Appropriations Meeting

September 23rd

List of Organizations in Attendance: Pre-Vet Club, Minorities Interested in Business, Urban Planning Association, Pre-Medical Club, Alpha Iota Sigma, International Cultural Exchange

Board Members in Attendance: Jorden (Chair), Mackenzie, Danielle, Kaylee, Adam, Raquel

Pre-Veterinary Club: $1,516.00

The purpose of this request is for the Pre-Vet club to travel to Ohio State for different information about what to expect from vet school, as well as how to get in. There will be labs and workshops about what vet school actually is.

Questions:

* Do you have all of your members signed up?
* Is the travel and gas included in this request?
* Have you looked at other hotels?
* Is the parking included in the hotel fee?
* Is the cost $300 per room per night?
* Does your group do any fundraising?
* If you do not receive the funding, how many students do you think would end up attending?
* Do you know how many people would pay the $240?

Discussion:

* They have a lot of expenses that they are paying for out of pocket.

Vote:

* Passes unanimously for $1,516.

Minorities in Business: $400

The purpose of the event is for food for an event to promote the minorities interested in business.

Questions:

* Have you done this event before?
* How did it go?
* Do you have a quote?
* Have you reserved the room?

Discussion:

* Talk about catering.

Vote:

* Vote passes unanimously for $400

Pre-Med Club: 1,861.00

The purpose of this request is for travel to the Michigan Medical Education Day conference at Wayne State University, which is for undergraduate students to talk to as well as get some insight as to what medical school entails. They have workshops for what med school is, how to get in, and what the MCAT is like. They are looking for the money for a 55-passenger bus as well as registration for 55 members.

Questions:

* Is the gratuity included in the quote? Is that a flat rate the company makes you pay?
* Are any students paying out of pocket?
* What does your members dues go towards?
* Would your students be willing to pay if they weren’t to receive funding?
* How many conferences do you guys go to for the year?
* Do you do any fundraising?
* Do you have an off campus bank account?

Discussion:

* Discussion to cut the registration fee.
* $550 fee would be a substantial amount of money to keep in travel.
* Motion to cut Registration fee

Vote:

* Vote to cut registration fee – passes unanimously
* Request passes for $1,311.00

Urban Planning Association: $4,532.00

The purpose of this request is to take a Chicago trip to introduce Urban Planning and Geography to students, as well as fellow students from across disciplines at GVSU to some of the successful design, policy and public engagement practices that make Chicago such and exemplary city of the region. The money is for the bus to get to Chicago, take an architectural tour, and stay overnight in a hotel.

Questions:

* What is the tour for?
* Is the faculty included in to this request?
* How many rooms were you requesting in the hostel?
* Does your organization charge dues?
* Will people be able to go if you don’t receive the money?
* Do you have an off campus bank account and do you have any idea how much is in there?
* Have you gone on this event before?
* Do you do any fundraising?
* How was your feedback on if people would go?

Discussion:

* Need to make a lot of cuts.
* It will be $67 for each of the people if we passed this request.
* What if we funded only for the 12 active members?
* Discussion to table the request until next week.

Vote:

* Voted to table this request until next week.

Alpha Iota Sigma: $850.00

The purpose of the request is to attend the National Honor Society of the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies. The money is for a hotel and registration for registration for the conference.

Questions:

* Is the staff included into the request?
* How many people do you have in the organization?
* Is this a required event?

Discussion:

* We don’t fund anything that is required for your organization to go to.

Vote:

* No vote, the student life fund cannot fund the request.

International Cultural Exchange: $ 4,892.00

The event is for professional development, social worker physical and mental self-care.

Questions:

* How many people will be in attendance?
* If air fair were funded, would you just be paying for the rest out of pocket?
* Are you all social work majors?
* Is anyone paying out of pocket?
* Have you considered driving?
* Do other universities send students to this conference?

Discussion:

* Much more cost effective to drive.
* Motion to cut the flight down to $0.
* Small amount of people going, could pay out of pocket.
* See much more personal benefits.

Vote:

* Vote does not pass