

Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee
Annual Budget Hearing – 2026-2027 academic year
April 24, 2026 ■ Virtual (via Zoom)

Members Present:

Suzanne Armstrong, Vice Chair
Andreshia Kelley, Admin Liaison
Brian Allison, Faculty
Joseph Irving, Faculty
Melissa Bird, Faculty
Leshia Smith, Faculty
Shiva Davanloo, Alternate Faculty
David Tercero, Alternate Staff
Travis Grasser, Alternate Faculty
Marifrances Casey, Alternate Staff
Ailaynee Rodriguez, Student Rep
Tiana Matijevic, Student Rep
Tricia Ekankju, Student Rep

Minutes Taken By: Andreshia Kelley

I. Official Start of Meeting:

Suzy Armstrong called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

II. Budget Review

The annual Budget is \$2,476,505.00

III. Funding Requests Presentations:

a. Appreciative Education Committee -

Requested Funding: \$11,886.30

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$11,887.00

Marifrances seconded the motion.

No abstentions.

The motion passed.

b. Iron Pour-Plano Campus Art Department

Requested Funding: \$9,650.00

Iron Pour every fall and spring for the Plano Art Department. This fall is their 30th anniversary, and they want to have a celebration event. The art area was also redone as part of the Plano renovations and will reopen at this time as well.

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$9,650.00

David Tercero seconded the motion.

No abstentions.

The motion passed.

c. Constitution Day – McKinney Campus

Requested Funding: \$15,000.00

State-required events for all campuses. Looking to bring in a high-profile speaker, which is the bulk of the ask. The event averages 300-400 attendees.

VOTE:

Shiva Davanloo motioned to fund \$15,000.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.

Travis Grasser abstained.

The motion passes.

d. Book-in-Common

Requested Funding: \$25,660.00

21st year of the organization. A common theme book is used for an interdisciplinary theme built into classes. Next year will add a nature/environmental (and not as heavy book) into the fold. The request includes bringing in authors for events.

VOTE:

Lesha Smith motioned to fund \$25,660.00

Ailaynee Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Travis Grasser abstained.

The motion passes.

e. **Skills USA Championships National Championship**

Requested Funding: \$30,921.40

They have students who have advanced from the State Championship to the National Championship. They are only requesting funding for 2 advisors; any additional will be paid for by departmental funds.

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$30,922.00

Joseph Irving seconded the motion.

No abstentions.

The motion passes.

IV. Additional requests were received by the following organizations, who were determined not to have to present (would work from request only) based on the history of previous submissions from the organization/department and reviewed by the committee:

a. Frisco Campus International Holocaust Remembrance Day Exhibition Committee

Requested Amount: \$4,935.00

Frisco Campus commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day photo exhibitions.

VOTE:

Ailayne Rodriguez motioned to fund \$4,935.00

Travis Grasser seconded the motion.

No abstentions.

The motion passed.

b. Respiratory Care Club

Requested Amount: \$5,000.00

Incoming first-year students' memberships to the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) and supplies for their pinning ceremony.

VOTE:

Lesha Smith motioned to fund \$5,000.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

c. Rockin' the Ridge

Requested Amount: \$24,703.17

Campus Signature Event.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$24,704.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

d. Intercollegiate Athletics

Requested Amount: \$600,000.00

An annual budget to support our sports teams and their travel.

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$60,000.00
David Tercero seconded the motion.
Shiva Davanloo abstained.
The motion passed.

e. Intramurals Department

Requested Amount: \$72,000.00

Monies requested will fund intramural activities and events at each campus and teams participating in the community recreation center leagues.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$
Tiana Matijevic seconded the motion.
No abstentions
The motion passed.

f. Anthony Peterson Center for Academic Assistance (APCAA-Celina Tailgate Time and Camps with Us events

Requested Amount: \$4,727.80

Tailgate Time and Camp with Us Events: Awareness of services and resources (workshops, lab models, book and DVD collections, textbooks, laptops, calculators, study rooms, an Arts Hub, a Game Hub, printing and scanning, etc.)

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$1,800.00
Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.
Travis Grasser abstains.
The motion passed.

g. Frisco Campus Library and Writing Center – Collin Writes

Requested Amount: \$8,400.00

This program sponsors a variety of events for students, staff, faculty, and community members that help them learn more about writing and support their writing goals.

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$8,400.00
Tiana Matijevic seconded the motion.
No abstentions
The motion passed.

h. Honda PACTA

Requested Amount: \$2,422.00

Graduation Celebration and awards for the Honda/Acura certification program graduates.

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$2,422.00

Travis Grasser seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

- i. Blooming Harvest Planning Committee –**
Requested Amount: \$22,285.00 →\$19,677.59
Campus Signature Event

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$19,678.00

David Tercero seconded the motion.

