The SAFB DSF FS2022-SP2023 Hearing began at 06:07pm.

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Howdy guys. So my name is Chandler Cairatti. I am the Student Activity Finance Board chair. So I’m the guy that oversees the board that we’re about to have this long discussion about funding. So the expectations for tonight is that you guys have looked over the documents that were sent out so I'm not necessarily going to be explaining the budget or necessarily going into super long details about all the different options, but those options were given to you as ways for how we can discuss reallocating things, adjusting things, or doing absolutely nothing and going with whatever SAFB is leaning towards. Tonight, where we have some discussion points that SAFB would like talked about first, and then after those discussion points are talked about, we'll open it up for any other points that want to be brought up. The discussion points are things that we need feedback on to make a recommendation this year. Anything else is just whatever you guys want to bring up. Can everyone hear me okay?”

Attendance was being recorded.

Chandler Cairatti stated: “As you guys are finishing signing up, we will be having mic runners run around so if you want to say something, raise your hand. We'll try and go through people as quickly as we can. Please respect people that are talking, let them finish their point, and if you have a counterpoint, we'll go to you next.”

Amanda Aiken stated: “So camo hoodie right there, Adam raise your hand: he has a microphone, and then our lovely banana man over here has a microphone as well so if you guys do have a comment, question, concern, please come up to one of them if possible. If not, raise your hand and they will come back to you. Did everybody get the QR code?”

Arnold Nguyen stated: “Yeah, so if you’re having issues scanning, I guess you can come to me at the end of the meeting, and I’ll get you checked in. Does that sound cool?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “All right, so let's go ahead and get started. Okay, so this is, again, for the Direct Student Funding allocation for next year, so the 2022-2023 academic year, how much funding each of these DSF groups are going to receive. There are certain points that we want to hit first. The first one being the RollaMO Yearbook. Currently the RollaMO Yearbook is up for a zero dollar recommendation because they do not have any students running them. The Yearbook has been around for 100+ years and has been a staple in kind of what happened during the year, kind of a historical record of each year. Right now, we have no students running it. It has money sitting in their account that's supposed to be spent this year. If it doesn't get spent this year, it's going to sit there until it's spent or reallocated by us. So student opinion: we will share with you guys data over a survey that was sent out. Does anyone have any remarks over what they would like to see done with Yearbook?”

Anthony Domijan stated: “If it's not being used, we should slash it.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Could you also state your name and what team you represent or group you represent?”
Anthony Domijan stated: "Well thanks, Chandler. My name is Anthony. I am representing Underwater Robotics team."

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Okay. So student opinion: if it shows negative for it and there's no one running it, we're comfortable not having a yearbook anymore?”

Daniel Steinmeyer stated: “Hey, I’m Daniel with the Archery team. How come there’s no one working on the yearbook? Are they not getting any volunteers or what?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “It’s just like any other student org. It depends on people to come forward and say, “Yes, I want to do this,” and no one stepped forward.”

Daniel Steinmeyer stated: “Okay so there's no one volunteering for it. I guess it's not... it's a student responsibility to have staff?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Yeah it's completely student run.”

??? stated: “[unintelligible].”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Okay, that's an option. We can still try and gather students to join it. We have had meetings. I will add this to that. We have had meetings with the... myself, Chase Johnson our VP of executive operations, and John Gallagher have had meetings with the current advisor for yearbook, and the technical... the Associate Chair of the English and Technical Writing Department. From what we've gathered from that, we have thought about trying to integrate it into a curriculum to where it kind of makes students do it, but it doesn't look like that'll be an option. We can still try and advertise it and see if someone will step up or multiple people will step up. We can go down and try and push it more.”

Ryan Highfill stated: “I was just going to say... oh, Ryan Highfill, ASUM. I’m pretty sure that that's a paid position, right, whenever people do Yearbook? It wasn’t last year, and that would be something members should definitely advertise because freshmen are desperate for on-campus jobs.”

??? stated: “So, is this the first year that we have [unintelligible]?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Yes. So this is the first year that we haven't had anyone actually be on it, and they did not publish last year, correct John? Yeah, there was not a yearbook published last year. Yes.”

Garrett Blum stated: “Garrett Blum, ACO. I don't think we should scrap the yearbook. I think [unintelligible].”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Student opinion so far shows that, based on the data in the packet that I sent out: 75% of students are aware we have a yearbook and only about a fourth are not.”
??? stated: “You might want to give it like a year or two because my concern is if you slash the budget right now, that would discourage people from starting the Yearbook back up again. They would [unintelligible].”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “They do have money in their account from this year. That's been put in there, and it won't move unless we, as an SAFB, motions to you guys to say, “Let's move it somewhere else,” but for right now, unless it's spent this year, it will still be in there next year and the year after that. So if we give a zero dollar recommendation this year and nothing happens with yearbook and we're still trying to get people to join, they'll have money waiting for them to run the yearbook, but as of right now, if we follow the code, we have to give a zero dollar recommendation, and if that happens two years in a row, they automatically get removed from the DSF groups. So if we want to do that route, we can just let it sit and see if someone steps up to take it, but again if no one's on it by next year, we have to give another zero dollar recommendation which means it'll be automatically removed from DSF, and it'll just become another club just like any other club, and they have to approve or apply to another funding group if they so choose to.”

Andrew Lofgren stated: “Andrew Logren from AEG. How much money are we talking about in a typical budget?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Typically... typically about $50,000. That is per year, not per semester.”

??? stated: “Can we have a chance to look over this before we finalize the [unintelligible]?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Whether or not we can form a committee, that's done... that's something we can do through Student Involvement and gather students to discuss this further, and that's something that can be approached. At that point, it becomes Student Council and Student Involvement that would do that. So funding wise moving forward, is anyone against not giving money to increase their budget or to increase that account only for it to possibly just sit there for another year and then we have to hope someone gets on it? Or do we want to just leave the amount that's in there which is about the amount needed to run Yearbook for a year, let someone join, and if it gets started by next year, they'll get money again to, then, still be covered each year?”

Austen Solvie: “Austen Solvie. Has Yearbook been losing members gradually, like, before COVID or is this just a response to last year's school... school yearbook?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “John, do you have that information? Have they been gradually thinning out even before COVID?”

