

**Student Senate Appropriations Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 02/09/2016
Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 1142

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, Chad Jackson

Requesting Organization: Women in Computing
Title of Request: Women in Computing 2nd Semester Posters
Date of Activity: 01/27/16, 02/24/16, 03/23/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Madeline Burns

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032	\$47.03	\$47.03
TOTAL	\$47.03	\$47.03

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

Quote comes from Promotions for a poster to hang on each board on campus. They would like to get meeting times out there.

Motion to: Approve in full.
 CONCENT

The allocation recommendation is:

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Senior Citizens Club
Title of Request: Spring Prom 2016
Date of Activity: 04/16/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Danielle O'Connor

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$405.00	\$405.00
7027	\$200.00	\$200.00
7027	\$31.00	\$31.00
7022	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00
7032	\$48.50	\$48.50
TOTAL	\$1,814.50	\$1,814.50

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

Food, rental for dance floor and popcorn machine, promotions, and payment for band members.

About \$21.00 per person just considering students involved, but with the seniors involved in the per person cost it's \$7.00.

Currently fundraising right now, and plan on doing a bake sale later in the semester. Food is a buffet style.

Valerie Guzman: There are about 100 seniors who attend. This is a long standing tradition for the organization.

Every fall and winter they hold this, since the early 90's.

Because of the state of the Service and Advocacy fund, there's no need to be worried about funding it in full.

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

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Future Alumni Association

Title of Request: GVS(You) Week

Date of Activity: 04/07/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Stephanie Spruit

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$399.75	\$399.75
TOTAL	\$399.75	\$399.75

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

GVS(You) week is when they table in KC to have students write thank you notes to donors, and use cookies as leverage to students to fill out the thank you notes.

Motion to: Approve in full.
CONCENT

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
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Requesting Organization: Circle K International

Title of Request: District Convention Circle K International

Date of Activity: 03/18/16, 03/19/16, 03/20/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jordan Phelps

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025	\$1,400.00	\$700.00
TOTAL	\$1,400.00	\$700.00

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

Sending seven members, it's \$200 per member for membership. The event provides members with leadership workshops, volunteer opportunities, district caucusing, along with receiving district level awards the club has applied for.

Paying for cars and gas, it's in Mount Pleasant, MI.

The \$200 is all inclusive and the early bird fee.

They don't do a lot of work on GVSU's campus, but they do a lot of volunteering within the Grand Rapids area.

It would be possible for a few members to afford to go if the budget is cut in half.

Motion to: Approve half, \$700.00.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

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Requesting Organization: ICCA Transportation

Title of Request: Midnight Snack A Cappella

Date of Activity: 02/20/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachel Xydis

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$82.86	\$82.86
TOTAL	\$82.86	\$82.86

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

Requesting a 15 passenger van to go to Grand Ledge, MI to compete in the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella.

Motion to: Approve in full.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

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Requesting Organization: Physical Education Club

Title of Request: Speak Out Day!
Date of Activity: 03/01/16 – 03/02/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachael Chase

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$400.00	\$184.00
TOTAL	\$400.00	\$184.00

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

Department chair is offering \$100, but suggested they come back still to Appropriations. Looking at funding the hotel costs for her, \$184.00. She would be paying \$527 out of pocket and has already paid for her flight.

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

Is the allocation recommendation

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Requesting Organization: United Students Against Sweatshops
Title of Request: USAS Conference
Date of Activity: 02/25/16 – 02/28/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Lindsey Disler

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,800.00	\$1,050.00
TOTAL	\$1,800.00	\$1,050.00

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

Bottle and can drive, sent letters to unions in the state to help. Just requesting money for registration which is \$45.00 per person. You have to apply, for members who pay dues it's \$30.00, and for those who aren't registered members it's \$45.00. Ten people signed up are members. They have a list of people who said they are going, they're just waiting to get approved for funding before registering because funding can make or break it for some members. The conference leads to jobs, because there are companies that go there recruiting. On campus they ran a campaign to get GVSU to sign on to the program which brings in clothing that is not produced in sweatshops. GVSU was the very first school to sign onto that program and is now the role model for all of those other schools. GVSU was also the first school to break with Nike because they aren't following GVSU's ethics. GVSU's USAS is the biggest chapter in the country.

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

Is the allocation recommendation

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Requesting Organization: Future Alumni Association

Title of Request: CASE ASAP Conference

Date of Activity: 02/12/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Molly Sawyer

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025	\$100.00	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$100.00	\$150.00

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

Requesting funding to send four eboard members to the CASE ASAP Conference at Ferris. General members are paying registration fee. Requesting funding for eboard only as an incentive.

