

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board

Meeting Minutes

September 27th, 2019 1:30 PM

2201 Kirkhof Center

Chair: Madeleine Samuels

Advisor: Eric Stevens

Student Senators Present: Harrison Benet, Brendon Love, Alexandra Murarescu, Hannah Benoit

Appropriations Committee Members Present: Melissa Accardo

Requesting Organization: Peace Means

1. Title of Request: Speaker Ali Abunimah

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Jorgen Reberg

3. Amount Requested: \$1850.00

4. Description of Request: Ali Abunimah is regarded as one of the strongest proponents for a one-state solution in the matter of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict; a solution which secures dignity and safety for both Israeli and Palestinian citizens. We are inviting Mr. Abunimah to our campus in order to gauge the current situation in Palestine and Israel, and whether a one-state solution is still considered viable in his opinion. Mr. Abunimah has visited this campus in the past, and his residency in Chicago allows for ease of transportation (along with relatively inexpensive costs). The format will be a talk regarding this issue, subsequently followed by a Q&A section. We hope to engender a respectful dialogue amongst participants, and are expecting a considerable turnout.

5. Discussion: VP Samuels asks about possible co-sponsors for the event. Reberg states that a reduction in department budgets has eliminated the possibility of financial support, but departments have expressed interest in supporting in non-financial avenues. Senator Benet asks if the speaker could inflame any conflict regarding the debate around Israel. Reberg talks about Abunimah's views and says that the point of the event is to have this discussion in an open manner. VP Samuels states that the event was presented as more of a dialogue than a debate. Melissa Accardo says an open dialogue would be a great thing to bring on campus. Senator Love motions for a vote.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

4 YAY 0 ABSENTATION 1 NAY

Final Amount Allocated: \$1850.00

Requesting Organization:

1. Title of Request: His House Van Rental Cost

3. Amount Requested: \$1500.00

4. Description of Request: We have reserved a 15 passenger van through Enterprise for our spring break service trip. This year our Campus Ministry will go to North Carolina to help with hurricane Dorian relief work. We partner with churches and other organizations to help gain job sites for the week. We spend the entire week of spring break there helping in any way we can.

5. Discussion: VP Maddie: This request is high for a group van, but that's due to timing and length. This request was sent well in advance of the trip. Senator Murarescu says that the amount requested makes sense for a special yearly trip. Senator Benet motions to approve in full.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

5 YAY 0 ABSENTATION 0 NAY

Final Amount Allocated:\$1500.00

Requesting Organization:

1. Title of Request: Van Rental Request

3. Amount Requested: \$226.70

4. Description of Request: The GVSU Law Society is planning a law school trip to the University of Michigan Law School to learn about their program and give prospective students an opportunity to learn about law schools in Michigan. There is a max of 20 people going.

5. Discussion of Request: VP Samuels states that the request meets all guidelines. The request fits the RSO's mission.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

5 YAY 0 ABSENTATION 0 NAY

Final Amount Allocated:\$226.70