John Gallagher stated: “Yeah the uh... our Student Involvement has stepped in previously to actually do a recruiting campaign for the yearbook. It started probably about three years ago. It got started for a year and a half, and then we're back where we are right now. I hear a lot of concern about what happened to the yearbook. I think what Chandler wants to know is: what's the goal here on campus? What do we want this to accomplish?”
Chandler Cairatti stated: “It doesn't have to be a physical book. It can be an online PDF that gets shared. We don't even have to do it through student funding anymore. If we want to do a subscription fee to where people that only people that want it will subscribe to it, we can do it that way. There is also another option that we can share or have a third party company pay them to do the yearbook. They gather the information, they produce the book for us, kind of like Balfour does our rings and things like that, be a company similar to that, who would then… who would then give out yearbooks, and that can be based, again, on a subscription service, on a student fee, or both a mix of both. So there's a lot of different options we can go down with if we decide to keep moving forward with it.”

???, stated: “[unintelligible]. If there is not really a lot of students who are willing enough to do this, I don’t know if we should keep it going? I think, also, that actually could lead to other RSO's becoming a thing that's responsible for your yearbook, so I don't know where people really want a yearbook? You can make their own. It's not related to just, you know... the Yearbook or whatever.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “If Yearbook were to die out and get restarted later, whether or not that money is still there would be up for question because it'd be a dead organization, we'd have to decide to keep that money there in hopes that it might get picked up someday, but if they were to start again, they would have to spend the year getting re-established as a DSF group through SAFB, and then they would just start getting their normal… our end allocation based on their plans and budgets and all that. They can also come back as an EFC group, so just as a regular club, but they lose the benefits of being a DSF group where they can receive up to 100% funding. When you're just a regular club, you can only receive up to 50% funding from SAFB.”

Anthony Domijan stated: “It's Anthony again, Underwater. How many people in this room, out of curiosity, has a yearbook in their possession? One, two, a few of us?”

???, stated: “From this school?”

Anthony Domijan and Chandler Cairatti stated: “A yearbook from this school.”

About three to five people raised their hands to that question.

Anthony Domijan stated: “Okay yeah, so it's obvious that not a whole lot of students use this, and I thought the whole point of DSF was for all students. So, and it's quite obvious that the interest in the yearbook has weighing drastically before COVID, and I do move that we remove DSF status from... remove yearbook from DSF status.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “We can motion for that at the next StuCo meeting. We won't be doing motions right now, but that's an option that we can do. We can go ahead and vote to remove them now, and if they want to restart, they have to go through the process again.”

Amanda Aiken stated: “So reminder: this is just a discussion so that this will go back to SAFB one last time. They'll make their final recommendations, submit it to us, and then we will vote on it. So this isn't like our big voting thing tonight. That'll all happen at our next general body meeting. So this is just one last run through. We want a larger group of opinions rather than what just SAFB gives us. We want to hear from
all of you so that they can make the best recommendation for you guys all to vote on at our next general body meeting."

Haley Wagner stated: “Haley Wagner, TJHA. So if we go through with the zero dollar recommendation, will they be automatically removed or do they have another year?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “They have another year, and if they get a zero dollar recommendation again, they will automatically be removed. Can we do a show of hands of everyone that’s okay moving on from this topic? That’s a lot of opinion that we’ve gathered.”

Everyone in the room raised their hands.

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Okay, we will move on then. SAFB will take that opinion into account and make it part of the recommendation. Next point of opinion is on the Missouri Miner. That’s our newspaper. Currently, the Missouri Miner is being questioned by SAFB under possibility of penalty. They are being put under possibility of penalty because they failed to turn in a DSF budget for the second year in a row. In fact, they just did not apply at all this year. They failed to show up to their workshop... mandatory workshop, they have had multiple meetings with SAFB to make sure that they understand what they need to do for these applications, and they have not hit any of the goals that SAFB has set ahead of them. So, SAFB has moved forward to start the question of a penalty process. As the option packets said: the penalty process would give them funding, half, of what they normally receive. To have access to that money next year, they would have to turn in a success... success plan as defined before in previous penalties that have happened with other DSF groups. SAFB, the only requirement they put on the success plan is that it has to have a fully complete budget for a typical year and typical expenses. The rest would be determined by Student Council and Student Involvement as to what else... what information they would like to see. Upon the deadline of August 31st, next year 2022, if they turn it in before that deadline, they receive full funding that we allocate to them this year if we allocate anything at all. If they miss that deadline, they lose the Fall half of the funding. That will revert back to SAFB to make another allocation preferably to another media group which would then be approved by the StuCo general body. If they miss the December 31st deadline, then they don’t get the Spring funding either, and from that point on, it would be further questions of, “Okay, should we give them money anymore?” and that, again, that Spring funding, would go back to SAFB if they missed that second deadline which would then be reallocated in a similar fashion. That is what will be voted on next week as it stands, unless we get opinion over: should it be changed? Should we change the amount of funding they are receiving which is currently half of the usual $20,000 they normally ask for? However, the only thing we have to base that on is a budget from three years ago because this would be the third year in a row that we have not received a budget from them. This is the part... so now you guys it was come out very... very snarky. I’m sorry. This is where you guys will give your opinion over: do you agree with that? Do you not agree with part of that? Either worse punishment? Less punishment? Any punishment at all?"

??? stated: “Is there anyone here from the Missouri Miner who will be able to speak about why these issues are happening? And also if not, do we know how active this group is and why they’re having these issues?”
Chandler Cairatti stated: “Is there a representative from the Missouri Miner here? They have not shown up to any StuCo meetings at all this year so far. I will say: they post… they did, four weeks at the beginning the semester, publishing, then they lapsed, and I… did they just publish? There was one published last week. One newspaper published last week. We do know: we did a financial review last semester. I requested Student Council to determine how much of their papers actually get picked up. They do get picked up by students when they’re published.”

Katlyn Mullins stated: “So I was going to go off of that too because I know that like I’m in eSports, and we took over their facility because they weren’t using it enough.”

Laughter filled the room.

Katlyn Mullins stated: “… so are they even active anymore?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “John, I’ll let you comment.”

John Gallagher stated: “That’s not what happened.”

Katlyn Mullins stated: “I just wanted to know because that’s what our President told us so I’ve been going off of that.”

John Gallagher stated: “[unintelligible], but the combination of their ability to do more, do the same, less, and see if eSports needed the space.”

Amanda Aiken stated: “So they do still have a space on campus that they use. It’s just a little bit smaller than what it used to be, and eSports needed a lot of space for their tons of computers, so.”

?? stated: “So, I wrote the Missouri Miner for the last two years up until the semester, and I know there are a lot of people that spend a lot of time editing the newspaper and writing the newspaper. I think in this last year that you had difficulties with leadership, and that’s why maybe things aren’t getting put out because two years ago, we always had paper out, we had editors that were on top of things, and I know a lot of people are quitting and being like leadership so, I think that would be something to work into because I know that a lot of people want to write the newspaper and want to be part of that.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Okay, any comments on the penalty itself? Do we think it’s fair? Do we think it’s unfair in any way? Lighter? Harder? Any opinion on that based on what you’ve heard so far?”

