

SWOSU Organizations Receive Over \$100,000 in Allocations

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Sixty-three student organizations at Southwestern Oklahoma State University received funds totaling over \$107,000 during the recent Student Activities Allocations Committee hearings on the Weatherford campus.

The allocation committee is comprised of 21 students, and their task is to hear presentations from student organizations and then determine funding for the various student organizations based on the 2016-17 budget of \$107,000. The total requests made during the hearings totaled \$280,000.

Three organizations that were allocated a significant amount of funds were: Kappa Delta Pi, receiving \$4,750, Single Parents Network, receiving \$2,920, and the English as a Second Language Club, receiving \$1,275.

Kappa Delta Pi plans to use their allocated money for two events, including a Glow Prom and Literacy Alive. The Glow Prom will provide a prom for special needs adults and students, while giving SWOSU students the opportunity to interact with these individuals not everyone has the privilege to work with on a regular basis. Literacy Alive is a reading event at Clinton Public Schools in which Kappa Delta Pi students will host a reading pajama party for English language learners and their families.

Single Parents Network will use their allocated money to make SWOSU a better place for single parents by offering support to a diverse group of nontraditional students, thus increasing the probability of graduation. The Single Parents Network hopes to increase university enrollment of nontraditional single students and aid in retention of this population at SWOSU.

The English as a Second Language Club plans to use the money they have gained from allocations to help facilitate two educational field trips that will be central to ESL students' American educational experience while here at SWOSU. These field trips will provide learning opportunities for students to carry out research, enhance their observation skills, and retain factual information.

Cindy Dougherty, dean of students at SWOSU, said all funds allocated are generated through student fees.