This conference is a place to come and share ideas about how to help your university. Only six members are going, so only two general members going besides eboard, so funding all six member's registration fee.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

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Requesting Organization: Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Title of Request: Spoken Culture

Date of Activity: 02/24/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Celina Yang

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
7046	\$25.00	\$0.00
7032	\$150.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,275.00	\$0.00

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

It's an event to showcase music and spoken word based on race and culture. They hope this will create an open dialogue for students to discuss race and culture, not just on GVSU's campus, but in the community.

Looking for contractual services for Jason Chu, a rapper who's also a cultural advocate. Spoke with the advisor of the group, but not the advisor of the Office of Student Life.

This event is open to anyone who wants to go and is free.

The Greek Life fund is meant to be used for things meant for multi sorority/fraternity events. Things like LipSync, sexual assault awareness on campus, etc.

Co-Sponsored with the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The OMA is providing snacks and refreshments.

They want Jason Chu because they are an Asian interest sorority, so he would understand their backgrounds, but because he's from LA he also has a greater understanding of other backgrounds.

He lowered the contractual service fee for them already.

This would be the first time putting on this event.

Motion to: Deny request.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority Inc.

Title of Request: Majestic Ball

Date of Activity: 02/26/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Kmystry Taylor-Jackson

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
7022	\$1,080.00	\$0.00
7032	\$165.00	\$0.00
7004	\$300.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$11,545.00	\$0.00

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

First and only multicultural sorority on campus.

Third year doing this. Award students and staff and faculty for giving back to the GVSU community. Considering giving awards to the community.

Want to bring in Veronika Scott, an American CEO and founder of The Empowerment Plan, a Detroit-based humanitarian organization. She hires only individuals from homeless shelters people so that they can have an opportunity to get out of their situation. She's well known and it would bring a lot of publicity to GVSU.

The community would be welcome, and they hope it would bring awareness to Grand Rapids homeless problem.

GV Alum, parents, faculty and staff, and a lot of students, Four Greek orgs from all over the state.

Motion to: Deny request.
9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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Requesting Organization: Asian Student Union
Title of Request: R.I.C.E. Conference
Date of Activity: 03/19/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Austin Ngo

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$3,000.00	\$N/A
7019	\$66.00	\$N/A
7019	\$34.50	\$N/A
7019	\$10.00	\$N/A
7025	\$2,500.00	\$N/A
7025	\$75.00	\$N/A
TOTAL	\$5,685.50	\$2,685.00

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

Keynote speaker, Jung Park, came in the past. This is a great conference for leadership skills, etc.
They've been given \$500 from East Asian Studies and \$500 from OMA.
The speaker only charged the speaker fee, no travel expenses included in the \$2,500.
Other speakers could be considered/Only 1 speaker considered;
Bring the adjusted budget to a \$2,000ish cap so that the speaker can still come, changing the budget to \$2,685.

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

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Requesting Organization: Out 'N' About
Title of Request: MBLGTACC 2016
Date of Activity: 02/19/16 – 02/21/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nathon Willis

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,980.00	\$700.00
TOTAL	\$1,980.00	\$700.00

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

Registration is \$70 a person and seven people are going, totaling \$490. The hotel is \$200-350. Hotel plus registration is \$600-900, not \$1,980.

The precedent sent tells us to fund between \$100-200 a head.

Fundraised during the Drag Show and earned about \$200, in addition to \$150-200 from other events in the past.

Motion to adjust budget to \$700, \$100 a head.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

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Requesting Organization:

Title of Request:

Date of Activity:

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

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

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

Motion to:

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Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

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Requesting Organization: International Students Organization

Title of Request: AISO Conference

Date of Activity: 03/11/16 – 03/13/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rose Turuka

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$2,300.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,300.00	\$0.00

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

This request was previously tabled.

This is a conference that brings International Students around U.S. together;

Suggestion of using Chicago as departing airport to cut costs.

It's \$300 for the car rental, \$100 a person for registration, and \$350 a person for airfare.

Cutting the trip down to \$100 a person would make the trip impossible.

Motion to: Deny request.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Dutch Student Organization

Title of Request: Intercultural Celebration Ball

Date of Activity: 04/01/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Charlotte van Noort

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$2,475.00	N/A
7032	\$510.00	N/A
7041	\$1,500.00	N/A
7041	\$3,000.00	N/A
TOTAL	\$7,485.00	N/A

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

The event not on campus, thus not open for discussion until further information is gathered, and new options are considered by the group.

Motion to: Tabled.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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

Respectfully submitted by (name of secretary): Amber Downs