

## INSTRUCTIONALLY RELATED ACTIVITIES (IRA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 7, 2021 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM

# MINUTES

**Members Present:** Duncan Young (Chair), Austin Lopic, Gary Braun, Hope Munro, and Christine Witt

**Members Absent:** Jennifer Mendoza (Chair), Breanna Holbert, and Dennis O'Connor

**Staff Present:** Stephen Cummins, Annabel Grimm, Jennifer Mays, Kendall Ross, and Kim Williams

**Staff Absent:** None

**Guests:** Tracy Butts, Joe Alexander, Brandi Aranguren, Adrienne Scott, and Heather McCafferty

- I. Call to Order – D. Young called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes -
  - a. 12.16.2020 Minutes – Moved by Lopic; seconded by Witt. Approved 5-0-0.
- III. New Business
  - a. Action Items - None
  - b. Discussion Items
    - i. Work Study Presentations (in order of presentation/discussion):
      - HFA – All programs - \$66,870 – Tracy Butts and Joe Alexander
        - a. HFA is requesting the same allocation as 2020-21. Students have been involved in providing virtual productions. The spending for this year is pretty much on target. It is expected that they would be using the funds as requested for 21-22. The same students that work on non-IRA events also work on the IRA events. This year, students were trained virtually to replace graduating students. They will be bringing students back on campus as they are able. They have had students working outside to video the players in the productions. Dean Butts encouraged the group to check out the Spring musical. If you have been missing campus, check it out. It's a reminder of how beautiful our campus is. Commendation was given for being flexible to bring the arts and music to people, and for using IRA dollars to employ students in a virtual environment.
      - Hands on Experience (NSC) – \$9,000 - Brandi Aranguren
        - a. The program is based around elementary field trips, so they were initially unable to adapt to a virtual environment. Also, their facilities were being moved to the new Science Building. They returned their allocation from last year. In the fall, they will have

students videotaping activities to share with teachers to use in their classrooms. They hope to have field trips to schools in the Spring of 2022, if all goes well. If not, they will be in a good position to offer more virtual services. Work Study funds will be used to train our students to engage in the community one way or another. They may also have kits that teachers can check out. Students may even be able to go to classrooms, in small groups, to work with schoolchildren. They will have time slots in the new building to work in the new lab spaces designed for this kind of interaction.

- University Box Office - \$45,000 – Stephen Cummins
  - a. They host live events so, this past year, they did not host due to campus clients not allowed to hold live events. Most of the 2020-21 Work Study funds were returned. They are anticipating returning to, at the least, some sort of socially-distanced or lower-capacity events next year. They are asking for their “normal” requested allocation. It actually takes more students and staff to make sure an event is COVID compliant.
- Museum of Anthropology (BSS) - \$6,600 - Adrienne Scott and Heather McCafferty
  - a. The museum had to close its doors in March of 2020 but they worked quickly to pivot to an online format. They met up in Teams and worked to provide a YouTube channel, virtual exhibits, virtual school tours, and website resources. They have an upcoming virtual exhibit, “Epidemic of Injustice.” Students are motivated and energized to make change to ensure museums support their learning. They returned part of their funding for the current year, and are not asking for an increase in funds for the coming year. Members complimented Adrienne, Heather, and students for thriving during this difficult time.
- Orion (CME) - \$10,000 – Pate McMichael did not attend the meeting.
  - a. Members requested staff reach out to ask how funds will be spent with what we know about Fall semester and social distancing guidelines.
- Tehama Group Communications (CME) - \$2,500 – Janell Bauer did not attend.
  - a. No questions.
- Outdoor Classroom (BSS) - \$7,475.20 – Don Hankins did not attend.
  - a. The question was asked if this is a new program. Staff explained that the program has been around for a number of years.

- IV. Old Business – None
  
- V. Announcements – “Happy Wednesday” from Austin. Recreational Sports has returned to some sense of normal by opening a few sporting activities. Butte County is open to anyone over 16 to get COVID vaccines. There are lots of open appointments to get vaccinated in Butte County. COVID relief in the amount of \$13 million dollars will be going out in block grants to students. Ask students to sign up for direct deposit.
  
- IV. Adjournment –D. Young adjourned the meeting at 3:57pm.