

Student Senate Cultural 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, Alex Murascu

Agenda

1. Native American Student Association

*Discussion of Presenting Requests*

Requesting Organization: Native American Student Association

1. Title of Request: Weaving the World into Existence: The Power of Women, Water and Canebrakes

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

3. Amount Requested: \$1,613.00

4. Description of Request: Native Peoples of the Ohio River Valley, Southern Indiana, the South Central and Southeast relied heavily on River Cane from the canebrakes for the materials not just in making basketry and mat making, but for every aspect of life. Men made blowguns, arrows, spears, atlatl's (long-range throwing darts/spears for big game hunts), knives, fish traps, flutes, turkey calls, pipe stems, and cane torches. Homes were constructed by weaving the splits of cane in between wooden posts (called wattle), just like weaving a huge basket. Women split and wove the cane into cradleboards, baskets of every shape and size for food processing, storage, harvesting food, and double woven lidded baskets used for storage and burials. Mats were woven from the cane and used for the floor of the homes, on the walls, personal mats for sitting outside, as bed coverings, wall partitions, roofing materials, wall construction as well as in burials.

Robin will share with students her current research as well as the processes of selecting, harvesting and processing of River Cane. Each student will weave a small mat using commercial materials and traditional basketry patterns. All materials will be included.

5. Discussion: VP Samuels applauds the co-sponsorship with the OMA. Eric clarifies that a speaker gift and speaker fee cannot both be given. There is an event webpage as well as a calendar setup. NASA is also using Facebook and Instagram to promote the event. Richie motions to remove the speaker gift, making the new total \$1600.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$1,600.00

*Meeting Concluded at 1:11 PM*