Grants Committee Minutes

October 25, 2017 | Abdul Ladha Room 104

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

Present:

VP Finance                      Ryan Lou
AVP Finance                     Alyssa Yong
Biochemistry Representative     Sean Jeong
Microbiology & Immunology Rep.  Arshdeep Ganda
Science One Rep.                Amir Moradi
Member-at-Large                 Fatum Bahamdun
Member-at-Large                 Ingrid Mo

Regrets:

Coordinated Science Program Rep. Monica Hsu
Statistics Rep.                 YuMing He
Physics Rep.                    Shawna Narayan

Ksenia (Pinski) Wiebe ($292.00)

- No detailed budget; only stated airfare and requested amount
- Shows experience in field, shows passion for computer science; experience and expertise as Teaching Assistant
- Short but concisely written
- Important conference for computer science professional development; enhances previous knowledge and allows her to learn how to progress in this field
- 5x YES

Miguel Desmarais ($0.00)

- Similar to Abstract from a research paper; difficult to understand research
- Only shows interest/motivation in final paragraph
- Seems to have made effort to get funding from other sources
- Seems interested, shows effort; worked on research project for two years
- 3x NO: too short, more effort shown in Abstract-like paragraph than in rationale; dedication to research but not to grant application
- 2x YES: not sufficiently written but 2 years of commitment dedicated to research project (note: first author, shows his effort)
Kristen Kwong ($ 300.00)
- Dedicated to research, shows significance of grant and importance of conference
- High expenses but attempted to cover most; provided breakdown of budget including different categories (airfare, transportation, conference)
- Brief paragraph but concisely written
- Start of third year so an important time during their 8-month co-op experience; impact career development/opportunities for future co-op, influence education choices
- 5x YES

Allan Fong ($ 0.00)
- Rough budget but itemized
- Unreasonably high expenses for food and hotel
- Applied for previous grant, applying for current grant due to location (Washington) and high expenses
- Not state reason and importance (vague) for attending; gaining credentials for applications – honest but not a good impression
- Goals not aligned with reasons – pursuing research (not shown) vs. to gain credentials
- Not cohesively written
- 3x NO: need better writing quality for rationale; not specify reason for grant – how the money will be spent
- 2x YES: high expenses – will require grant, good experience for neuroscience

Beriwan Salamat Ravandi ($ 300.00)
- Emphasize why she wants this opportunity to present her poster and how it will affect her career
- Shows effort but not show experience in field; specific in what she will gain from this opportunity
- Knows how she wants to progress in this field and specifies importance
- Focus on opportunity to empower women in computer science (male-dominated field)
- 5x YES

Keila Stark ($ 300.00)
- Long sentences – not as concise
- Honours degree shows interest in field but does not show much involvement
- Nominated to attend conference, shows that she deserves to attend
- Does not show much experience in the field from her writing
- Grant seems to be important in helping to begin her road towards career development
- 5x YES: grand/important opportunity, nomination to attend UN conference emphasizes excellence and dedication

Patience Shyu ($ 300.00)
- Shows involvement and passion; previous experience in computer science
- Informal but personal writing with “I”
- Important opportunity and conference for computer science
- 5x YES

Zeba Khan ($ 0.00)

- Formatting of paragraph; not aligned properly
- Not show dedication; not provide detailed workshop costs and proof (correct student rate not provided)
- 4x NO
- 1x YES: high cost – would require grant

Meeting Adjourned at 5:56 PM