Anthony Domijan stated: “Okay, so I know… this is Anthony again. I know the rules are there for a reason. I know, part of the design teams, we have all those rules every year, and we face those as anyone else does… any other organization in this room. I don’t think an organization should receive special treatment after multiple failures to meet certain requirements because I know if we failed to meet those requirements, we’d lose our funding. Now, a media group shouldn’t be able to be exempt from that.”
Amanda Aiken stated: “Quick comment: if you guys have seats in your row towards the middle, could you guys scooch in so as people are coming in a little bit later due to the classes and stuff, they can grab a seat on the end and not disturb everyone? Thank you.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Okay, reverting back to the discussion. Does anyone disagree with that comment?”

?? stated: “I think I, as a writer, I know I have no idea about this not being turned in, and I think the majority of the people that worked in the newspaper or care about the newspaper were not made aware so we may be looking into that versus a penalty because if leadership isn't communicating that to the rest of the people in the club, then…”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “That would be the goal of the success plan as to: how do we fix those issues? And this isn't "no funding." This is just half funding. And that, again, that number can be talked about as well.”

Anthony Domijan stated: “Here, again. I'm sorry for bad leadership, but three years is three years and no budget. That's a pretty long time, and that's not only one generation of leadership but multiple generations of leadership… of failure, by the sound of it. So, I do think that they should enact this penalty, and I do think that SAFB should go through with it and, hopefully, try to rebuild it, but I do think that there should be, genuinely, consequences to these actions.”

Gabriel Alden stated: “Hi, I'm Gabe Alden with EWB, and my thought on it is: if there's been a lot of failure in the leadership, has there been effort from Student Council in order to start a student, like, the leadership? Because I know that, like, DSF has been another self funding and really intricate part of you if you have no idea what's going on with this, and so if there's people who are in it and are passionate about it and haven't been… what to know about this just because of leadership, I feel like there should be meetings, not only with leadership but people who are part of this to make sure that there is no lapse in publishing. If somebody is ignoring a lot of stuff and not turning it in, they're probably not going to inform those four of them about the issues that are going on, but at least that's in my personal experience. So, I believe that there should be a punishment, but I don't know if necessarily cutting their budget in half is the most effective way to.”

Levi Madden stated: “Levi Madden from the Combat Robotics team. If I am understanding this…”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Hold on just one second. I will say: that is why we started hosting workshops this year. It is also not SAFB's job nor necessarily StuCo's job to hold the hand of RSOs. We're here as a resource that you guys come to us for. I did a lot of extra help with this group.”

Gabriel Alden stated: “I didn't know. [unintelligible] I don't know what goes on with StuCo.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “I met with the President or the Editor-in-Chief three times in the Spring semester, one time before this semester started, and many many emails. Again, it's been mentioned every time on Student Council: we can only do so much, and, again, talking to the group and fixing, going and intervening, that's what a success plan would cover.”
Levi Madden stated: “Levi with Combat Robotics. Correct me if I'm reading the same currency, but they currently have approximately $25,000 sitting in their account which would cover more than one year of their operation?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “I can't speak directly on how much is in their account right now. Where are you reading that from?”

Levi Madden stated: “The spreadsheet.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “That's not current amounts and budgets. That's the… what part of the spreadsheet?”

?? stated: “The surplus.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Oh, the surplus spreadsheet. Oh, that spreadsheet.”

Amanda Aiken stated: “There's a lot of spreadsheets.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “There's a lot of spreadsheets. I'm sorry. Part of that's my fault, part of it is just being on SAFB. That number was true… three weeks ago? I don't know how it's changed since then. They are printing. They are doing some printing so that number is not necessarily true, and it may not stay the same.”

?? stated: “We hope they have not earned $25,000 and not print for some weeks, and someone said that there's money in the account. If they were to receive a reduced funding for next year, that's still enough to operate.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “They are not printing some weeks which should reduce their amount of costs they expected for this year.”

?? stated: “Is there also the option for them to not entirely do print but potentially online as well if there's a significant amount that are not picked up?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “They do online as well, however the numbers they gave me was that they were printing about 250 copies or around that range, and they were receiving about maybe picking back up 10 at the end of the cycle. So they were seeing that their paper copies were being used.”

Martin De La Hunt stated: “Martin De La Hunt on RCHA. I would… if this penalty were to be forced and go into full effect, what if the newspaper decided that they were gonna get their life together to get everything back on track, get things working? Would this lack of funding inhibit that… from operating as they would normally do?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Potentially, but SAFB has that as an option to enforce because, again, we have our rules for a certain reason. Money talks sometimes and sometimes it talks loudest, so that's
sometimes how we choose to enforce our rules. So it could cause an issue next year when they do… if they create a successful success plan, get their funding, they will have some boundaries to leap forward.”

Haley Wagner stated: “Haley Wagner, TJHA. I think that like the person over there said, they should not receive special treatment just because they can't get their own leadership together. We're all adults, so they should be penalized. They haven't done anything for years. They're not showing up to StuCo meetings. I don't know how they expect to be representative if they don't show up.”

Megan Sly stated: “Megan Sly. Ss anybody besides the Editor-in-Chief being contacted or multiple people?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Every email that I send out with SAFB goes to both a President and Treasurer as listed on Engage, and clubs are expected to keep their Engage profiles updated, and if they're not, that's not our fault. So there has been at least more than one person receiving an email on Missouri Miner.”

Megan Sly stated: “Okay, I'm just making sure that one person knows.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “We've also spoken with the advisor. The advisor is aware of the issues.”

Austen Solvie stated: “Austen Solvie. I am with Phi Kappa Phi. I think that they should definitely be analyzed and then they could also, in order to, like, try to get back to what the people normally get, they should have to give us, like a you know, should have something: success program set up or have them prove themselves before they're considered for the amount of money [unintelligible].”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “And that's part of the requirement SAFB wants with the success plan. Part of that requirement, too, is a, again, a full budget of expected expenses for a year. So we do want to see our rules followed again before they will receive money again which is why if they don't meet the deadlines, they won't receive half the funding, and then again, if they miss the second deadline, they won't get all of it.”

Kira Courtois stated: “Hi, Kira Courtois, Miner Key. I know that a lot of people are really concerned about whether or not they'll still be able to function after their budget being cut, but I think they should be cut [unintelligible]. It's not like they're going to need money to do anything. It means they're going to have to change how they do things. Maybe that means putting out the newspaper online instead of paper until they figure out what they are doing.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “They do also have the ability to sell ads in their papers, and they can reduce printing, instead of once a week, to every two weeks or anything like that to account for a lower budget for a year. They will still be able to print a paper and operate with a reduced budget.”

