

**Student Organization Council: Academic & Professional  
Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** April 14, 2009

**Meeting Time:** 5:15 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** KC 0058

**Attendance** (list those who were present)

**Chair:** Shirin Palekar

**Advisor:** Michelle Burke

**Board Members:** Stephanie Bridges, Stephanie Misco, Ryan Flaherty, Ryan Nelson, Sara Woodwyk, Jessica Materson

**Gallery:** A. Christie Smith (Student Geographers); James E. Bozuna (Physical Education Club); Katie Conn, Katie Lantz (Teachers of Tomorrow); Steven Lipnicki (Pew Student Services); Esther Posner (Excellence in Science and Math Collaborative); Kirk Wyatt (W8GVSU Amateur Radio, Chemistry Club, Excellence in Science & Math Collaborative); Pushpaja Dodla (Life Sciences and Biotechnology); Bradley R. Wernette (Pre PA Club); Shannon Dolson (ACJS); Ashley DeHaan (Student Council for Exceptional Children); Adrienne Gibson (Biology Club); Jessica Bishop (Pre OT Club); Erica Brandt (Archaeological Society); Ashley DuRocher (Association of Student Geographers); Emily Jung (MSW Student Organization); Kin. M. Ma (Association of Student Geographers).

**Funding Board Announcements/Business (include any requests that were tabled and the reason for tabling):**

For accounting purposes, any requests made for “cents” are rounded up to the next dollar. This is our final meeting for the semester. The next Council meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup> at MAX it Out and the next Funding Board meeting will be the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**FUNDING REQUESTS**

**Requesting Organization:** Teachers of Tomorrow

**Title of Request:** Teacher to Teacher Sale and Monthly Campus Events

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Katie Conn, Katie Lantz

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7046 Honoraria	100	100
7032 University Promotions	125	125
<b>TOTAL</b>	225.00	225.00

This request is for the fall Teacher to Teacher Sale that helps teachers share resources.

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 6-0-0

**Is the allocation recommendation**

FINAL

Needs approval of the full Student Organization Council

Pending Referral to Student Senate Appropriations Committee

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Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Graduate and Professional Student Association

**Title of Request:** Graduate Student Orientation

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Tommy Valdez

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032 University Promotions	70	70
7032 University Promotions	147.50	148
<b>TOTAL</b>	217.5	218.00

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 6-0-0

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**Requesting Organization:** Graduate and Professional Student Association

**Title of Request:** Graduate Student Open Meetings

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Tommy Valdez

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032 University Promotions	37.80	38
7022 Food Service	73.50	74

7022 Food Service	136.50	137
7233 Copy Center	4.20	0
7032 University Promotions	210	120
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>462.00</b>	<b>369.00</b>

This is to have refreshments and promotions for regular meetings.

Questions: can fundraising be done? The group is mainly made up of non-traditional students who are not often on campus except for class.

Motion to reduce 7032 by \$210 and 7233 by \$4.20.

Friendly amendment to reduce 7032 to \$120 and 7233 to \$0. Accepted.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

Motion to approve amended amount of 369.00.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

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**Requesting Organization:** Pre-Physician Assistant Club

**Title of Request:** Speaker Series

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Brad Wernette

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
7046 Honoraria	300.00	240
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>240</b>

This is to have 12 guest speakers throughout the year—professionals in the field to talk to students. \$25 honoraria. They usually present a gift bag with a small, heartfelt gift to thank the speaker for their time.

Questions: Do 75 students consistently show up? Yes.

Discussion: Do we want to reduce honoraria to \$20 to spread out the funds more?

Motion to reduce 7046 to \$240.

Discussion: since we have already set an amount of \$25. Point made that we set a precedent at a previous meeting by allocating \$20 each.

Motion passes 4-0-0.

Motion to pass amended amount of \$240.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

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**Requesting Organization:** W8GVU Amateur Radio Club

**Title of Request:** Equipment

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kirk Wyatt

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004 Supplies	100	100
7004 Supplies	50	50
7004 Supplies	75	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	225.00	225.00

This is a relatively new club but the goal is to increase the number of amateur radio operators among students. The group would like reference books for the licensing exam, as well as supplies to make a long-range antenna that will sit atop the Engineering Building.

Questions: how long will the books last? They change the test every four years, but the content doesn't change, so at least 4 if not 8 years. Different books are for different licensing levels. The books will be available to check out by any student.

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

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**Requesting Organization:** Chemistry Club

**Title of Request:** Graduate School Student Visit

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kirk Wyatt

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7046 Honoraria	25	25
7022 Food Service	50	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	75	75.00

This is a good opportunity for students to hear about graduate school from a current graduate student.

Questions: Do you know what kind of food and how did you come up with the amount?

