

**Student Senate Appropriations Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date:

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, Jaci Reck, Chad Jackson

Requesting Organization: Minorities Interested in Business

Title of Request: Suit & Tie Mixer

Date of Activity: 04/08/16

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

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$2,625.00	\$825.00
7032	\$66.00	\$66.00
7041	\$1,140.00	\$0.00
7046	\$150.00	\$150.00
7233	\$60.00	\$60.00
7004	\$44.00	\$44.00
TOTAL	\$4,085.00	\$1,145.00

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

Last year they had 60 students and 7 professionals show up. This year they're requesting funding to rent the second floor of the Eberhard Center, promotions, speaker gifts, decorations, a banner, and dinner and cocktail hour. Three of their seven presenters are confirmed.

Students will come in and ask panelists questions about their field of work. They'd be able to network and talk afterwards in the more informal setting of dinner.

There's a precedence that's been set of \$10 - \$12 a student in terms of food for an event. The decorations come from the dollar store, name tags and balloons, things that can't be found in the creation station.

Valerie Guzman: You'll need to request a good will waiver for the Eberhard Center to wave the fee for room rental.

Open to students in related fields; it's RSVP through email on a first come first serve basis.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL

- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: National Society of Black Engineers

Title of Request: NSBE 42nd Annual National Convention

Date of Activity: 03/23/16 – 03/26/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Tamarind Forbes

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025	\$628.33	\$0.00
7025	\$540.00	\$0.00
7027	\$804.00	\$0.00
7027	\$75.00	\$75.00
TOTAL	\$2,047.00	\$75.00

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

This convention is for international professional organizations. It's a way to gain exposure for GVSU and for NSBE. Students will be able to bring insight back to better the organization, and they'll be able to ask the companies what they know about GVSU. The companies there are Fortune 500 companies. The students will attend a career fair, talks with keynote speakers, robotics competition, and workshops.

Requesting funding from the College of Engineering as well, the Dean is willing to pay up to \$2,000.

Line items 1, 2, and 3 stricken.

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: Revolution @ Campus

Title of Request: RevAtCampus

Date of Activity: 04/16/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Alesa Edison

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$240.00	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$240.00	\$250.00

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

Gives students an opportunity to relax and not worry about exams or school stress.

Motion to: Approve at \$250.00.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: United Student Against Sweatshops

Title of Request: Nike Worker Speaks Out

Date of Activity: 03/29/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Lindsey Disler

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7046	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
7032	\$180.00	\$180.00
TOTAL	\$1,680.00	\$1,180.00

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

Our university goes through the Workers Right Consortium to be an independent monitor for our school. They go in and make sure all the GVSU apparel is made ethically. A few months ago in a factory in Vietnam, workers were trying to stand up for their rights against being locked in a burning building. The Workers Right Consortium said that's not right, and Nike said that they were no longer going to allow the WRC to investigate their factories. This sets a precedence for other companies because Nike is so huge and it's important for GVSU to know where their apparel comes from. There are 20 schools including GVSU that have raised funds for a worker from Nike in Vietnam to talk about what it's like working in a sweatshop.

Applicable to Supply Chain and Management, LIB, SOC, etc.

\$1,500 is lower than what other schools are offering.

They've have an event in KC 2270 before and were able to fit over 50 people.

Communicating with the Asian Student Union and Evolve and Act on Racism for co-sponsorship.

Putting on some fund raising.

If the event is partially funded, it should still be able to happen.

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: Cage Free

Title of Request: "PlanEat" Screening

Date of Activity: 04/13/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Hannah Mico

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$300.00	\$300.00
7032	\$90.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$390.00	\$300.00

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

Requesting funding for catering and promotions to screen the documentary PlanEat, as an education/outreach event. Already have the screening rights.

PlanEat is about the world wide effect of species extinction and agriculture.

All of the fundraising efforts are going towards volunteer partnership with restaurants downtown.

Expecting about 100 students to participate.

Line item 2 stricken.

Food budget is high for food because they're gluten free options and the university won't let them cater it themselves unless it's a bake sale.

LIB 100 and 201 approved.

Only \$3 ahead.

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: Cage Free

Title of Request: Vegucated Screening

Date of Activity: 03/23/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Hannah Mico

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$300.00	\$300.00
7032	\$90.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$390.00	\$300.00

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

Requesting funding for catering and promotions to screen the documentary Vegucated, an education/outreach event. They already have the screening rights. Vegucated is about nutritional aspects and how it benefits your body regardless of disease.

All of the fundraising efforts are going towards volunteer partnership with restaurants downtown.

Expecting about 100 students to participate.

Line item 2 stricken.

Food budget is high for food because they're gluten free options and the university won't let them cater it themselves unless it's a bake sale.

LIB 100 and 201 approved.

Only \$3 ahead.

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: Eyes Wide Open

Title of Request: Take Back The Night: Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Date of Activity: 04/11/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Alyssa Phillips

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7025	\$500.00	\$0.00
7083	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00

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

This is a national event that GVSU has done for the last three years. Raises awareness for sexual assault and empowers survivors of sexual assault.

This year the speaker is the same as last years. She's coming from Washington.

Requesting money for her travel and speaking fees.