??? stated: “Hi, [unintelligible] from Formula Electric. My personal opinion on this is that if email's been sent out to President and the Treasurer, I think that we might be able… we might try to do something where we send out an email that's kind of like a Google Form, and asking the actual members about what their current opinion is on this information, and just, kind of like, also explain the whole situation. So even
if there's people who don't know about it, they could be informed about it, and so maybe we can find out the fact that it is a leadership problem and they haven't been told, or they've been told and that they, too, don't... simply don't care to help work with figuring out if the... what should be done.”

Ian Clark stated: “Ian from American Nuclear Society. Part of the big thing for each of these, I think that we should remember, is that this funding can also be used for other things that actually directly benefit the students, and so leaving money and continuously having money in each of these accounts, if they're going defunct, it's just taking funding away from other groups.”

??? stated: “So, you have mentioned that if we're going to take part of their budget away, will it be gear towards other media or something like that? What do you have in mind?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “They're really... the only other option would be the Southwinds group which is a club that already usually receives their max allocation, and their amount... their budget is usually much much smaller than the amount left in that DSF account. Due to that and because Yearbook is also up in the air, there's not many other options. So we would just distribute it, and try and get everyone else up to an acceptable amount for the next year. And again, if we do this penalty and they miss the deadlines and we get the money back, we'll try to find a media organization or something to put it towards, but we also don't want to needlessly over fund a single group or a single set of groups when, if we meet their standards or their needs, we can fund other people as well. So it's a goal, but not a requirement to get it to other media groups.”

??? stated: “I wanted to say that having a lot of people are concerned about the leadership [unintelligible] the club members, sorry, the members don't really understand what's going on, but them losing half of their money will make it so that everybody in the club will care and be aware of immediately. It's also not, like, Student Council's nor SAFB's responsibility to make sure the social interaction within a club is a certain way, and it's unfair to insist that SAFB is governing into inside of the club's social aspects. It's just... because a lot of the suggestions are saying stuff about, like, talking directed at members and stuff, and I just feel like that's unfair to SAFB because it's just not their job.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Take one more comment.”

Kaylee Schafer stated: “Okay, I'm Kaylee. I'm here with Panhel, and I completely agree with what everyone's saying. I think that if they're not getting their stuff done, there should be repercussions for that. I also do know some of the people that are in that club, and I know that they are writing their articles every week. The Editor-in-Chief goes back to leadership as to why it's not being published. So while there should be some repercussions probably to make them aware to let them know what's going on, 50% maybe a little bit extreme if they're wanting to keep functioning at the level, but like the writers are getting their articles out, and maybe like you get a new Editor-in-Chief.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Okay. Let's go ahead and take a raise of hands over if everyone's okay with moving on from this subject or not.”

Everyone in the room raised their hands.
Chandler Cairatti stated: “All right, we'll move on. We'll take those opinions into account in our recommendation. Next one on the list is KMNR Radio Station. It has been asked that SAFB gather the opinion over whether or not KMNR, as a radio station, should be hosting concerts on top of the concerts hosted and events hosted by one in Spring... or one in Fall by SUB, two in Spring: one by SUB, one by St. Pats. The other things to take into account is that there are a whole slew of other SUB events that happen throughout a semester. There are a whole slew of other private club events, so smaller clubs, hosting other events as well. Are we over saturating our semesters with events as well as: is the money best spent on a radio station to host a concert... host concerts throughout the year as well as any other line items of concern with the KMNR budget?”

Ryan Highfill stated: “Ryan Highfill, ASUM. Can we get to see how much money they spend specifically on concerts and how much they get?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Yep. I can show how much they asked for. So as we go through this, I'll kind of talk a little bit about it. First is engineering. That's mainly the cost to run a radio station as a very broad term. The red line items are what SAFB are concerned about and one opinion on. So in public relations, that's where a lot of the concerts are, they're looking at about $45,000 and about... around $5,000 or $6,000 is on non-concert things. The other concern is about $39,000 that they want to use to start paying their leadership both hourly wages or stipends. The other costs are for music, updating their library, maintaining their physical CDs and records, as well as general station costs like cleaning and keeping the station up to functioning.”

Amelia Martinez stated: “Hello, my name is Amelia. I am with KMNR, and so, I just wanted to make sure that you guys are aware about the concerts we do. They typically tend to be smaller scale, fans from a local area. That's why we enjoy carrying them. It gives our local talent on a place to thrive, and also it's generally a different vibe, is so much fun. Anyway, and I also want to make a note about our payroll. We believe that as a fully student brand radio station, this includes the actual radio part. We have our employees actually fix the transmitter when it's not working. We also do run businesses with contracts and such, so we find that it's very important to compensate our employees for all the work they do, and we are asking that we are paid the minimum wage because currently we are not being paid that minimum wage, and so we have that in our constitution, and we want to really move forward towards a budget that fairly compensates the people who work for us.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “And to clarify you, when you say minimum wage do you mean the state minimum wage or the university the minimum wage?”

Amelia Martinez stated: “When I say minimum wage, I think I say the state minimum wage. So in 2022, that will be $11.15. We're currently getting paid $8.60, and we paid at least $8.76 so... but we think the minimum wage is appropriate, the state minimum wage for work we do.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “SAFB has reviewed this. Right now our stance is that we believe that paying the leaders of some of these DSF groups is within reason. Some of these leaders put in countless hours within one week, far more than any... far more than most students put into their clubs and organizations. However we want them... we would prefer if it followed the stipend systems of StuCo and SUB that have similar levels of... similar levels of leadership, similar amounts of leadership. They are usually sitting
around $12,000 every year in stipends versus $39,000 an hourly wages as well as on top of that stipends that range over all positions of their leadership, and some of the positions SAFB would preferably redline not being paid, specifically things like a StuCo rep, historian, and social chair.”

Pamela Petterchak stated: “Right, so I have two questions. First one is: do we know, as far as attendance goes for these concerts that they have, but attendance of those concerts compared to the larger ones? And is it actually something people are going to or are these just attended by KMNR members? I didn’t know they existed, so.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “I’ll let KMNR answer that.”

Nathan Opperman stated: “Nathan Opperman, KMNR [unintelligible] director. Typically, whenever we have a [unintelligible] or a screen event, we typically have a small TV size that would fit, like a… something about twice the size of the screen. It's pretty packed, like people are moving around. There's like a pretty decent run inside, say like 200 people.”

