Student Senate Appropriations Committee
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 01/19/2015
Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2259

Chair: Jeremy Turnbull
Advisor: Valerie Guzman
Board Members Present: Rachel Travis, Benjamin Solits, Caleb Devries, Ben Commet, Olivia Kolc, Nikhil Watsa, Tyler Tester, Julia Sturvist, Jaci Reck, Jared Benes

Requesting Organization: Criminal Justice Student’s Association
Title of Request: Criminal Justice Student’s Association
Date of Activity: 01/20/16, 02/03/16, 02/17/16, 03/02/16, 03/16/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Chad Jackson

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Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:
No one speaking is affiliated with GVSU.

Motion to: Approve in full.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:
X FINAL
☐ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Economics Club
Title of Request: Winter Semester – Economics Club of Grand Valley
Date of Activity: N/A
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Destiny Granger

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Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:
Requesting funding to purchase coffee mugs for guest speakers as gifts for donating their time to come talk to their club.
No one receiving gifts are GVSU affiliated.
Working on a Facebook page and getting flyers out and get in economic classes to get the word out about the club.

Pizza with the Prof is having a GVSU professor come in to run the meeting to talk about how they did their undergrad or PhD, what they’re doing with their personal research, ends with a Q&A. It’s an opportunity for students to talk with a professor outside of the classroom.

Because the meeting for Pizza with the Prof is on campus, they can’t get off campus food.

We can’t fund miscellaneous funds.

Motion to rearrange budget to cover expenses from $250.00 to $225.00.

If it’s in DeVos it has to go through catering.

Striking Pizza with the Prof – $125.00 – pending a quote from campus dining.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

X FINAL

□ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Swing Dance Club
Title of Request: Valentine’s Swing Dance
Date of Activity: 02/11/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Adam Pierson

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

Posters going through promotions.

The $166.00 is a quote directly from catering; ordering two bags of tortilla chips, salsa, fruit tray, five trays of brownies, and punch.

Requesting funds for food, water, music, games, and activities for the entire GVSU community.

Last year they had roughly 120 people show up for this same event. They’re going to try and do two fund raisers a month from this point and on. They’re reforming the treasury. They’re in contact with Biggby about doing a fundraiser. They plan on a bake sale in the future.

For the last couple dances they haven’t had much attendance, so there was, so they only put 40 in expected attendance. Comes to about $4.15 per person in food.

Motion to: Approve in full.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation
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Requesting Organization: Pre-Veterinary Club
Title of Request: APVMA
Date of Activity: 
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brianna Powell

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National, annul conference. Attend hands on labs and lectures. It’s in West Lafayette, Indiana. Asking for just the hotel funding. Students are required to pay their registration fees of $160.00. Everything else is club funds or personal funds.
Able to learn about the various areas in vet fields, like exotic animals. Learn where other careers intersect with veterinary. Volunteer, internship, and study abroad opportunities. Vehicle travel is around $378.00 total, $21.84 per person.
Only 18 students going now.
Students who attend this can put this on their applications for veterinary school.
Because of the money being pitched in by the club is so high, the predicate to give only half for travel is waved.

Motion to: Approve in full.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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Requesting Organization: Association of Student Geographers and Planners
Title of Request: Association of American Geographers Annual Conference in San Francisco
Date of Activity: 
Name(s) of Presenter(s): 

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The conference is an opportunity for current undergrad students to network with geographers across the country.
All three people going are presenting at the conference.
Paying $150.00 conference fee and one is paying for their own flight.
Because undergraduate research is helping fund, appropriations isn’t able to fund.
Undergraduate research gets funds from Senate, just like appropriations does.

Motion to: Deny request.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation
X FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Kpop Group Evolution
Title of Request: K-pop Unleashed
Date of Activity: 02/17/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachel Wilson

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Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:
Annual event for the last three years. Create awareness for GV students and non-students. Around 200-250 people attended in past events. Trying to spread the culture of South Korea through dancing to Korean Pop songs. International students from Korea attend, as well as other international students.
Catering is from campus dining.
They’re getting an outside photographer and get a different DJ.
Promotions has a photographer for $25.00 an hour.
Motion to strike photographer to $25.00 – Approved
DJ is not affiliated with GVSU.
Catering is identical from last year.
About $10.00 per student for food.
Organization hasn’t done any fund raising. They haven’t done fund raising in past years because this is the only event they host in a school year.
Motion to: Approve adjusted budget. *Keeping in mind that appropriations wants to see fundraising next year.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation
  X FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Urban Planning Association
Title of Request: Student Michigan Planning Association Conference
Date of Activity: 02/11/16 – 02/12/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nicholas Govan

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The Student Michigan Planning Association Conference is a place for students to present coursework or different material. It’s a networking opportunity for students and an opportunity for students to see how planning works in different cities, like Detroit vs. Grand Rapids.
Requesting funds for dues for registration fee, separate from membership of MI Planning Association, 15 passenger van rental, and one night at a hotel.
15 students attending.
No fundraising has been done for the nine new students. Students are putting in their own money for food, gas, and the MI Planning Association Membership.
For a majority of the students going, paying the registration fees on their own would make or break their ability to attend this conference.
Motion to strike the registration fee – Passed
Club goes nearly every year.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation
  X FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Voices (Gospel Choir)
Title of Request: Taureen Pruitt
Date of Activity: N/A
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Colette McCalvin
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Request decreased from last year.
Taureen Pruitt is the director and he does everything for their organization. He goes everywhere with them, does all the musicals, teaches parts, teaches choir, drives them places when needed. Requesting funds to pay him again.
Last year they were seen and granted $500.00 after a long discussion. Just started paying him last year.
He puts in a good 20-30 hours, been with them for 7-8 years.
He’s not GV affiliated.
If they’ve used him for this long, and believe they’re getting their monies worth, it’s their discretion to pay him.
Coming from performing arts.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- [X] FINAL
- [ ] Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Meeting adjourned at (time):** 5:35 p.m.
**Respectfully submitted by (name of secretary):** Amber Downs