

**Student Senate Appropriations Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 01/26/2016
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, Tyler Tester, Julia Sturvist, Jaci Reck, Chad Jackson

Requesting Organization: PreDental Club
Title of Request: PreDental: Arizona School of Dentistry Workshop
Date of Activity: 02/19/16 – 02/21/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Irina Gridean

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$600.00	\$600.00
7083	\$660.00	\$440.00
7083	\$740.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$1,040.00

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

It's an all-day seminar providing opportunities for students to work hands on in the dental school, network with other students and professors. Have been to the University of Michigan dental school, but it was not as hands on as this program.
 Paying for a portion of the flight, rides to and from the hotel, food, etc. Looking for funding for the workshop fee and hotel costs.
 Thinking two people per room, for a total of three rooms.
 Line item 3 stricken.
 Line item 2 adjusted from 660.00 to 440.00.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.
 9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Urban Planning Association
Title of Request: Speaker Gift for Margaret Studer of Friends of Grand Rapids Parks
Date of Activity: 02/01/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nicholas Govan

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
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7046	\$25.00	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$25.00	\$25.00

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

Requesting funds for a speaker gift for Margaret Studer of Friends and Grand Rapids Parks.

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

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Minorities Interested in Business

Title of Request: Back to Business Week

Date of Activity: 02/22/16 – 02/26/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Monet Goode

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$370.00	\$370.00
7046	\$200.00	\$175.00
7032	\$110.00	\$110.00
7004	\$50.00	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$730.00	\$705.00

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

Help students get acquainted to the business environment by hosting workshops, lectures, etc., and focuses on getting students to join the organization.

Rooms booked in Kirkhof Center and Cook Dewitt for the event.

Decorations: balloons and table cloths. Decorations aren't going through Campus Dining because the table cloths are only supplied from Campus Dining for food, not for the table used in panel discussion.

About 30 people come out for the weekly activities, but around 100 attend for the panel.

None of the speakers are GVSU faculty.

Line item 2 adjusted to \$175.00

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.
9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Students for Haiti
Title of Request: 2016 Haiti Dinner and Cultural Night
Date of Activity: 02/21/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Peter Wampler

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$1,500.00	\$750.00
7032	\$100.00	\$100.00
7046	\$200.00	\$200.00
7030	\$100.00	\$0.00
7083	\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$1150.00

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

Have been having this dinner since 2013, normally sold tickets, but would like brochures, food, and speaker from Chicago.

The goal is to raise awareness about Haiti and Haitian Culture, provide student, faculty, and the local community with authentic Haitian cuisine, raise awareness about the Empowering Haiti through Education Scholarship Fund, and provide an opportunity for students to learn about the Students for Haiti Club.

Line items 3 and 5 combined because line item three was put under the wrong code. The \$200.00 requested for line item 3 is meant for contractual services, not speaker gifts.

Line item 4 stricken.

There's a lot of support from the Grand Rapids community, which is where the number for non-Grand Valley students comes from.

In years past there's been about 60-80 people who attend.

In years past they raised money for the event through Forest of Fear and the year's previous event and community donations. This year, Forest of Fear raised \$400.00.

Line item 1 adjusted to \$750.00.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Seidman Investment Portfolio Organization
Title of Request: Engage International Investment Education Symposium: Travel Budget Request
Date of Activity: 04/13/16 – 04/14/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jenna Pizarek

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

7083	\$254.00	\$0.00
7083	\$246.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00

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

Requesting funding for the Engage Conference. This is attended every year but it's normally in Detroit. It's a keynote speaker event with thirteen speakers coming this year. Grand Valley's Seidman Investment Portfolio Organization was featured last year for beating the SMP 500.

It will cost \$1,134.00 for hotel fees; 15 students over a total of 6 rooms.

There was \$1,583.37 made during their Fall 2015 Golf Fundraiser.

\$75.00 is being paid per person going.

The requirement to join the club is having resume on Laker Jobs, going to six meetings or events a semester, and three hours of community service.

Faulty advisor sent them to Appropriations instead of going to Seidman College.

Right now it's \$133.00 a person.

The train being used, the South Shore Commuter Train, is one of the cheapest ways of transportation.

There are a number of other avenues for students to seek funding.

Line items 2 and 3 stricken.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Model U.N.

Title of Request: GVSU Model U.N. St. Louis Conference

Date of Activity: 02/10/16 – 02/13/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Devin Gorby

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,303.71	\$869.00
7025	\$270.00	\$0.00
7027	\$465.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,039.00	\$869.00

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

This is the first year that GV will be going to this. This year they're trying to push forward and get known on a bigger level.

There were mistakes made to the original budget, the new requested budget is:

Line item 1 adjusted to \$869.00.
 Line item 3 adjusted to \$320.00.
 Six instead of seven students are going.
 They have had a total of \$150.00 donated for this trip.
 They'll be learning parliamentary procedure and how to solve problems internationally.
 There should be around 60 schools going.
 Students going will be paying around \$100.00 – \$200.00 for food and gas per student; as well as the possibility of staying another night.
 Line items 2 and 3 stricken.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.
 9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Pre-Med Club
Title of Request: Western Michigan University School of Medicine Visit
Date of Activity: 02/19/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Tyler Johnston

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$83.00	\$83.00
7083	\$83.00	\$83.00
TOTAL	\$166.00	\$166.00

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

Requesting funds to visit Western Michigan University School of Medicine to get a feel for the application process and course work to be able to go to that medical school. Rent two 15 passenger vans from Grand Valley.

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

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Students for Liberty
Title of Request: Students for Liberty – International Students for Liberty Conference Budget Request
Date of Activity: 02/25/16 – 02/28/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Andrew Hereza

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,734.00	\$1,040.00
TOTAL	\$1,734.00	\$1,040.00

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

Requesting funding to go to the International Students for Liberty Conference, the largest gathering of libertarians and liberty-minded people in the world. This conference will hear from leading experts on the subject of liberty to expand knowledge of the subject and learn how to spread their message to others.

Students paying for food, charter bus, and registration which is \$20.00.

Waiting on funds from appropriations before signing up.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Greek Life Council

Title of Request: Greek Week 2016

Date of Activity: 03/31/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Terrell Couch

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7027	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

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

Requesting funds for LipSync, an event where all organizations on campus are welcome to perform.

There are no other avenues for funding for this.

Greeks do participate, but the event is open to everyone.

This is an annual event with high student attendance and participation.

If they don't receive funding the event can't happen.

Motion to: Approve in full.

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Meeting adjourned at (time): 6:20 p.m.

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