Pamela Petterchak stated: “I’ll say… Pamela, Association for Computer Machinery. The other thing is the minimum wage. There’s still positions on our campus that are the rate of a student position, so staying at that rate is where we’re at as far as on-campus jobs as well, so it's not completely unheard of if it's right, not necessarily, but jumping all the way up to $11 might be excessive because there’s still positions that don't get near that for on-campus like the work study, so.”

Amelia Martinez stated: “I'm gonna answer that question real quick. Again, Amelia. If you're being paid $8.60 on campus, you are not being paid the amount you were legally supposed to be paid. You're supposed to be paid $8.76. At the very least, that was 85% of the state minimum wage, and that is for students that work at universities, and so we're trying to set the precedent that all student employees can pay the minimum wage because we think that's fair.”

??? stated: “So there was a comment earlier about stipends being $39,000. Is that a per person basis?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Oh, no.”

??? stated: “I wasn’t sure…”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “No. Stipends… and in comparison to other DSF groups that pay their leaders stipends, the total comes to about $12,000 for all leadership. Stipends range anywhere from $250 up to a $1,000 to, I think the highest we've seen is $1,500, for a year. For a year.”

??? stated: “Okay, that clarifies that, and second of all on the minimum wage thing: $8 is pitiful. I think they deserve at least $11 for all the effort that they put in it if not more. So, I believe that they’re being humble asking for $11 for the hours that they put in.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Other points that SAFB wants to know about: where will that money come from? We are tight on money. Very tight. Yeah so the total that they ask for will determine on how we allocate. That money either has to come from someone else, another group will have to lose funding, or we have to
raise the overall fee per student per semester by a lot. It would be over $10 per... No. No. It'd be about $9 and some change if I'm doing my math right. Double checking."

Amanda Aiken stated: “And that would be… we'd also have to raise, in addition… we do have more organizations asking for money as well. So normally what we do is we raise for whatever like the... CPI?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “CPI Index, so that's inflation, and normally we go around 2%. So that number does change sometimes, but right now we're on 2%.”

Amanda Aiken stated: “So normally it raises by about $3 to $4 total just because of inflation, and then we move that money around to the different organizations and fund different percentages from there, but would be a very large increase compared to what we normally do.”

Lillian Adams stated: “Hi, I'm Lillian from the W.T. Schrenk Society. As a reminder to the folks discussing numbers, it is the federal government study students that are paid the lowest because they follow the federal minimum wage, but I think my question that I'm a little confused about is, if they're already following your questions and budget about the projects and everything, why would we additionally formally question another aspect of their budget for the actual plans that they're giving your students working with employees for radio station, especially they'll be considering increasing their money to pay their own [unintelligible]?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “The wages request is a brand new request. So that's why we're discussing that. The concerts was brought up by other parties, and SAFB has been asked by enough people that we are also discussing that. Just two things that came up at the same time.”

??? stated: “Can I just get a quick question from either the KMNR representative? Do you know how many personnel are attached to these numbers or we just have total numbers?”

Amelia Martinez stated: “Yeah, so we have our 7 core members that we like to pay hourly because of the hours that they put into the station, and then unfortunately the stipend numbers are kind of fluid because we're also doing some restructuring, but we have several positions that are pretty constant. So the social media and some other ones that post periodically throughout the semester and so we appeal that's there to give them kind of a flat rate for what they do versus maybe our chief engineers or our other engineering team that actually work on hardware and software at their own station.”

Nicholas Reichert stated: “Nicholas Reichert, Kappa Alpha Order. So, I know with student employees, there is a level system how much they get paid, do you know what level your employees are paid?”

Amelia Martinez stated: “So that's kind of the big issue. Right now, we're level one employees which, again, $8.60 which should be $8.76. I had a conversation with Student Involvement, and they agreed that we should be able to be paid to at least the second level, I believe, because we are completely student-run. Again, we do not have a staff member that does things. We do all the FCC things, we do all of our quarterly reports so we feel as a special set of skills and a larger time commitment than other things that make it worth bumping us up to the minimum wage.”
Zachary Miller stated: “Zachary Miller, Blue Key. One is that this is still a radio station, even if it is student run, that they are entitled to fair wage by FCC guidelines. Second thing is the fact that we are ignoring the fact that we are insisting that this is purely from SAFB funding. Unfortunately, we should come at the university people directly that the KMNR does a lot of advertising for the university as a whole and treating it as just some student organization would be unfair given the role that it plays in advertising for the university.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “SAFB’s job is to treat them as a student organization, and that’s the only way we’re ever allowed to see them according to our code. They want to talk about that from the university, they will have to take that separately to the university. That's not our job as SAFB.”

Zachary Miller stated: “Thank you.”

Matthew Lowe stated: “Matt Lowe from Mars Rover. Just wanted a quick question: how many organizations/clubs pay their executive board at all?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Straight stipends or hourly?”

Matthew Lowe stated: “Either.”

Chander Cairatti stated: “Stipends: there is StuCo and SUB do straight stipends. ASUM also does stipends. SUB does hourly for their tech people, however that is not covered by SAFB funds. That typically comes out the fees that people have to pay to use those services, so we don't generally consider that SAFB. Other than that, not that SAFB is aware at this time. So predominantly, only at DSF groups which they are… KMNR is a DSF group, obviously. That's why we're talking about them.”

Levi Madden stated: “Levi, Combat Robotics. One thing I could see with… if approval for personal funding for compensation, there could be a significant domino effect with other groups, whether it be design teams, Greek life, etc. other leaders that are putting in 40+ hour weeks, asking for the same thing next year.”

Xzavier Rainey stated: “Xzavier Rainey from the National Society of Black Engineers. My question is what happens when other student organizations also start paying in stipends? Do we have to make it [unintelligible] as well? I understand that SAFB do a lot of work for the university as a whole, but maybe people can argue that they do a lot from the university as well, so, it's a slippery slope that everyone is starting to start paying their student organizations [unintelligible].”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “I will say: SAFB typically only does stipends with DSF groups. Typically if a regular club would request this, SAFB would normally restrict it just based on how the code is currently written.”

??? stated: “So I just want to point out that you’re all from organizations, you all have positions. I think it's important to recognize that a lot of us put in many many hours into our organizations and are receiving zero compensation for it. We just do it for organizations because we want to help out, and I don't really think that KMNR is, like what they do, is enough to say that they need that $11 hourly wage, and there are
some people that do work for nothing. I would also like to ask KMNR people, say like your top positions, people that would legitimately be getting paid hourly so not social, not student representative, about how many hours are we basically funding?"

