

**Student Senate Appropriations Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 02/23/2016  
**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, Olivia Kolc, Tyler Tester, Julia Sturvist, Jaci Reck

**Requesting Organization:** Pre-Professional Clubs Council  
**Title of Request:** Pre-Professional Bean Bag Charity Night  
**Date of Activity:** 03/14/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Danielle Paquette

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$800.00	\$480.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>	<b>\$480.00</b>

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

Forming a Relay for Life team, and this event is a way to help raise money. They'll have a bean bag tournament where students can play faculty. All proceeds go directly towards their Relay for Life team. The winner gets a portion of funds for their Relay for Life team.  
 Donations will be encouraged, but there's no cost to attend the event. They want a taco bar to raise interest and entice students to come. Cannot fund the full amount, can fund the expected amount of 60 students only. Line item 1 reduced to \$480.00.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted request.  
 6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**Requesting Organization:** Pre-Professional Clubs Council  
**Title of Request:** Pre-Professional Bean Bag Charity Night  
**Date of Activity:** 03/14/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Danielle Paquette

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004	\$5.00	\$0.00
7004	\$4.00	\$0.00

7004	\$20.00	\$0.00
7004	\$6.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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

Coloring lunch bags for Kid's Food Basket and making bracelets for the kids at Helen DeVos.

Can't fund because those things are available in the creation station, and they're giving them away.

**Motion to:** Deny request.  
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**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
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**Requesting Organization:** Revolution@Campus

**Title of Request:** Revolution At Campus: Soul Food Cafe

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Shantina Huston? President.

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$1,974.92	\$1,200.00
7032	\$85.00	\$85.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,059.92</b>	<b>\$1,285.00</b>

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

This is an event where students get to experience African American culture through food, music, poetry, and art.

Expect 100 students.

The promotions packet picked was the social media package because they do their advertising online.

Line item 1 adjusted to \$1,200.00.

Coming out of Interfaith, not reserves.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.  
6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
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**Requesting Organization:** Student Theatrical Arts Guild for Entertainment

**Title of Request:** Student Plays and More

**Date of Activity:** 03/25/16 – 03/26/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Lukas Gwizdala

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004	\$230.00	\$230.00
7019	\$55.00	\$55.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>

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

Would like funds for props and advertising.

10 scripts were submitted, means roughly \$23 for props per show, and they'll be reusing props from last year.

The full extent of the request is for projected props, but closer to the show date other props or last minute things are needed and they then dip into their reserves.

They did a fundraiser earlier this year, a murder mystery themed dinner.

**Motion to:** Approve in full.

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

FINAL

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**Requesting Organization:** A Capella GrooVe!

**Title of Request:** GrooVe Winter 2016 Semester Concert

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Josh Sackleh

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004	\$75.00	\$75.00
7022	\$120.00	\$120.00
7022	\$120.00	\$120.00
7022	\$40.00	\$40.00
7022	\$18.00	\$18.00
7032	\$276.00	\$276.00
7032	\$30.00	\$30.00
7004	\$23.04	\$23.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$702.04</b>	<b>\$702.04</b>

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

Requesting funds for catering, decorations, and promotions. The request is nearly the same as last semester's.

The suspenders – this year they have a lot more guys than they did before and they need suspenders because they’re a part of their formal uniform. They stay with the organization and get used over again; it’s club property that passes to student members. They picked Cook Dewitt because the Grand River Room was booked.

The decorations are streamers and posters, arts and crafts related things that are dependent on the theme.

Appropriations normally doesn’t fund decorations because poster boards and construction paper are available in the Creation Station. They can use some of the stuff downstairs, but because of past events, there are some things they can’t get from the Creation Station.

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

**Is the allocation recommendation**

- FINAL
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**Requesting Organization:** Cage Free  
**Title of Request:** Forks Over Knives  
**Date of Activity:** 03/02/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Hannah Mico

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032	\$90.00	\$55.00
7022	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$390.00</b>	<b>\$355.00</b>

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

Requesting for catering and promotions. They picked the smallest promotions package. They’re going to nix the posters and go just with pluggers.

Line item 1 reduced to \$55.00.

They order vegan items; fruits, veggies, and vegan baked goods.

Last year they had an event screening that went really well, so now they want to do it again and screen “Fork Over Knives”.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.  
5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**Is the allocation recommendation**

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**Requesting Organization:** Comic Book Club  
**Title of Request:** Comic Book Club – C2E2 Trip

**Date of Activity:** 03/18/16 – 03/20/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Javier Angeles

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
7083	\$558.72	\$350.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$558.72</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>

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

Requesting funding for the two hotel rooms. There's networking opportunities in different industries like art, design, voice acting, etc. Paying \$65 for ticket, parking, and gas money out of pocket, as well as taking their own personal vehicles.

