Student Senate Appropriations Committee
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 02/02/2016
Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 1142

Chair: Jeremy Turnbull
Advisor: Valerie Guzman
Board Members Present: Rachel Travis, Caleb Devries, Ben Commet, Olivia Kolc, Nikhil Watsa, Tyler Tester, Julia Sturvid, Jaci Reck, Chad Jackson

Requesting Organization: Science is Awesome
Title of Request: Science is Awesome Club meeting
Date of Activity: 02/09/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR

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Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:
Requesting funding for supplies for their next event; glow germ powder, black light, spaghetti, and marshmallows.
This organization is to get people interested in science.
All supplies will be kept with the faculty advisor.

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

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

Requesting Organization: Physical Education Club
Title of Request: Speak Out Day!
Date of Activity: 03/01/16 – 03/02/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachael Chase

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Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:
Requesting funds to attend the Speak Out Day! Conference in Washington D.C. They’ll be discussing making physical education a required core class in school, and how it needs funding.
Physical education in Michigan isn’t well funded and sometimes isn’t even included in curriculum.
Paying for the hotel out of pocket.
University of Michigan and Michigan State don’t have physical education programs anymore.
The department of movement science has department dollars to be used to send their students and faculty to events like this, but the faculty advisor and department advisor suggested they come to appropriations.

Motion to: Table request until next week.
CONSENT

Is the allocation recommendation
X FINAL
□ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Writers’ Club
Title of Request: Winter 2016 Running Out of Ink
Date of Activity: 04/21/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Emily Neier

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Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:
Requesting funding to publish their Winter 2016 publication. They need to go through an off campus printer because the copy center on campus will no longer bind the books for them.
Planning a fundraiser for later in the semester for more money for more publications.
All GV students can submit work to Running Out of Ink.

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

Is the allocation recommendation
X FINAL
□ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly
**Requesting Organization:** International Justice Mission  
**Title of Request:** Sex Trafficking Documentary Showing  
**Date of Activity:** 02/25/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Melissa Gatto

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**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**
Every semester they try and show a video for students on campus to raise awareness for sex trafficking. After they hold a debriefing session and let students know what they can do to get involved in Grand Rapids. They’re making it LIB 100 and 201 approved. Requesting funding for promotions.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.
CONSENT

**Is the allocation recommendation**

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

**Requesting Organization:** STAAR – Students Toward Autism Advocacy and Respect  
**Title of Request:** Dr. Liane Holliday Willey: Autism Speech  
**Date of Activity:** 04/07/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Olivia Sowa and Holly Miller

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**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**
Inviting Dr. Willey to talk about her personal experiences as a person with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This will raise awareness about ASD and help to further the knowledge of students, faculty, and community members who are affiliated with ASD either through family, work, or friends. This event can help those with ASD and those without. Dr. Willey is from the Grand Rapids area. The stipend for Willey is non-negotiable. That’s her standard rate. However, they will contact her to see if she will go down.
Working to make this event LIB 100 and 201 approved. No fundraising has been done in the past because they’re a service and advocacy group. Working with NSLA and START on this event.

**Motion to:** Table until next week.
9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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- X FINAL
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**Requesting Organization:** Il Geranio Italian Club  
**Title of Request:** Italian American Speaker for the Intercultural Festival  
**Date of Activity:** 03/23/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Alicia Saragosa

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**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**
Would like to become part of the GV Intercultural festival. They would like to bring in Francine Segan, a well-known food historian. She would go through the history of Italy with chocolates. Their club funds are low because they are a small club, and Italian isn’t a major or minor option. They have less than $100.00. The contractual services which include travel costs and hotel come from email discussion with her. Contractual fee is $2,500.00 and flight and hotel is $1,000.00. Her normal contractual fee is $4,000.00. Looked into a few other speakers, but LeaAnn Tibbe thought that Francine Segan would be the perfect fit for the Intercultural festival.

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

**Is the allocation recommendation**
- X FINAL
- □ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Young Lords  
**Title of Request:** Young Lords – Neighborhood Affairs  
**Date of Activity:** 03/29/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Abish Israde, Kelsey Mae, and
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Requesting funding to cater, promote, and provide entertainment for their Neighborhood Affair. The Neighborhood Affair is to support the young Lords Oral History Collection located in Seidman College. They will be announcing the new senior oral history project collaborated with the Kent District Library.