Amelia Martinez stated: “And so that's the other thing. Our employees are capped at how many hours they could work. We currently recommend around 15 hours. I will be honest, usually it's more like 10. So there is a good chance that a lot of this will not actually… it's our safety net because we do really get busy, we do end up working 15 hour weeks. I will also say that while KMNR is very much a fun club to volunteer for, if students stop showing up to it, it will not work. The radio will completely shut down, and there will be issues with the FCC from that so we do have a little bit more responsibility when it comes to our club, not just showing up and supporting, but also working with other businesses, entities, as well as the government.”

Ryan Highfill stated: “So, since you said that we only do stipends with DSF, is there any way that SAFB has the power to write a, basically a rulebook that says: how much hours you put in, that's what you get for every single DSF club? And then, if you want to extend to other clubs, that’s a conversation?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “That is always a possibility to adjust the DSF or the SAFB code. Does take a while. It's not something that just happens over one week. It would take a couple weeks to… for SAFB to put together, and then also to create and bring a proposal to you guys to vote on it and then implement it.”

?? stated: “So this is a response to KMNR. I just want you guys to realize that a lot of organizations… I’m in a fraternity. I am the Treasurer, and we are working with [unintelligible] because we’re advertising stuff. A lot of organizations, especially Greek life stuff, they do a lot of the same stuff that you guys are talking about. I just want you to realize that… I don’t know how to put it nicely but… you’re not, like, super special I guess.”

Amelia Martinez stated: “No. No. I agree. A lot of [unintelligible] they do. I’m not disagreeing. I’m saying that’s [unintelligible] worth any less. Just because, like, we have it doesn’t mean somebody else can’t have it too which is though that's currently written in SAFB code as well as the organization you work with particularly being a service organization. KMNR is not a service organization. We are using one university campus. We’re also university funded, so that's what I'm not…”

?? stated: “[unintelligible] I would also like to mention that while you guys pay people to work with your, like, technical work [unintelligible] services [unintelligible] $11 an hour might have been a bit excessive [unintelligible] other people’s funding.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Can we get these two over here, first? We have a lot… we’ve got a lot of talking on this side, sorry.”

Kate Fabac stated: “My name’s Kate Fabac. I’m the current VP of Academic Affairs for Student Council. I guess I kind of just wanted to give a little bit of a reference what stipends look like for DSF groups. At VP of Academics, right now, I get a $500 stipend at the end of the semester. I work about 20 hours per week on Student Council alone. I’m also covering about four positions that aren't being covered because we
Don’t have students in that position. I still only get my $500 stipend. I just wanted to give people a little bit of reference of what payment on DSF groups look like.”

John Hansen stated: “John Hansen, Formula SAE. I guess, like other people brought up, I’m putting in anywhere from 5 to 40 hours a week into my group, and previously, I had to take a student job, and I took a student job: did not make $11 an hour. I was working 10 hours a week at the Phonathon call center, so between that, and I know you guys requested a stipend for social media managers.”

Amelia Martinez stated: “That’s not what...”

John Hansen stated: “You were mentioning that earlier. Someone said social media manager.”

Amelia Martinez stated: “It was incorrect, and I apologize for saying social media, but it’s not one of the positions that get a stipend. I’m sorry for that.”

John Hansen stated: “Okay, getting paid to play on Instagram or Twitter...”

There was commotion in the room.

Amanda Aiken stated: “Guys, please make sure that you are keeping it down, and please do not talk unless you have a microphone, thank you.”

Amelia Martinez stated: “Sorry, I just want to reiterate that I understand that a lot of people are not compensated for the work that they do, especially people that have [unintelligible] with the university. If you have a university job and you are making $8.60, that is not okay from the university. It has nothing to do with SAFB or DSF or any of that. So, while I understand it’s frustrating to be working with the university as well and making less. That is the conversation that needs to be had with the university, and it’s something that maybe not a lot of people are aware of, but there are definitely some labor laws around how you can pay undergraduate workers and currently it seems that it’s not being followed as a whole, and I’d also like to say, I do recognize the students that put hours and hours into the professional projects and design teams. I am in no way trying to downplay what you guys do. I understand it’s very important. I do research as well. I understand the importance it holds to this university as well as the professional development and personal development that those clubs bring, but again, if we are working for the university, we do broadcast under the university and so we just feel that the university should pay us if we are working for them this way.”

Chandler Cairati stated: “I do want to make a statement as SAFB Chair that this is student activity funding directly from each student. This is not necessarily the university, itself, funding. We will be starting the StuCo meeting, the other part of this, at 7:30 just to give you guys a time reference. We still have one more discussion point we want to talk about.”

?? stated: “I think if KMNR wants more money, I think we should go ahead [unintelligible] stop asking us for it.”
Beck Saunders stated: “Hello, my name is Beck Saunders from the Amateur Radio Club. I just like to go back to the point you made earlier about how you're worried that the people participating in KMNR are unpaid, then the club dissolves which I like to say: if the club dissolves because the people are not willing to put in time because they're not paid, should it exist in the first place? Because... that's the worry because people are, you know, they're no longer interested in doing the broadcast station activities, but why are we funding it if it's not important enough to deserve people putting in time commitment without pay?"

Nicholas Reichert stated: “Nicholas Reichert, again, Kappa Alpha Order. I would like to point out also that you can raise their wages without increasing your budget or two if you really think they should get paid more.”

Kira Courtois stated: “Whoever said that... Hi, Kira Courtois, Miner Key. Whoever said earlier that they should raise their money instead of asking student [unintelligible] for it: I kind of agree in the sense that they're going to increase their amounts of concerts so why don't they have... if the concerts are so popular, then why do you have people pay like $1 or $2 for a concert? Because it's not that much. They're probably still gonna go and they're gonna be able to raise money that way, help them raise their money so that they can pay those people although I do deserve... I do believe they deserve more than what they're getting, I just don't think they can get it from students.”

?? stated: “[unintelligible]. Is there any way to generate [unintelligible]?"

Chandler Cairatti stated: “I will state: their FCC license prohibits them from selling ads on the air or online.”

Pamela Petterchak: “Oh, hi. Pamela, ACM. I just want to just note that maybe you think that SAFB... if you look at student responses on how important KMNR is important to them because I just don’t know what the exact response was, and then with that in mind, consider whether or not it's important enough to the point where this should be an on-campus job because it seems like it's basically being asked to become an on-campus job as opposed to being a stipend, and it was like, I kind of thought that was what it was, but considering that and seeing: should we be equivalent... making this equivalent to an on-campus job like working in the Dining Hall or working in Admissions or things like that as opposed to, you know, working with StuCo where you get a stipend? Maybe that should be... probably should be taking rather than an hourly wage.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “You have any more... one back there then we'll come in.”

