

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes  
11/01/19 1:30 PM  
2201 Kirkhof Center

Chair: Madeleine Samuels

Advisor: Eric Stevens

Student Senators Present: Eric Siegrist, Harrison Benet, Richie Deberry ,Brandon Love, Anthony Paquet

Appropriations Board Members Present: Adam Gordon Marissa Accardo

Agenda

1. The Sociology Club \* 2
2. Stage
3. German Club
4. Student Journalism Club
5. National Science Teachers Association
6. Residence Housing Association
7. Solar Racing Club

Discussion of Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: The Sociology Club

1. Title of Request: Faculty/Student Social

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Lucretia Dunlap

3. Amount Requested: \$382.00

4. Description of Request: This is a great opportunity for students to come and chat with some sociology professors in a more relaxed environment. This event is a chance for students to have one-on-one time with professors and build relationships with them that could lead to different research opportunities, letters of recommendation, knowledge of different conferences, and access to resources on campus.

5. Discussion: VP Samuels asks if just sociology professors will be attending? Lucretia answers that yes, multiple professors from the sociology department will be attending the event. VP Samuels expressed hesitation with the focus of this event. Gordon recommends expanding the departments of the professors. Senator Siegrist asks if non-sociology students had expressed interest in this event. Gordon asks how many professors they currently have scheduled. Senator Siegrist states that this event could be expanded to include other departments. Senator Love says

this proposed meeting still sounds more like a faculty event than a student event. Senator Siegrist motions to deny this request.

6. Final Motion to: Deny the Request

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Requesting Organization: The Sociology Club

1. Title of Request: Dr. Hammersmith's Research on Marital Dissolution

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Lucretia Dunlap

3. Amount Requested: \$518.65

4. Description of Request: A growing share of older people experience divorce or widowhood at mid or later life and then remarry. Moreover, although widowhood is still commonplace, divorce to people over 50 is on the rise. Nonetheless, few researchers have examined how different disruption pathways (e.g., multiple divorces) and late-life remarriage may link to parent-child contact. Investigating the relationship between marital disruption and remarriage with parent-child contact is crucial, as contact can be indicative of how much support a parent can expect to receive from their adult children as they enter old age. In this research talk the audience will learn if having multiple marital disruptions reduces contact between parents and children or if a parent's remarriage creates a rift between themselves and their adult children.

5. Discussion: This fits the RSO's mission and is applicable to the broader student body. Senator Paquet says this event is great for the wider student body. Adam Gordon asks about the cost per head. Amanda recommends lowering the amount of pizza ordered. VP Samuels says around 10 pizzas seems reasonable for an event of this scale. The food cost is lowered to 223.90. The new

6. Final Motion to: Adjust and Approve at \$324.00

6 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$324.00

Requesting Organization: Stage

1. Title of Request: Funding for Next Performance

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Justin Rickert

3. Amount Requested: \$194.89

4. Description of Request: STAGE is having a performance soon and we would like to purchase props to increase the audience's immersion

5. Discussion: Stage is purchasing props for their upcoming show. The props are stored in the lockers. The question is posed if the items are reusable. Gordon motions to approve in full.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$194.89

Requesting Organization: German Club

1. Title of Request: Christkindlmarkt GVSU German Club
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Jan Bernhardt
3. Amount Requested: \$350.00
4. Description of Request: 14 students of the German club would like to travel to the annual Christkindlmarkt in Chicago. The market displays many aspects of life in Germany and is a great way to gain cultural knowledge of the country and the people. The trip would occur on 11/23 from ~8:30 am to 11:00 pm. Van rentals would be from 11/22 - 11/24.
5. Discussion: German Club is traveling to ChristKindlmarkt for an authentic german culture experience. It fits the RSO's mission and sounds like a fun club experience.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$350.00

Requesting Organization: Student Journalism Club

1. Title of Request: Student Journalism Club-- Big Data Ignite Conference Admission
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Jane Johnston
3. Amount Requested: \$100.00
4. Description of Request: I am one of the student officers for the GVSU Student Journalism Club and we are co-sponsoring FOIA Fest, which is a GVSU event that is part of the 3-day Big Data Ignite Conference. I am requesting \$100 for my admission to the conference.
5. Discussion: This is a request for conference fees for five students. It meets all guidelines and fits the RSO's mission.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$100.00

Requesting Organization: National Science Teachers Association

1. Title of Request: National Science Teachers Association

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Audra Cronk
3. Amount Requested: \$110.00
4. Description of Request: Name of conference: National Science Teachers Association Regional Conference  
Sponsoring Organization: National Science Teachers Association  
Date(s): November 13-16, 2019  
Location: Cincinnati, OH
5. Discussion: This is a request for conference fees for five students. It meets all guidelines and fits the RSO's mission.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$110.00

Requesting Organization: Residence Housing Association

1. Title of Request: GLACURH Conference
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Allison Hoffman
3. Amount Requested: \$175.00
4. Description of Request: Leadership conference in Bloomington, Indiana where we collaborate with other RHA organizations across the region.
5. Discussion: This is a request for conference fees for five students. It meets all guidelines and fits the RSO's mission.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$175.00

Requesting Organization: Solar Racing Club

1. Title of Request: Formula Sun Grand Prix Track Registration Fees
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Adam Duke
3. Amount Requested: \$3,250.00
4. Description of Request: The GVSU Solar Racing Team is entering their solar-powered car into the Formula Sun Grand Prix in hopes to compete in the American Solar Challenge. The team car will first go through the scrutineering process where the car will be inspected. After this inspection, the car will compete in the Formula Sun Grand Prix where the course will test the limits of curves, braking, and acceleration. The track registration fee is \$3250 and is December 15th, 2019

5. Discussion: It's a big request, but the price is common for events of this scale, and the RSO is aware that the funding will come from their total travel budget.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$3,250.00

*Meeting Adjourned at 2:10 PM*