Marifrances Casey abstains.

The motion was passed.

- j. KIP Knowledge is Power**
Requested Funding: \$4,867.60

The Knowledge is Power (KIP) lecture series promotes an interdisciplinary approach to contemporary topics of cultural and societal significance. These lectures provide students, faculty, and the public with an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue about pressing issues.

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$4,868.00

Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

- k. Pre-Law Society-Mock Trial Team**
Requested Funding: \$5,305.00

The purpose of participation in the Political Justice League's Mock Trial Program is to expose students to the legal process of prosecuting a civil or criminal case while competing against colleges and universities from across the country.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$5,305.00

Travis Grasser seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

- l. FORCES Literary Journal**
Requested Funding: \$12,768.11

Each year in the spring, a journal unveiling, reading, and reception is sponsored for the event in order that the students and Collin College community who have contributed and are featured in the journal may participate, read, present their artwork, and obtain actual copies of the journal as well as recognition of their achievement of publication.

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$12,769.00

Travis Grasser seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

m. Fine Arts and Education –

Requested Funding: \$30,000.00

To support programming for Guest Artists/Presenters/Performers

VOTE:

Travis Grasser motioned to fund \$30,000.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.

David Tercero abstained.

The motion passed.

n. Constitution Day – Plano Campus

Requested Funding: \$3,800.00

Federal law requires all institutions of higher education receiving federal funds to provide an educational program on September 17 of every year related to the U.S. Constitution.

VOTE:

Shiva Davanloo motioned to fund \$3,800.00

David Tercero seconded the motion.

Travis Grasser abstained.

The motion passed.

o. Theatre Department

Requested Funding: \$2,200.00

Catering for student recognition ceremony.

VOTE:

Ailayne Rodriguez motioned to fund \$2,200.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.

David Tercero abstained.

The motion passed.

p. Career Centers –

Requested Funding: \$86,307.00

Departmental budget to provide enhanced support to students through software procurement, professional organization registration costs, and the facilitation of career development workshops, presentations, and career fairs, both district-wide and at the campus level.

VOTE:

Travis Grasser motioned to fund \$86,307.00

David Tercero seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

q. Military Ball

Requested Funding: \$36,433.00

For the All-Services Military Appreciation Ball, we are requesting funding for the cost of the dinner, and a few miscellaneous items that will raise the professionalism of the All-Services Military Appreciation Ball.

VOTE:

Lesha Smith motioned to fund \$36,434.00

Travis Grasser seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

r. Mindfulness Committee

Requested Amount: \$39,410.00

The Mindfulness Committee serves to educate the Collin College community, particularly Collin College students, about various stress-management techniques that are often referred to as 'mindfulness'. Mindfulness techniques include, but are not limited to, mindful breathing, insight meditation, mindful journaling, yoga, and sound meditation.

VOTE:

Ailaynee Rodriguez motioned to fund \$39,410.00

Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

s. Department of English as a Second Language

Requested Amount: \$7,055.00

Catering, decorations, and supplies for their four annual events: ESL New Student Orientation, Multicultural Fest, Celebration of Achievement, and Connections Initiative

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$7,055.00

Ailaynee Rodriguez seconded the motion.

No abstentions
The motion passed.

t. Health and Safety Fair

Requested Funding: \$6,500.00

The purpose of the event is to bring local hospitals, health care organizations as well as organizations that have a focus on safety to the fair to provide free information and free health screenings to the students, faculty and staff of Collin College, as well as local community members

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$6,500.00

Travis Grasser seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

u. Celina Carnival 2027 –

Requested Funding: \$23,000.00

Campus Signature Event

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$23,000.00

Josheph Irving seconded the motion.

Travis Grasser abstained.

The motion passed.

v. Open Doors Open Minds

Requested Funding: \$6,000.00

Critical thinking programs, events, and guest speakers

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$

Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

w. Student Government Association –

Requested Funding: \$35,000.00

To support SGA meetings, memberships, events, and travel to their regional and state conferences.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$35,000.00

Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.
Tricia and Tiana obtained.
The motion passed.

x. Student Ambassadors –

Requested Funding: \$17,500.00

Travel for Orientation Leaders to attend the Association for Orientation, Transition, and Retention in Higher Education (NODA) Region IV Conference held in February/March and the NODA Annual Conference held in October/November.

VOTE:

Melissa Bird motioned to fund \$17,500.00
Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.
No abstentions
The motion passed.

y. Student Engagement –

Requested Funding: \$450,000.00

Departmental budget for co-curricular programming and events, promotional items, catering, ID system supplies, contracted services, etc.

