

**Student Organization Council: Service and Advocacy  
Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday March 24, 2009

**Meeting Time:** 5:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** KC 2201

**Attendance**

**Chair:** Ross Abraham

**Advisor:** Valerie Jones

**Board Members:** Cari Ann Frizzell, Treena Gilbert, Anne Harkema, Geoff Hickox, Amy Paige, Alex Pratt, Lora Stevens

**Gallery:** Cari Ann Frizzell (Active Minds), Stephanie Schultz (Seniors), Ashley Ruth (Hunger and Homelessness), Melissa Wehner (Hunger and Homelessness)

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

Training was conducted during this meeting for the first 30 minutes. The S & A Funding Board reviewed 3 funding requests at this meeting.

Passed:

(1) Seniors (Harvest Dance on 10/17/09 \$385 (Original request for \$280 and additional \$105 for posted which will be submitted on STUEY finance)

Tabled until next meeting:

(1) Active Minds (Laker Late Night Pajama Party on 9/11/09 \$425)

Reason: Clarification needed on whether the board can fund food from outside vendors. Refer to detailed notes in the section discussing their request.

(2) Hunger and Homelessness (various events \$1,324.00)

Reason: Funding Board discussion on whether or not to fund local transportation for volunteer events. Refer to detailed notes in the section discussing their request.

March 23, 2009 REQUEST #1 (5:45 pm)

**Requesting Organization:** Active Minds

**Title of Request:** Laker Late Night Pajama Party on 9/11/09

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Cari Ann Frizell (Active Minds)

| Account Code   | Amount Requested | Amount Allocated          |
|--|------------------|---------------------------|
| 7032 University Promotions<br>(Package 3)                    | 125              | 0                         |
| 7022 Food (Sundae Bar)                                       | 250              | -                         |
| 7004 Supplies<br>Administrative (Arts and<br>Craft Supplies) | 50               | -                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | \$425            | <b>Request was tabled</b> |

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

- The organization has requested money for arts and crafts because the SOC cannot supply all of the materials to make their stress balls (glue, starch, etc).
- The organization was under the impression that they were required to use Campus Dining for the sundae bar. They currently do not have a relationship with them to pursue funding. Ice cream bar was selected to appeal to more students.
- Organization has 5 current members, 3 graduating in Winter 2009; this event is to help attract new members in the fall.
- They will attempt to fundraise this summer for additional funds.
- Pending question: Can the board fund food from outside vendors? Board will look into this question.
- **Motion to amend UPO package to \$0. Passed (6-0-0)**
- **Motion to table until the next meeting. Motion passed (6-0-0) and will be reviewed after clarifying if the Funding Board can fund food from outside vendors.** Note: The vote was only 6 members because Cari is a member of the funding board and is unable to vote.

**Motion to**

Motion (passes or fails) by vote of            FOR            AGAINST            ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation (NO)**

- FINAL
- Needs approval of the full Student Organization Council
- Pending Referral to Student Senate Appropriations Committee
- Pending Referral to Student Senate Finance Committee
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

March 23, 2009 REQUEST #2 (6:00 pm)

**Requesting Organization:** Seniors

**Title of Request:** Harvest Dance (10/17/09)

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Stephanie Shultz

| Account Code   | Amount Requested                 | Amount Allocated   |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| 7022 Food Service (linens for tables)                | 40                               | 40   |
| 7041 Professional Contract (live band)               | 240                              | 240  |
| 7150 Postage *addition to original STUEY submission. | 105                              | (105) <i>Note: This will be listed in STUEY as a separate funding request because Valerie was unable to edit the original request.</i> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | 280 (new total with postage 385) | 280  |

