

**Student Senate Appropriations Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 02/16/16

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, Chad Jackson

Requesting Organization: STAAR Students Toward Autism Advocacy & Respect

Title of Request: Dr. Liane Holliday Willey: Autism Speech

Date of Activity: 04/07/16

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

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
7032	\$66.00	\$66.00
7032	\$9.00	\$9.00
7032	\$25.00	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00

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

Request seen previously.

Motion to: Approve in full.

0 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

☒ FINAL

☐ Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Public Relations Student Society of America

Title of Request: Advertising and Public Relations (APR) Superior Awards

Date of Activity: 03/31/16 or 03/25/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ashley Mamula

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7027	\$320.00	\$320.00
7022	\$700.00	\$0.00
7233	\$200.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,220.00	\$320.00

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

In the past years they've had this awards program. It hasn't been as successful, this year they'd like to make it bigger and better known.

This event benefits the campus community because it's an open event for students to submit their work for superior recognition. It also benefits the students because there will be local professionals in at this event for students to network with and receive feedback on their submitted work.

Last year they got certification, this year they'd like to buy plaques to go with the displayed work.

Would be a great academic opportunity for students in the program.

Not holding it at DeVos because table rental would cost the same as room rental at Eberhard. Eberhard is also larger, giving the students space to network.

Line item 3 stricken; the board cannot fund anything that would be given away.

The estimate for the food comes from how many are projected to attend multiplied by the estimate from Eberhard catering of \$10 a head.

Because they are getting outside funding, motion to only fund line item 1.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

☒ FINAL

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Requesting Organization: Pre-Physical Therapy Club

Title of Request: Winter Speaker Gift

Date of Activity: 02/16/16, 03/01/16, 03/29/16, 04/12/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Corrin Russell

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7046	\$75.00	\$75.00
TOTAL	\$75.00	\$75.00

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

New request, for 75.00 instead of 100.00

Want to show appreciation to speakers because they're coming to campus at 9 p.m. on a week night. These speakers' help students prepare for graduate school and their future careers.

None are Grand Valley employees.

Motion to: Approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

☒ FINAL

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Requesting Organization: Eyes Wide Open

Title of Request: Speak Like A Girl: Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Date of Activity: 04/04/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Madison Rhoades

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
7083	\$700.00	\$700.00
TOTAL	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00

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

Requesting funding to bring Speak Like A Girl, renowned feminist slam poets.

The event is in the Multipurpose Room in the Library and the room is already reserved.

Expecting 100-150 people attending.

From 6-8:30 p.m.

Motion to: Approve in full.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

☒ FINAL

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Requesting Organization: Anscombe Society

Title of Request: Anscombe Society Speaking Budget

Date of Activity: 03/24/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Adam McMillan

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$3,500.00	\$3,680.00

*funding added for promotions package

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

They try to promote healthy relationships in a hookup culture.

Want to bring together two speakers; Dr. Struthers, he studies neurobiology of what happens in the brain in regards to watching pornography, and the link between watching porn and sex trafficking, and David Vandike a marriage therapist and professor, who works with families, and wants to address link between porn and divorce.

Going to promote through posters and tabling and Kirkhof.

VP recommends adding a promotions package to the event.

Add promotions package 3, adding \$180.00 to the request.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

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Requesting Organization: Farm Club

Title of Request: Tools and Organization

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Austin VanDyke

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004	\$2,068.00	\$2,068.00
TOTAL	\$2,068.00	\$2,068.00

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

GVSU has a farm a mile south of campus. It's a great play space and education center, like a living laboratory. It gives club members a chance to educate students on sustainable agriculture and how to grow their own food. The tools would be housed in their shed and garage out there.

Some tools for organizational uses, so they can house and store tools, creating a safer environment.

The tape measures are industrial tape measures that go on for feet.

BIO 319 and Environmental Studies and Geography courses and Liberal Studies courses go.

They haven't requested tools since 2013.

All fundraising is funneled through the Office of Sustainability. All of these things focus on the educational aspect the club can provide.

Club members are more like workers for the farm than anything else.

The newer tools requested are for educational purposes.

Motion to: Approve in full.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

☒ FINAL

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Requesting Organization: Anscombe Society

Title of Request: Conference Travel Funding

Date of Activity: 03/23/16 – 03/25/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Adam McMillan

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$500.00	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$500.00	\$100.00

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

He's been invited as a delegate in researching the positive impact on intact families on children.

For this conference he has to research and present his findings. The Wheatley Institution is a research institution located at Brigham Young University with a mission to support, sponsor, and disseminate high quality scholarly work aimed at strengthening and preserving the core institutions of our society.

There's been a precedence that's been set to fund only \$100 - \$150 per student for travel. Line item 1 struck to \$100.00

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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Requesting Organization: Urban Planning Association

Title of Request: Flint Water Volunteer Opportunity

Date of Activity: 02/27/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Andrea Hendrick

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$223.00	\$223.00
TOTAL	\$223.00	\$223.00

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

Partnering with Wayne State to help distribute water, water filters, and entering in data to aid in the Flint water crisis.

Taking three mini-vans because of how close to the date it is, they're not available, and because to distribute the water it's more efficient to have three mini vans driving around as opposed to one bus.

This is funding for only Grand Valley students.

They'll be having teachers send out information to get other students involved.

Motion to: Approve in full.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

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Requesting Organization: African Student Council

Title of Request: ASC Dinner and Dance – T.I.N.A. “This is New Africa”

Date of Activity: 04/08/16

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

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$3,500.00	\$2,224.00
7025	\$500.00	\$500.00
7032	\$276.00	\$276.00
7025	\$2,600.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$6,876.00	\$5,000.00

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

This event would have speakers coming to advocate for the African community, breaking down stereotypes that relate to Africans as a whole.

VP Jeremy Turnbull: Apparently, Cultural has an extra \$5,000 not previously known that can be considered for use.

The speakers work together so the contract would include fees from both.

Catering raises prices annually, so cutting in this category hurts the event more.

The DJ is not a GV student, but he has worked with the organization since the beginning of the event.

Motion to: Approve in full.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

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Appeal for Spoken Culture from Delta Phi Lambda Sorority

The event is cultural based, but the reasons for denying the request have not necessarily changed. Other organizations, however, (non-Greek) are actively involved in this event. This event has merit as a Cultural Community Event that is hosted by DPL. It falls into the line of a Cultural Event in the opinion of the board.

\$1,900 for the speaker only is the request being considered; promotions can be covered by the group.

This appeal is only to be considered by members of the Finance Committee, not non-Senate members of Appropriations.

Funding would have to come from reserves because cultural is depleted. The decision would have to be an all or nothing as \$1,900 is a significant amount to be taken out of the reserves.

Motion to: Approve \$1,900.00
3 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

☒ FINAL

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Appeal for R.I.C.E. Conference by Asian Student Union

Price has changed somewhat, but rationale for cuts still remains the same.

Funding would again come from Reserves, as cultural is depleted.

150 GV students will likely come, the event is 7 hours, and it would seem that food is necessary for the event to go on. \$1,500 is the minimum to work with for food; cutting would deprive some people of their lunches, and at that point it would be arbitrary.

Motion to: Approve \$500 more in addition to the previously funded \$2,685.50. Totaling \$3,185.50

4 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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

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