VOTE:

Lesha Smith motioned to fund \$
Travis Grasser seconded the motion.
No abstentions.
The motion passed.

z. Banned Books Week

Requested Amount: \$1,775.00

Aim is to promote an awareness about the freedom to read by engaging students through educational presentations about book challenges and censorship alongside interactive activities that yield prizes related to books and/or education.

VOTE:

Lesha Smith motioned to fund \$1,775.00
Melissa Bird seconded the motion.
No abstentions
The motion

aa. Collin Con

Requested Funding: \$23,000.00 → 22,500.00

Collin Con is Collin's take on a Comic Con type event. It is a celebration of comics, gaming, art, movies, pop culture, and just about every type of fandom that exists in the world.

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$22,500.00

David Tercero seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

bb. Veterans Priority Registration

Requested Funding: \$21,363.88

Funding is requested for their annual budget. These funds will be used for Updated Signage and Banners, Promotional Giveaways for veteran students and their dependents, and food for nine events.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$21,364.00

Tricia Ekukanju seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

cc. Veterans Day District Committee (Veterans' Week)

Requested Funding: \$11,615.21

This request will enable the District Planning Committee for Veterans Day Events to continue with programming excellence by honoring our Veterans and serving as an example for the community at large.

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$11,616.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

dd. Black Awareness Committee

Requested Funding: \$28,500.00

Catering, guest speakers, etc. for their District-wide events.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$28,500.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

ee. Frisco Student Art Exhibition

Requested Funding: \$3,946.14

The dedicated arts faculty has encouraged students to showcase their work in a public gallery display for the final two to three weeks of each semester. The reception event plays a crucial role in providing a platform for our artists to receive recognition from their peers, faculty, parents, and community members.

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$3,947.00

David Tercero seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

ff. McKinney Veterans Week –

Requested Funding: \$7,650.00

Campus Veterans Week Commemoration Committee to develop meaningful and memorable programs in which the entire campus community can meaningfully participate to honor all campus students, faculty, and staff veterans.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$7,650.00

Tricia Ekukanju seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

gg. Oktoberfest 2026- Technical Campus

Requested Amount: \$10,790.32

Campus Signature Event

VOTE:

Lesha Smith motioned to fund \$10,971.00

David Tercero seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

hh. Auteur Film Series

Requested Funding: \$10,120.00

The Auteur Film Series presents classic, foreign, and independent films to the Collin College community. The films are presented with brief educational introductions before the screenings and panel discussions led by faculty afterward.

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$10,120.00

Tricia Ekukanju seconded the motion.

David Tercero abstained.

The motion passed.

ii. Early Childhood Educator

Requested Funding: \$10,276.00

Catering, supplies, and decorations for fall and spring graduate recognition ceremonies.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$10,276.00

Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

jj. Health Professions Department

Requested Funding: \$11,500.00

The departmental budget is to support orientation, pinning ceremony, boot camp, job fair, etc.

VOTE:

Lesha Smith motioned to fund \$11,500.00

Tricia Ekukanju seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

kk. Hispanic Heritage Month

Requested Funding: \$20,453.08

The numerous events that we hold during the month-long celebration raise awareness of the contributions and achievements of Hispanics and the diversity of their cultural heritage and traditions.

VOTE:

David Tercero motioned to fund \$20,454.00

Tricia Ekukanju seconded the motion.

No abstentions

The motion passed.

ll. Collin Bound Wylie

Requested Funding: \$9,960.00

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$9,960.00

Melissa Bird seconded the motion.
Leshia Smith abstains.
The motion passed.

mm. Veterans Week Frisco

Requested Funding: \$6,700.00

The Frisco Campus Veterans Week Commemoration Committee will develop meaningful and memorable programs in which the entire Frisco campus community can meaningfully participate to honor all campus students, faculty, and staff veterans.

VOTE:

Leshia Smith motioned to fund \$6,700.00
Shiva Davanloo seconded the motion.
No abstentions
The motion passed.

nn. SpringFest Committee

Requested Funding: \$18,603.00

Campus Signature Event.

VOTE:

Joseph Irving motioned to fund \$18,603.00
Tricia Ekukanju seconded the motion.
No abstentions
The motion passed.

oo. Psi Alpha National Honor Society in Psychology - Dual Credit

Requested Funding: \$6,200.00

Funds are requested for our annual induction, to include catering, honor cords for seniors, officer recognition awards, member recognition awards, as well as a gift for our speaker.

VOTE:

Ailayne Rodriguez motioned to fund \$6,200.00
Joseph Irving seconded the motion.
No abstentions
The motion passed.

Announcements

Andreshia Kelley announced the next meeting Friday, May 29th

Adjourn

Lesha Smith moved to adjourn at 1:26 p.m.