

**Faculty Senate Finance Committee
Electronic meeting
Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

Members: Cindy Simoneau, JRN, Chair/Treasurer; Elizabeth Roberts, BIO.
Peter Madonia, EDL; Melvin Prince, MKT.

Finance Committee members endorsed the concept of providing a fund for student travel funds for scholarship and research. We agree with Provost Robert Prezant that this is an important initiative.

However, the Finance Committee voted not to use 2023-24 Creative Activity Travel Funds to help fund a student research effort.

Also, after consulting with AAUP, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee the Finance Committee agrees that the AAUP Travel Fund, provided under the CBA, must be utilized for faculty travel only. Any change in that fund would need to be negotiated with Connecticut AAUP for the entire CSU system. Since this is the fund with the rollover, cumulative balance, to which the provost referred during his Senate recommendation we cannot pursue further.

We recommend the administration find university funds for student travel funds for scholarship and research.