Matthew Lowe stated: “Just a quick question... Matt Lowe, Mars Rover. Is this the first place that KMNR has looked for additional wages... paid currently from the budget, not the university? So have you guys talked to the university about getting payroll that way?”

Amelia Martinez stated: “So that's something we're still figuring, okay? So yeah, that's something that we're still figuring out when I initially met with Student Involvement earlier in the year. We were said that we could go ahead, for this year, start rolling... for raising our wages to $10.30 which is the minimum wage right now, and so, I'm not, I'm gonna be honest, I'm not sure what avenue it would take to reach out
to the university directly outside of this. I'm not really sure of any avenue. So those are things that we are still working on with documentation from the past. That has really been great. We… I just found out officially that we can make money and not be illegal when we sell merch and stuff. So, I just also wanted to say thank you guys for all of your feedback. It's actually really really constructive, and we are trying to find a way to move forward to support our employees and making sure everybody's really compensated without other groups because of that, but the main point I want to drive home is that we are students, and when we do work related to the university, make sure that you are receiving proper compensation for your time. It's really important.”

Adam McTigue stated: "Hello, my name is Adam McTigue. I'm with Barbecue Club. I know with a lot of other organizations, especially Greek life, they have an alumni association that helps donate RSO positions to have scholarships. Have you looked into something like that? Things like alumni base? Like, I don't know what KMNR alumni is, but I know a lot of orgs do alumni scholarship funded stuff like that.”

Arnold Nguyen stated: "Okay, yeah. So I'm Arnold, Student Council VPO. I want to ask you, KMNR: have you ever looked at any other sources of revenue besides using our student fees from our pockets? Because I know you guys are asking quite a lot, and I know, here in Student Council, we don't get paid that much, and… I would say jealous, but you know… but even design teams out there don't get paid at all. So have you really looked at any other places to get that kind of funding?"

Amelia Martinez stated: “So again, that's another thing… that's another thing that we're working on is finding ways to actually generate revenue. Again, it was a gray area just from this communications path that fell onto the shoulders now. We realize that we can sell merch and try to make some money outside the thing. We're also aware that we may not be approved for this. We are aware that we may not get our full funding. We just wanted to put this in the budgets of the precedents for future years in the future that we would really like to compensate our employees even if that's, you know, this time around completely or fully. It's… it's really just to get the ball rolling for our budgets in the future, especially as we hopefully begin to move to a new site in the next 10 or 15 years, but I guess this is really far down the line, but it's going to start somewhere.”

Austen Solvie stated: “Austen Solvie. There is a lot more advantages to being a design team than KMNR where, even though you may not get paid to be a design team, you still have the advantages to it like your resume, [unintelligible]. It's something to think about.”

??? stated: “Do you think it would be constructive to suggest that it would be better if this one didn't come from students but rather all of the student organizations came together and asked the university for it?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “That is an option that can be taken, but it's not an option through SAFB. Okay. Can I have a raise of hands over if we're ready to move on from this conversation?”

Everyone in the room raised their hands.

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Okay, SAFB will take that opinion into account. The last topic that we wanted to discuss involves another group asking for increased funding: Pro Projects, which are mainly design teams. Currently, they usually set about 70% funding of their maximum 50% allotment. What that
translates to is that they receive 35% funding from student activity fees. SAFB has been lobbied by the design teams to ask for an increase of 10% of their overall, so go to 80% funding which comes out to 40% overall funding, and that puts them on par with Club Sports in terms of, about, equal amounts of funding in terms of percentage. Do we have any discussion over that?"

Amanda Aiken stated: “Hi, I'm Amanda. If you guys don't know me, it's really sad. So, I would like to point out… so i've been on SAFB for the past three... four years? That's a long time, and I think it's kind of a lot. I know that Pro Projects are super important, and they hold a place on a lot of students lives on campus, but I would also like to point out that they have the most opportunity to go to businesses and say, "Hey, will you sponsor us? We will put your name on absolutely everything. We'll put your name on our solar car or house or whatever we're building." So, it is a lot to ask for it to come, specifically, from our student fees when those can be put towards, like, smaller RSOs that don't have the same opportunity to fundraise."

Rebecca Connor stated: “Rebecca Connor. How much of your funding does actually come from sponsorships, and is everyone actively searching them out? Anyone from any design team?"

???. stated: "I can answer that one. I'm CEO of Underwater, and I can say this right now: we are actively looking at sponsorships. Pretty much every design team really is. It's crazy, but we can't just do this alone. First off, we only receive about 35% of our budget every year, and we have to find another way to make it up somehow whether that be corporate sponsorships, fundraising, or anything along those lines, and coming from someone who's got a really small team and is doing what they can to currently break out of our mold, we're doing everything we can to get sponsorships, but at the same time, that 10% increase can, for us, at least would help us out tremendously. On top of that, Chandler: do you want to go into the student opinion report for a second? I would like to bring out design teams have, I believe, the highest opinion rating of any organization here on campus. On top of that, we have… there is no other location like the SDELCC across the nation. You can go talk to anyone else from any colleges, and we are unique in that regard, unlike KMNR or any other organization out there."

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Please keep it civil.”

???. stated: “Sorry, my bad. And that little bit boost would help out smaller… smaller design teams that, not just for ourself, but also engineers, once up that, it would help out organizations such as iGEM right now. It is really really new to the camp, and that could really get them on their way they do a lot of [unintelligible] and research on top of it, and I speak for myself, but also because I'm here, that a little bit extra boost would make a difference for a lot of us."

???. stated: “Um…”


Matthew Lowe stated: “Matt Lowe, Mars Rover again. I am the Chief Financial Officer of Rover, and I've been a chief officer for the previous 2 years. This year, I think there’s, kind of been in the past few years, have been a special exception. I'm sure all of you have heard about this fun thing called COVID. Lots of
companies have been hurting as well in addition to all of our student organizations on campus. Unfortunately, a lot of companies really don't have any room to give any more money, so I think that this small or this increase, I don't know big or small. This increase may only be temporary to get certain teams back up their feet to make sure that certain teams continue to actually stay alive.”

Rebecca Connor stated: “This is Rebecca, again. Is there anyone who can answer the question how much of your budget is covered by sponsorships?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “Formula can. But let… let him answer that question.”

