Academic Opportunity Fund Application Revision

Description: Clarification of Academic Opportunity Fund eligibility requirements and budget format.

WHEREAS the eligibility requirements of the 2012-2013 Academic Opportunity Fund application are unclear,

WHEREAS the budget template of the 2012-2013 Academic Opportunity Fund application is confusing,

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED THAT the attached document entitled “2012-2013 Academic Opportunity Fund” shall be replaced by the attached document entitled “2013-2014 Academic Opportunity Fund”.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED THAT the Academic Opportunity Fund Allocation Committee shall award funds according to the eligibility requirements set forth in the attached document entitled “2013-2014 Academic Opportunity Fund”.

Sponsor: Tucker Smith, USU/SA Engineering Senator

Co-sponsor: Matthew Ditto, USU/SA Education Senator

Steven Mortenson, USU/SA Business Senator

Trevor Olsen, USU/SA Administrative Assistant
Policy Paper

Committee: Academic Senate
In Attendance: Emily Esplin, Matthew Anderson, Steven Mortenson, Matthew Ditto, CJ Lawrence, Tucker Smith, Ashley Lee, Sam Wright, Brittney Garbrick, Kellie Erickson, and Trevor Olsen
Absent: N/A
Result: Passed Unanimously

History:
The 2013-2014 Academic Senate saw a need to revise the Academic Opportunity Fund application after encountering several misunderstandings regarding the document. Some of these misunderstandings include: lack of clarity regarding how much personal contribution is required of students, lack of clarity that each member applying must be an undergraduate student, and lack of clarity regarding what costs AOF will/ will not cover.

Purpose:
The purpose of ASB 2014-01 is to clarify the eligibility requirements and budget template of the Academic Opportunity Fund application.

Pros:
Students will clearly understand eligibility requirements. The awarding committee will have well defined guidelines for awarding amounts.

Cons:
Time and effort in revising the document will be required. A shift from old practices may yield some initial confusion.