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

- Mentioned that this event uses other funds which they have secured (they use a popcorn machine funded by outside org and photo opportunity)
- Mick Doxey donates food (approx 500 worth)
- Question: Is it free for students? Answer: Yes
- Question: Capacity of student involvement. Answer: Dance, interactions with seniors
- **Addition to original request: \$105.00 Postage for invitations and mailing photos** (postage needed because seniors invited to do not utilize electronic forms of communication).
- **Motion to add postage line. Passed (7-0-0).**
- Motion to end discussion. Denied.
- Question: How involved are the Ballroom Dance Club. Answer: Ballroom Dance Club assists with teaching dances but does not assist with logistics or planning.
- Question: Why linens: Answer: 16 tables needed for individuals to have seating and required by catering.
- Band- same band every year. Price not flexible.
- Question: Fundraising done by group? Answer: I heart old people t-shirt sales (partial funds), candle fundraiser, pop can drive
- Motion to end discussion. Pass.
- **Motion to vote on funding request.**

Motion (passes or fails) by vote of 7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation:**

**X FINAL**

- Needs approval of the full Student Organization Council
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March 23, 2009 REQUEST #3 (6:15 pm)

**Requesting Organization:** Hunger and Homelessness

**Title of Request:** Various events \$1,324.00)

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ashley Ruth (Hunger and Homelessness), Melissa Wehner (Hunger and Homelessness)

| Account Code                  | Amount Requested | Amount Allocated          |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 7030 Media Services<br>(Vans) | 1120             | -                         |
| 7233 Copy Center              | 27               | -                         |
| 7032 UPO                      | 115              | -                         |
| 7233 Copy Center              | 12               | 0                         |
| 7233 Copy Center              | 50               | 0                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | 1324             | <b>Request was tabled</b> |

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

- Question: Fundraisers? Answer: Bake Sale, Avon fundraiser, Max and Ermas's fundraiser- used funds to donate to family in need
- Question: Copies? Answer: Posted info that make copies in SOC
- **Motion to remove line item 7233 \$12.00. Pass (7-0-0)**
- Question: What are the color copies for: For more of an eye catching for larger campus events. Copied to distribute on campus. Used for fundraising events to pass out to friends and family. By 8.5 by 11 used to advertise group and events and group.
- **Motion to remove 7233 (\$50). Fail. Discussion continued. Motion to review 7233 (\$50) Pass (4-3-0).**
- Question: Van rental twice a month?. Answer: Yes, 2-3 a month.
- Question: How many people typically attend? Answer: 12-15 group members.
- Question: Has car pooling been an issue? Answer: Yes, has been difficult to coordinate. Events are held downtown Grand Rapids and north of GR (Second Harvest). Unable to take the Rapid the entire way.
- Question: Could members from Allendale ride to drivers and meet downtown? Answer: This has been difficult. Asking for an easier way to do this.
- Point of information from Board Member: Other groups make car pooling work (Habitat, etc)
- Suggestion from Board Member: Co-sponsor with CSLC for Into the Streets.
- Point of information from Board Member: Requesting van but will be required to fill up gas upon returning van. Gas not accounted for under service request. Drivers needed 21 and above.
- Suggestion from Board Member: Ask members of organizations to chip in for paying a driver.
- Suggestion from Board Member: Examine whether it would be more cost effective to reimburse for mileage if members used their own vehicles. Estimated that 27.50 per vehicle if personal vehicle. 2-3 cards.
- Point of information from Board Member: The funding board should be sensitive of what precedence is being set if the board funds transportation to local volunteer activities.

- **Motion to table. Pass (7-0-0).**

**Motion to**

Motion (passes or fails) by vote of           FOR           AGAINST           ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation- NO**

- FINAL
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**SUMMARY OF SERVICE AND ADVOCACY COUNCIL FUNDS**

A total of \$385 was allocated at this meeting (\$280, and \$105 for Active Minds).

A total of \$385 has been allocated to date for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

\$27,615 is remaining in the Service and Advocacy Council's annual budget for 2009-2010.

Meeting adjourned at (time): 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Valerie Jones, Service and Advocacy Council Advisor