John Hansen stated: “John Hansen, Formula. I'm currently the Secretary in de facto Business Manager for the team. Our current budget over the last couple years has been anywhere from $60,000 to $80,000 a year. SAFB this year, I believe, was $22,500 plus an additional $9,000 for a telemetry system. That is a one-time cost, of course. Everything else is coming from sponsorships. For the ‘18-’19 season, we did have a title sponsor: Haldex, which was a local company in Kansas City. They, unfortunately, left the U.S. to move to Mexico which put a $25,000 hole in our budget. We just recently gained a title sponsor at a lesser amount. So, we are still spending anywhere from $60,000 to $70,000 a year. We are currently ranked 5th in the U.S., 30th internationally out of over 600 teams. The teams we are competing against have budgets of a quarter of a million dollars and member accounts, tens… ten times our size. We have about 20 active members. The teams from Michigan and Germany have over 200 members and are spending a quarter of a million dollars because they're backed by Porsche, Ferrari, Mercedes, Audi, and we've lost our title sponsor. So, that's always fun.”

Pamela Petterchak stated: “All right. Pamela, ACM again. I'm gonna say, out of all the recommendations so far, this is the one that I would support the most just looking into the student opinion board. It's very clear that this is something our students care about. I think that's really important to think about. At the same time, I do think that the COVID argument is only moderately relevant here. For my organization, we went from zero sponsors... We, also, were very sponsorship like. We don't ask for much from SAFB. We went from zero sponsors to five sponsors, paying for basically almost everything except the little bit we're asking from SAFB which is near the 50% that clubs get, and that is all with COVID in consideration. Now, this is the same for design teams. You guys have a lot that you have to pay for, but maybe meeting somewhere in the middle and reducing it from 10% to somewhere like 5% or 7% would be more reasonable. It’s to help the smaller teams out, but not potentially pull so much money out of student’s pockets or pull from student organizations that also need help with funding. We don't have the resources going to, like, sponsorships and professional orgs, like, the design teams do.”

Miles Diekemper stated: “Miles Diekemper, Sigma Tau Delta. I'm actually on the Solar House Design Team. I've been on the Solar House Design Team for years now 'cause [unintelligible] Amanda mentioned putting a sponsorship, sponsor logo, or something like that, on the house that we are building. The problem is we are not building a house at all due to the economy right now, and this is also a team that got back 2nd place nationally in the design competition last year, but it is quite hard to do that. Design teams should get funding, especially [unintelligible]. You can say we can get sponsorships all you want but it’s a difficult task and [unintelligible].”

Danielle Dotson stated: “Hi, Danielle Dotson, iGEM. So we are a newer team. We are [unintelligible].”
??? stated: “She actually had a really good point that unlike most of these other groups, design teams is more than one group, and that group size increases with time. Actually founded one of the design teams about two or three years ago because the number has increased. There's also a new team that I've heard of that will be starting sometime in the next year or two. As she mentioned, iGEM is a newer team as well. Miner Motorcycle came within the last five years. So this number of teams is increasing, so a 10% increase in budget is actually covering a 20% increase in teams.”

Ian Clark stated: “Ian Clark, ANS. One of the important things is that the school definitely uses design teams to heavily advertise the school in their purpose, heavily aligned with things that forward by the school, and for students, and this amount really isn't a huge increase in their funding especially considering… the COVID argument is really valid with some of these companies also having difficulty in covenant funds like this, and with it being having the highest rated opinion, they are probably the most in need of this type of funding and the most deserving of it because obviously the student body has been pointing out how much they support these organizations, so.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “We have about five more minutes.”

??? stated: “I would just like to say that I think that they should get the funding because not only do they’re useful for campus, and I know we promoted them, but also I know that, like, the cost of just producing at the moment has gone up with their own supplies have gone up. You need to buy metal in a middle [unintelligible] as the economy is going up, so all their supplies are a little bit more so I feel like this could help cover that and just help them out there.”

Jay Goodman stated: “Jay Goodman, Humans versus Zombies. I’m actually going to be speaking as [unintelligible] Design Team. We’re also a very small design team on campus. We’ve had sponsors in the past, but we currently don’t have any, and we’re looking for some so something our organization as most of the funding comes from fundraising or student dues from the students themselves.”

Sophie Grier stated: “I have a question. I’m Sophie, Material Advantage. What percentage of the student body actually participates in design teams? Does anyone know?”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “The last number I heard from the design center, which they did a study on it last year, was… 2,400 was the high number before COVID. During COVID, I think it has dropped as low as 1,500 out of… It's lower, John? Dropped lower? So, it was dropped lower than 1,500. Out of undergrad, that's out of 6,000 so… it's about 40%... well, hold on. Sixty eight hundred might be a better number. About 35% for that high number. If you take the lower number around 1,200-ish, you're looking at about 20-ish%.”

??? stated: “I think all organizations are having to deal with issues with COVID because I don’t really think that should come into account their decisions because every organization is dealing with that and fundraising. Design teams are not the only orgs that fundraise. My organization, we get sponsorships from a lot of companies to do trips, and we didn’t get any of it this year, and so like they’re not the only team… they’re not the only orgs that are dealing with it, and the advertisement… so design teams are good for advertising for the university, but that’s… advertising from the university is not the job of StuCo
and SAFB. It's to serve students so that should not play into our “How much money design teams get?” If the university wants to put money, they can to design teams. That's not for students' money to go to.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “We also want to be careful not to set a precedent that some of the arguments made so far as leaning towards framing this is a temporary increase. Usually when an increase happens, it sticks. It's kind of rare for it to go back down.”

Gabe Alden stated: “Hi, I'm Gabe Alden. I'm the liaison for Engineers without Borders. My design team people tend to like to donate to it because it is seen as a humanitarian act, and I believe that, honestly, some of the design teams have suffered because of us being able to take your money so easily. Like, we can group together with them, but our accounts, like, are separate and stuff like that, but because of the amount of money that we get, other design teams are seeing that so it's like building design teams as a whole, and then the SDEL, and then they see that EWB has all this money which is only used for in-country expenses, not for things that we do while we're in America. It's for when we go overseas. Those things, I believe, that... that's an impact in at least some sort of way and feel a little bit guilty about it, even though it's nothing that we can really control about what people want to donate to or not.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “We have one more and then we have to finish.”

Jessica Kite stated: “Jessica Kite, Concrete Canoe. I just wanted to add that Concrete Canoe gets zero SAFB funding. I believe this stuff isn't reached, and I'm pretty sure that there'll be other organizations, or other design teams, that still haven't received, you know, SAFB funding.”

Chandler Cairatti stated: “That was due to the amount of funding left in accounts, partially due to a lot of things happening with COVID and getting cancelled. So that's kind of an oddity. For the majority, if you look back at Pro Project allocations, every single team normally receives SAFB funding. Outside of that, if there's any other concerns, those are the discussion points we have time to talk about. If you have any other concerns, please email them to safb@mst.edu, otherwise I am being forced off the stage, so.”

The SAFB DSF FS2022-SP2023 Hearing concluded at 7:30pm.