Probably pizza, which is what we've done in the past.

How much do you expect to raise through your book sale? Not sure.

How many students expected? About 20 based on past attendance.

Motion to pass amount as requested.

Motion passes 5-0-2

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**Requesting Organization:** Chemistry Club

**Title of Request:** Faculty Research Talk

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kirk Wyatt

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022 Food Service	155	155
<b>TOTAL</b>	155	155.00

This gives an opportunity for faculty to talk about their research and can help students get involved with the research. They would like food for the event, with a student/faculty social before the event, then commence with the talk. It would improve relationships with students and faculty.

Question: How did you come up with the amount? Based on past events.

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 5-0-2

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**Requesting Organization:** Chemistry Club

**Title of Request:** Fall Social and Student-Faculty Softball Game

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kirk Wyatt

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022 Food Service	50	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	50.00	50.00

This will fund food for a social event and softball game.

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 5-0-2

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**Requesting Organization:** Physics Club  
**Title of Request:** Equipment (Grill and Supplies)  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):**

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022 Food Service	250	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	250	0.00

This cannot be funded because supplies for fundraisers are not allowed.

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**Requesting Organization:** Excellence in Science and Math Collaborative  
**Title of Request:** The Future of Energy Speaker Series  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Esther Posner

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032 University Promotions	400	400
7032 University Promotions	70	70
7041 Professional Contract	900	900
7032 University Promotions	179	179
7083 Non-Staff Travel	260	260
7022 Food Service	125	125
<b>TOTAL</b>	1934	1934.00

Motion to approve amount as requested.  
 Motion passes 6-0-0.

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**Requesting Organization:** Masters of Social Work Student Organization

**Title of Request:** MSW Student Orientation

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Emily Jung

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7233 Copy Center	18.00	18.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	18	18.00

This is to make copies for MSW Orientation. Students are entered into the program throughout the year.

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 5-0-1.

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**Requesting Organization:** Masters of Social Work Student Organization

**Title of Request:** Working with Colleagues Training

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Emily Jung

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7046 Honoraria	25	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	25	20.00

This is to make copies for MSW Orientation. Students are entered into the program throughout the year.

Motion to change 7046 to \$20.

Motion passes 5-0-1.

Motion to approve amount as amended.

Motion passes 5-0-1.

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**Requesting Organization:** Masters of Social Work Student Organization

**Title of Request:** Working with Colleagues Training

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Emily Jung

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
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7022 Food Service	37.50	38
7022 Food Service	48.00	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	85.5	86.00

This is for refreshments

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 5-0-1.

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**Requesting Organization:** Life Sciences and Biotechnology Organization

**Title of Request:** Current Scenario of Life Sciences in Academic Industry and Research

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Pushpaja Dodla

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7046 Honoraria	25	20
7022 Food Service	62	62
7233 Copy Center	5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	92	82.00

Motion to reduce 7046 to \$20.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

Motion to reduce 7233 to \$0.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

Free copies are available in the SOC (80 per month)

Motion to pass amount as amended of \$82.

Motion passes 6-0-0.

**Is the allocation recommendation**

FINAL

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**Requesting Organization:** Life Sciences and Biotechnology Organization

**Title of Request:** Internship Opportunities

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Pushpaja Dodla

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7233 Copy Center	5	5

7046 Honoraria	50	40
7022 Food Service	72	72
<b>TOTAL</b>	127	117.00

Question: are you using the Copy Center? They are for color copies at .25 each.

Motion to reduce 7046 to \$40.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Motion to approve amount as amended of \$117.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

**Is the allocation recommendation**

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**Requesting Organization:** Life Sciences and Biotechnology Organization

**Title of Request:** Vinyl Banner

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Pushpaja Dodla

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032 University Promotions	250	250
<b>TOTAL</b>	250	250

This request is for a permanent vinyl banner.

Motion to approve amount as requested.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

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**Requesting Organization:** Association of Criminal Justice Students

**Title of Request:** A Look Into the Police Academy

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Shannen Joseph

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7233 Copy Center	6	6
7019 Advertising	124	124
7032 University Promotions	30	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	160	160.00

This October event is already planned. The speaker is the new director of the Police Academy. The room is in the Manitou lecture hall. Because she is a University employee we won't give honoraria so we want a good turnout.

Motion to approve amount as requested.  
 Motion passes 7-0-0

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**Requesting Organization:** Iota Tau Alpha

**Title of Request:** Guest Speakers

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Not present.

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7046 Honoraria	100	TABLED
7019 Advertising	25	TABLED
<b>TOTAL</b>	125	TABLED

All the members are in clinicals and could not attend this meeting.  
 Motion to review the request without presenter present.  
 Motion fails 2-5-0.

