS | Mickey | Y | Y | Y |
| CBE | Xie | A | A | Absent |
| COMM | Bruschke | N | Y | Y |
| ECS | Ngo | Y | A | Y |
| ED | Shand | N | Y | Y |
| HHD | Nobari | N | Y | Y |
| HSS | Abnet | Y | Y | Y |
| NSM | Passante | Absent | | |
| Chair | Reveles | A | A | Y |
| | Results | 9-3-4 | 10-1-5 | 15-0-0 |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBERS'
PRIVILEGE**

Edwards stated that they would prepare the document to send to the Provost and Vice President for Student Affairs that would be sent to the University President. There is a meeting scheduled in April (April 16, 9 a.m.). The Committee would spend time reviewing this year's process to see if there would be any recommended changes sent to the University.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m.



Deserita Ohtomo, Recording Secretary



Marcus Reveles (Apr 26, 2021 18:16 PDT)

Marcus Reveles, IRA Comm, tee Chair