They do fundraising, they donate some to charity, but they also keep some to help individuals who might not be able to afford this on their own.

They've gone on this trip a few times in the past years.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget to \$350.00.

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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**Requesting Organization:** Japanese Cultural Association

**Title of Request:** Spring Festival Held by JCA

**Date of Activity:** 04/06/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Andrew Malaski

<b>Account Code</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>
7022	\$2,735.00	\$2,400.00
7032	\$216.00	\$216.00
7032	\$138.00	\$138.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,089.00</b>	<b>\$2,754.00</b>

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

There are stalls set up like a fair, but slightly different. They're student run; origami, calligraphy, retro Japanese games, literature, etc.

Requesting funding for promotions, catering, and buttons. Buttons and promotions package are the same as last year where they went over great.

Request went down from last year, there was roughly a \$250 cut from catering.

Last year there were 200 students and food and space ran out.

This would be coming from cultural; there's over \$5,000 in cultural because an event didn't go through.

No funding comes from department, anything they don't get from Appropriations comes out of their pockets.

The buttons act as promotions.  
Motion to reduce line item 1 to \$2,400.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.  
5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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- FINAL
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**Requesting Organization:** Le Tertulia – Spanish Club  
**Title of Request:** Chicago Trip  
**Date of Activity:** 03/18/16 – 03/19/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Chandler Babb

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7027	\$117.32	\$0.00
7027	\$165.32	\$0.00
7083	\$78.00	\$0.00
7041	\$60.00	\$0.00
7022	\$300.00	\$0.00
7027	\$25.00	\$0.00
7083	\$605.40	\$605.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,351.04</b>	<b>\$605.00</b>

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

Requesting funds for their annual trip to Chicago; they have one of the biggest Latin populations. They're staying at a hostel while there, assuming about 20 people to attend. Requesting funds for parking fees, museum donations, food for one dinner, minivan rental, and hostel. Usually comes out to \$20 out of pocket for each student. Food during travel isn't covered, because food and gas isn't covered. There is a list of 13 people signed up. Haven't advertised it much, because they don't want to promise the trip and have to cancel it to lack of funding. No fundraising done. Line items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 stricken.

**Motion to:** Approve line item 7.  
5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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**Requesting Organization:** Meeting Professionals International  
**Title of Request:** 2016 NCAA Men’s Final Four  
**Date of Activity:** 03/29/16 – 04/06/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Toni Floback

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,824.40	\$1,824.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,824.40</b>	<b>\$1,824.40</b>

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

Requesting funding for rental cars to go to the Final Four, the group has been going for the past two years.

The event is in Houston, TX and taking personal cars are too risky to make the drive feasible.

Paying \$163 out of pocket per \$163. The group has fundraised over \$2,000.

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

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**Requesting Organization:** International Students Organization  
**Title of Request:** Sexy Accent Night  
**Date of Activity:** 03/24/16  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Sajina Poudel

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
7032	\$276.00	\$276.00
7025	\$200.00	\$50.00
7025	\$600.00	\$600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,326.00</b>	<b>\$3,176.00</b>

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

Requesting for catering, promotions, photographer, and DJ.

This event is one of the biggest put on by the ISO.

Photographers are available on campus for \$25/hour; reduce photographer fee to \$50.00 total, using on-campus photographer.

Funds will be coming out of cultural, as funds are available as another event has been canceled, with some funds coming out of reserves.

Not sure if the DJ is a GV student, but will fund on the condition that he/she is definitely not a GV student.

**Motion to:** Approve adjusted budget.  
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**Requesting Organization:**

**Title of Request:**

**Date of Activity:**

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

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

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

**Motion to:**

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**Requesting Organization:** Professional Organization for Women Entering Reality

**Title of Request:** Guest speaker, Vision and Life Coach, LaToya Early

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Dechelle Richards

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
7032	\$60.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,060.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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

Requesting for promotions and speaker fee for LaToya Early.

With \$2,000 for the speaker there would need to be more people attending if the board is to approve funding.

Price is being shared with Alpha Kappa Psi.

A major concern of the board is over the amount of people coming.



This request was submitted under travel, and it's not travel so it would be coming from Reserves.

If speaker comes in, promotions needs to be larger and higher.

**Motion to:**

4 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 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***