Motion to table request until Fall 2009.  
 Motion passes 6-1-0.

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- TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

**Requesting Organization:** Physics Club

**Title of Request:** Medical Physics Workshop

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** ?

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041 Professional Contract	100	100
7041 Professional Contract	150.00	150
7046 Honoraria	25	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	275	250.00

This would be to cover the time of an expert speaker.

Motion to reduce 7046 to \$0.  
 If the speaker is being paid there is no Honoraria.  
 Motion passes 7-0-0.

Motion to approve amended amount of \$250.00  
 Motion passes 7-0-0.

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**Requesting Organization:** Physics Club

**Title of Request:** Fall Semester Kickoff

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** ?

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022 Food Service	100	100
7032 University Promotions	30	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	130	130.00

This would help the Physics Club recruit new members and the club is growing.  
 Question: Is this event open to all students? Yes.

Motion to approve amount as requested.  
 Motion passes 7-0-0.

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**Requesting Organization:** Student Council for Exceptional Children

**Title of Request:** Bi-Weekly Meetings

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ashley DeHaan

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022 Food Service	490	0
7046 Honoraria	240	240
7019 Advertising	50	50
7004 Supplies	35	35
7022 Food Service	75	75
7004 Supplies	50	50
7022 Food Service	60	60

7233 Copy Center	12.50	13
7030 Media Services	300	300
7022 Food Service	150	150
7004 Supplies	18.75	0
7233 Copy Center	15.00	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	1496.25	988.00

This group brings in speakers to talk about education on a bi-weekly basis. The big event is the Fall Symposium. This is the only teacher group that hosts a symposium with speakers from around the state.

Food service (\$490) and Supplies (18.75) can be cut to zero because we use our fundraising money for those. They plan to get a food waiver to use off-campus sources to save money. They apply for this after they find out how many people are coming. The waiver has been approved in the past. Can you take a small deposit to ensure that people attend the event? They have talked about doing that. They don't usually have a problem with no-shows because pre-service teachers are pretty professional.

Motion to approve amended amount of \$988.  
 Motion passes 7-0-0

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**Requesting Organization:** Association of Student Geographers

**Title of Request:** Geography Open House

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Anna Christie Smith

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7233 Copy Center	50	30
7022 Food Service	176	176
<b>TOTAL</b>	226	206.00

This event is open to all students, not just Geography majors.  
 Question: Is 1,000 enough? We have used that amount for the past two events. They are passed out in every Geography class.

Motion to reduce 7233 to \$30.  
 Motion passes 7-0-0.

Motion to approve amended amount of \$206.  
 Motion passes 7-0-0.

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL

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**Requesting Organization:** Biology Club  
**Title of Request:** Biology Open House  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Adrienne Gibson

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022 Food Service	250	250
7233 Copy Center	30	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	280	280.00

35 Biology faculty have attended this event in the past. It is held in Kirkhof Center and is open to all students. Students bring in their displays about their research and internships. Copy Center is for course planning guides, flyers for internship opportunities and other flyers. The officers have already met with the Department Chair to plan different kinds of events.

Questions: How did you come up with the amount? Last year we only had \$200 for food and we didn't advertise so we hope to have a bigger event next year. How did you get your \$30 amount for copies? Last year they asked other clubs to donate their 80 SOC copies.

Motion to approve amount as requested.  
 Motion passes

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**Requesting Organization:** Pre-Dental Club  
**Title of Request:** Pre Professional Day  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Not present.

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032 University Promotions	200	200
7046 Honoraria	50	40
7022 Food Service	300	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	550	540.00

Motion to review request without a representative present.  
 Motion passes 5-1-1.

Motion to reduce 7046 to \$40.

Motion passes 6-0-1.

Motion to pass amended amount of \$540.

Motion passes 5-1-1.

**Is the allocation recommendation**

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**Requesting Organization:** Physical Education Club

**Title of Request:** New Organization

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** James Bozuna

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025 Professional Dues	250	0
7046 Honoraria	100	80
<b>TOTAL</b>	350	80.00

Motion to reduce 7025 to \$0.

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Motion to reduce 7046 to \$80.00

Motion passes 7-0-0.

Motion to pass amended amount of \$80.00.

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**Requesting Organization:** Archaeological Society of GVSU

**Title of Request:** The Future of Energy Speaker Series

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Erica Brandt

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022 Food Service	100	100
7004 Supplies	50	50
7004 Supplies	75	75
7004 Supplies	100	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	325	325.00

Motion to approve amount as requested.  
Motion passes 7-0-0.

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A total of \$7023 was allocated at this meeting.  
A total of \$11,521 has been allocated to date for the 2009-10 fiscal year.  
\$20,479 is remaining in the Academic and Professional Council's annual budget.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:43 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Burke