

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board
Meeting Minutes
11/08/2019 1:00 PM
Student Senate Office
Chair: Madeleine Samuels
Advisor: Eric Stevens

Student Senators Present: Eric Siegrist, Richie Deberry, Harrison Benet, Brandon Love
Appropriations Funding Board: Marissa Accardo

Agenda

1. Subject to Change* Not Present
2. Farm Club
3. Belly Dance Club
4. Ethics Bowl Team
5. Farm Club

Discussion of Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: Belly Dance Club

1. Title of Request: Belly Dance Fall Showcase
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Maegan Saunders
3. Amount Requested: \$1,753.00
4. Description of Request: A performance for all groups of the belly dance club to show off what they've learned to the community and to each other. This showcase will also give other dance groups the opportunity to perform on campus.
5. Discussion: VP Samuels asks if there are any co-sponsors for this event. There are other co-sponsors, but they aren't able to provide financial support. VP Samuels also asks if 200 is the usual number of student attendance. Maegan says yes, based on past years. The catering cost is within the \$8 per head maximum.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN
Final Amount Allocated: \$1,753.00

Requesting Organization: Farm Club

1. Title of Request: Expanding the Community Garden
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Keigan Dandeneau

3. Amount Requested: \$1,202.00

4. Description of Request: The Farm Club is aware that last year the community plots sold out from the beginning of the year and many students were unable to access the benefits that the SAP has to offer, and this project would help aid the situation. Our idea is to expand the community garden by 18 plots, therefore many more people can enjoy the amenities the farm has to offer. This would allow them to be an active part of the SAP community and become healthier by producing their own food. Each plot will cost about \$67 in supplies and the labor would be free due to a volunteer event that we would hold. Each plot is sold for \$30 dollars for the fall semester and if we were able to sell all of the plots (new and old) we would break even in one season.

5. Discussion: Farm Club was not here to present, but as they already meet with Eric Stevens, he gave highlights from their meetings. Amanda states that the request was in line with their prior equipment requests, and they always took care of their equipment. There were no further questions for the farm club, so Senator Siegrist motioned to approve the request in full.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN
Final Amount Allocated: \$1,202.00

Discussion of Non-Presenting Request

Requesting Organization: Ethics Bowl Team

1. Title of Request: Ethics Bowl Registration and Membership Fee

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Anna Stewart

3. Amount Requested: \$335.00

4. Description of Request: Registration fee for regional ethics bowl competition and Membership into the Association for Practical and Applied Ethics

5. Discussion: Ethics Bowl Club is requesting for their competition registration fee. They have been previously approved for their group van request. This request meets all guidelines.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN
Final Amount Allocated: \$335.00

Requesting Organization: Farm Club

1. Title of Request: Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference Event

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Keigan Dandeneau

3. Amount Requested: \$403.40

4. Description of Request: A group of 9 students are planning to make their way up to Traverse City January 24 -26th for the Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference. We are going to this conference in order to bring farmers and gardeners together through education and conversation. Together, we can learn and grow—and learn to grow. We plan on bringing back this educational information with us so that we can share it among local community members who utilize the Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP). Passing down this knowledge is imperative to the growth and success of the SAP. We currently have 3 students seeking funding through various forms around campus (i.e the Environmental and Sustainability Studies Program and the Office of Sustainability), along with 5 students who are submitting funding through the Office of Student Life. However, we just need transportation and we need to use the vans for 4 days total as we would be leaving late Thursday night and returning early Sunday morning.

5. Discussion: Farm Club is requesting for their group travel van fee. This request was submitted on time and meets all requirements.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$403.40

Meeting Concluded at 1:50 PM