

To: SSSP Board of Directors
From: Lee Scholar-Activist Committee 2005-2006
Susan Caringella, Chair
Mangala Subramaniam, Chair-Elect
Kirsten Paap, Member
Re: Annual Report of Committee Activities

1. Changing the Applications

The previous [2004-2005] committee felt that more information about activism of applications would be beneficial in granting awards from the fund. We, therefore, with the help of Michele Koontz, made the change so that the candidate would supply this information. At the top of the applications, the candidates check off the box stating they seek monies from the Lee Scholar-Activist Fund, and now follow this with response to the item "In what way do you consider yourself to be a scholar-activist? Please respond briefly, in 2-3 sentences). We found this information quite useful in the decision-making process, and recommend continuance of the question.

2. The Applications and Funding

- A. Michele Koontz informed us that "The committee has \$4,000 to allocate. In addition, two scholars from Cuba, Jose Bell Lara and Elena Diaz, were unable to attend the 2003 annual meeting because of difficulties in receiving visas. Thus, Jose Bell Lara will receive \$960 and Elena Diaz will receive \$1,050. I processed their checks earlier today. This money is in addition to the \$4,000."
- B. The committee received an additional four applications. These were:
 1. Irma Lorena Acosta [Mexico]
 2. Jimena Feijoo [Argentina]
 3. Victor Figueroa [Mexico]
 4. Delia Luisa Lopez [Cuba]

I proposed the following awards and rationale:

1. That all four applicants met the award criteria of membership, anticipated program participation, and work "in labor, gender, racial-ethnic, Third World and other struggles... applying sociological findings to confront social problems and create social change."
2. "-Lopez only requests partial funding, it's so little, I, therefore, recommend she gets basically the whole amount of \$300.
-Feijoo was not funded last year [but Acosta and Figueroa were]. I suggest the entire request of \$1,550 be granted.
-Acosta and Figueroa [each given \$988 last year] our request for \$1,350. If we give Lopez \$300 and Feijoo \$1,550 we are left with \$2,250; divide by two, and they would each get \$1,125."

The final awards were almost identical, except that Lopez received the total amount of \$308 as opposed to \$300, [Feijoo received the recommended \$1,550], leaving Acosta and Figueroa with \$1,071 [supposed to 1,125] each.

- C. I received one late request, but indicated the deadline had passed and that awards had already been announced.

3. Changing the website [albeit not the application] terminology

Because of considerations of hierarchy, superordinance, etc. the term "Third World countries" was changed to "less advantaged countries"

..."where access to foreign exchange is often more limited" [kept from the original]

With thanks to Michele Koontz for all the above.
Respectfully submitted,

Susan Caringella

ADDENDUM June 15, 2006

Lorena Acosta and Victor Figueroa are not able to attend the SSSP meetings. Their checks are to be returned to Michele Koontz.