

**Student Senate Appropriations Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 01/12/2016  
**Meeting Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2259

**Chair:** Jeremy Turnbull  
**Advisor:** Valerie Guzman  
**Board Members Present:** Rachel Travis, Benjamin Solits, Caleb Devries, Ben Commet, Olivia Kolc, Nikhil Watsa, Tyler Tester, Julia Sturvist, Jaci Reck, Jared Benes

**Requesting Organization:** Criminal Justice Students' Association  
**Title of Request:** Criminal Justice Students' Association  
**Date of Activity:** 02/27/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Chad Jackson

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$430.22	\$430.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$430.22</b>	<b>\$430.22</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

It's an annual event called those who protect us to teach youth the importance of safety. Takes place downtown. The main focus is to partner with the community, bringing in safety officials, firefighters, etc. Requesting funding to make this event possible. Set up fee, food, and balloons. The room confirmation was waived by the dean so the cost of that isn't there. Expecting 60-70 people to attend this event. For advertising, they will be using the 100 free pluggers each organization gets from campus printing. Throughout the year they fundraise through different avenues. Funding the balloons only because they aren't available through promotions.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.  
 9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Advertising Club  
**Title of Request:** Lapiz Agency Tour  
**Date of Activity:** 02/05/16 – 02/07/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Erik Wang

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7027	\$246.00	\$123.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$246.00</b>	<b>\$123.00</b>
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**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

It's a way for members to go to an agency and learn about what it's like to actually work there. Meant to be a learning experience outside of the classroom. Requesting an adjusted \$246 to rent the bus for three days instead of the original two.

Hotel, gas, food, etc. will be paid for out of pocket. Already paying around \$30 dollars per person before hotel costs.

Have gone to two advertising agencies in this area before, looking for a broader perspective.

Looked into amtrack and it was more expensive.

**Motion to:** Approve half the adjusted budget.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Aspiring Student Affairs Professionals

**Title of Request:** NASPA Student Affairs Conference

**Date of Activity:** 03/13/16 – 03/16/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Demario Bell

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
7025	\$580.00	\$0.00
7083	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Requesting funding to attend the NASPA Annual Conference. This conference is the largest professional development event for student affairs professionals.

There will be multiple workshops working on how students can work on their advancement into student affairs as a profession. It provides networking opportunities with professional from all administrative levels.

The cheapest hotel that could be found is \$161.00 a night.

This conference is a way for students from all over to get together and share ideas and thoughts on how to improve the student life experience.

If the budget is cut, we can fundraise, but registration is Friday so it would make or break the ability to attend the event.

Have sought out other avenues for funding, using Appropriations as the last resort.

We anticipate \$300 being paid out of pocket.

No fundraising was done.

Already reduced the number of students going.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.  
 0 FOR 9 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Belly Dance Club

**Title of Request:** Pistons Performances

**Date of Activity:** 02/04/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kayleigh Gauthier

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7027	\$80.00	\$80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Requesting funds for a 15 passenger van to perform at the Detroit Pistons. Performing at a venue of this size has not been something this club has done before. Belly Dance Club promotes body positivity and ethnic diversity.

Only asking for 80 for the van, everything else will come out of pocket.

Because they're performing the funds can be moved from travel and put under Performing Arts.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.  
 10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Swing Dance Club

**Title of Request:** President's Ball 2016

**Date of Activity:** 02/05/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Brenden Hoekstra & Amelia Zann

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$500.00	\$500.00
7027	\$800.00	\$800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Swing dance club was asked by GV to come back and perform for President's Ball.

Requesting funding to pay for a dance floor, dancing on carpet is difficult and bad for you, and to pay a band and buy the music for them to play during their performance. Fundraising is done throughout the year to fund smaller events. Grand Valley doesn't pay performers for President's Ball. Not normally allowed to fund events that aren't free and open to all students.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.  
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Swing Dance Club  
**Title of Request:** Lindy Workshop  
**Date of Activity:** 01/30/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Brenden Hoekstra & Amelia Zann

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Hiring two instructors that are acatically acclaimed and nationally known. This event are open to students outside of the club.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.  
10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
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**Requesting Organization:** Royal Dancers  
**Title of Request:** Choreography  
**Date of Activity:** 01/16/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Jennifer Martinez

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$700.00	\$700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request**

Dance club trying to become a club sport. They have the opportunity to perform during two basketball games. They're asking for money to hire a choreographer that includes his contractual fees, travel, music, choreography, and conditioning.

Last year when they performed during a basketball game, it opened up a number of opportunities for their organization.

Fundraising is done all semester done for uniforms and competitions.

There are tryouts each semester, open to all students. The choreographer is teaching them skills for the performance, the performance being open to all students.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** You Beautiful Black Woman

**Title of Request:** Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Dinner

**Date of Activity:** 01/16/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Demario Bell

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$1,500.00	\$1,170.00
7032	\$85.00	\$85.00
7046	\$40.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,625.00</b>	<b>\$1,255.00</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

This is an annual event that's on the weekend before.

During this event they'll be presenting on women activists who influenced MLK Jr.

Requesting funding for food and promotions

There's one speaker and four performers. The speaker is a GVSU Professor and therefore cannot get funding.

Line item 3 stricken.

Because it's a dinner, \$13 dollars a head is more reasonable than \$19.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Peace M.E.ans  
**Title of Request:** Discussion of Conflict  
**Date of Activity:** 01/28/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ryan Zahran

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
7022	\$120.00	\$120.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

This is a first time event, a panel discussion about the Arab Israeli conflict. The panelists are experts on this subject and will answer questions that students have towards the conflict and America’s involvement.

In LOH.

Requesting food for Mediterranean Food, \$3 per head (50 students expected to attend).

**Motion to:** Approve in full.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

FINAL

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**Meeting adjourned at (time): 6:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted by (name of secretary):** *Amber Downs*