The Young Lords is dedicated to documenting the history of the displacement of Puerto Ricans, Mejicanos, other Latinos, and the poor from Lincoln Park, as well as the history of the Young Lords nationwide.

On Bridge St. today there is currently a displacement of the Mexican community.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.

8 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

X FINAL

☐ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Physical Education Club  
**Title of Request:** SHAPE America  
**Date of Activity:** 04/07/16 – 04/09/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Rachael Chase

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

Requesting funding to send three club members to national conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This conference would provide members with great professional development.

One of the students going will be receiving an award at the conference.

Students going are paying for gas, food, and car rental.

Registration is $140.00 per student.

Approve registration fees and half of hotel stay.

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

Is the allocation recommendation

X FINAL

□ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** International Students Organization  
**Title of Request:** AISO Conference  
**Date of Activity:** 03/11/16 – 03/13/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Manraj

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ISO helps students integrate into American culture. They’ve been diversifying their events to try and appeal to everyone. For Spring Break they would like to go to the AISO Conference that helps develop leadership within the organization. Asking for funding for plane tickets for three students and one faculty member. Faculty cannot be funded.

Motion to: Table until next week.
CONSENT

Is the allocation recommendation

X FINAL

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**Requesting Organization:** Latino Student Union  
**Title of Request:** USHLI Conference 2016  
**Date of Activity:** 02/05/16 – 02/07/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Alicia Perez and Jorge Puga

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Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:
Requesting funds to attend the USHLI Conference 2016. It’s the largest Hispanic leadership conference in the nation. It has leadership training, forums, networking opportunities, and student leader development.
Asking for registration fees and hotel rooms for the four eboard members because Laker Familia doesn’t fund upper classmen, however Laker Familia is paying for the underclassmen. Paying for food and gas out of pocket. Line item 2 stricken.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.
9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

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**Requesting Organization:** Eta Sigma Phi Honorary Society for Classical Studies

**Title of Request:** Eta Sigma Phi 88th Annual Convention

**Date of Activity:** 04/01/16 – 04/03/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kendal Farkas and Ally Pohler

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

Requesting funding to attend their national conference for the first time. This is a mandatory conference. This is the only Classics fraternity at GVSU and through attending they will represent GVSU as honoring a long Classical tradition. There will be networking with other students as well as professionals in the field. One of their members has submitted a paper of their own to present at the conference. Line item 3 stricken because gas cannot be funded.

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

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

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**Requesting Organization:** American Association of Petroleum Geologists Student Chapter

**Title of Request:** APA GVSU Student Chapter

**Date of Activity:** 04/31/16 – 03/03/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Katy Reminga, Sam Deyoung, and Cody Garnsey
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**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Requesting funding to help with events in the coming year to help develop their club members knowledge and experience. One of the events is going to Western Michigan University to collaborate and learn with their AAPG chapter. This meeting would allow their members to learn how to run a successful AAPG student chapter, and how to successfully engage in a network of petroleum geology (students, professors, and professionals). The other is to visit the Drake Well, the first well to produce oil in the United States. This trip would offer geology students to gain knowledge of the subject for both academic and professional purposes.

Banquet hall rental came from a need for space enough for 60 people to sit and have one-on-one’s about research.

Paying for food, vans, and gas out of pocket.

Line item 5 stricken, will look for an option on Western’s campus.

Line item 1 was a quote from a phone call with Enterprise.

Line item 1 was adjusted.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

X FINAL

☐ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Les Francophiles (French Club)

**Title of Request:** Montreal Trip

**Date of Activity:** 03/07/16 – 03/12/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Michael Foster

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

Requesting funding to travel to Montreal, Canada to expose students to a French-speaking culture within an academic context. Students will be immersed in Montreal’s Francophone culture, where French is the dominate language. They will take students to Art and Natural Museums, historical sites, and places of cultural significance, like the Notre Dame Basilica and the Olympic stadium.

Two non-GVSU members will be attending, but they are not be covered in the funding request.

Students are paying for $125.00 – $150.00 per person out of pocket.

Buses were chosen because it’s a nineteen hour drive and most students don’t have insurance to cover multiple drivers.

Because there are at least ten people going, they were able to get group rates.

The request is all converted from Canadian to U.S. through Google.

Line items 3 and 4 stricken by suggestion of presenter.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- X FINAL

☐ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Meeting adjourned at (time): 6:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by (name of secretary): *Amber Downs*