Working with WYCA and Safe Haven and Grand Valley's Women's and Counseling centers.

Last year had about 80-100 in attendance.

Moved to Monday the 11th in Manitou.

Fundraising money goes towards sexual assault awareness week.

Paying for promotions through grant from the Women's Center.

Line item 1 stricken.

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: International Justice Mission

Title of Request: Theresa Flores

Date of Activity: 03/25/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Melissa Gatto

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$1,980.00	\$0.00
7032	\$276.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,256.00	\$0.00

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

Bringing Theresa Flores, author of *The Slave Across the Street*; she was trafficked from Birmingham, MI.

Her speaking rate is \$1,500 but she said that she could give them a discount but didn't say how much.

The fundraising that they do is bake sales.

The room has been changed to 1121 in the new science building; it's 4 p.m. on a Friday night.

They have worked with her a lot in the last few years, and they like her because she's experienced it.

Motion to: Deny request.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Farm Club

Title of Request: Community Garden Revitalization

Date of Activity: N/A

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

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004	\$2,310.00	\$2,310.00
TOTAL	\$2,310.00	\$2,310.00

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

Started as a community garden but it's grown since then. There are classes being taught specifically at their garden.

Requesting funding for materials to update the community garden; taking out the pine and replacing it with untreated cedar which is more expensive. The wood is expected to last for 15 years minimum, equaling \$100 a year for the 72 pieces of wood.

Will be adding 4 plots, landscape fabric, compost, fabric staples, duct tape, and screws. A request like this from them won't be seen for another decade.

The community garden is the only place on the farm where students get to decide what's planted in the plots, everything else on the farm is decided by the owners. Plots are sold for \$20. Students come and take care of their own plots.

The office of sustainability's money goes towards seeds. Trying to set it up so that they can financially sustain themselves in the future.

The farm does make money, but the biggest concern of the farm is education.

Motion to: Approve in full.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Fashion Club

Title of Request: GV Fashion Club

Date of Activity: 04/08/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Pornchanok Srikaeo

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7004	\$1,746.01	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$1,746.01	\$800.00

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

This event will open the university to the community. The local businesses are offering their services for free. It's not just a show case, but it's also sharing knowledge on fashion. They've done fashion shows before, but they've not been promoted much and were only for students, this time they want to open it up to the community.

They will be using their 100 free pluggers. They designed their posters and will be paying for them out of pocket. They will also be paying the sponsors as a thank you.

Funding all of their own decorations.

Expecting 50-100 students to attend, but they don't know the exact number.

They want to make the event classier because they're going to market to businesses as well, to provide students an opportunity to network.

No alcohol is being served.

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: College Democrats

Title of Request: College Democrats Start-Up Fund

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Lauren Taylor

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032	\$250.00	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$250.00	\$0.00

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

They would like to establish more of a presence on campus. Requesting funding for marketing materials to pass out at tabling events. Also promoting a millennial speaker event.

Items that would be given away cannot be funded.

Can fund parties, but not endorse a specific candidate.

The millennial event is meant to produce political discussion, not just Democratic discussion.

All clubs on campus are able to get 100 pluggers for free through the Promotions Office. Valerie Guzman: What I'd be more comfortable with is seeing an itemized list of what they want funding for.

Because buttons, stickers, and t-shirts are outlined for this request, it cannot be funded.

Motion to: Deny request.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: The National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Title of Request: ScholarCon 2016

Date of Activity: 06/07/16 – 06/15/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Cole Johnston & Brianna Turner

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$418.00	\$N/A
7083	\$1,582.00	\$N/A
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$500.00

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

Looking to send five students to ScholarCon. This convention gives networking opportunities and leadership skills that they can bring back to Grand Valley. Working on a leadership change, and going to ScholarCon will help the two co-presidents with their leadership skills to help build the club up and give back to the community. Per person the registration is \$532 including hotels.

They plan to have five people go, one of their registrations will be covered by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.
 Without funding this event would be impossible.
 Requesting funding for partial registration and minivan rental.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.
 7 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Residence Housing Assistance
Title of Request: RHA National Conference
Date of Activity: 06/23/16 – 06/29/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jonathan Bowman

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,968.00	\$800.00
TOTAL	\$1,968.00	\$800.00

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

Registration \$246 per person and eight people are going.
 If funded at \$100 per person, the event would still be doable.
 Out of pocket the students are funding gas, meals not provided by conference, supplies, and vehicle rental.

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: Sport Leadership Club
Title of Request: Indy Trip
Date of Activity: 04/09/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Monet Goode

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$2,100.00	\$N/A
7022	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
7025	\$100.00	\$N/A
TOTAL	\$3,700.00	\$1,000.00

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

Going to Indianapolis using a charter bus, a discussion with the NCAA, a tour, a tour of the Colts stadium and Pacers arena, then go to Chicago for a game.

Looking for funding for help funding the minivan, food for each student, and \$100 conference room rental fee.

Students would be paying for food at the game and game tickets.

Open to sports leadership club first, before opening to other students.

Line item 2 stricken; food can't be funded.

Tickets are \$75-\$100 each, and tickets can't be included because it's entertainment.

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: Student Nurses' Association

Title of Request: NSNA Annual Conference

Date of Activity: 03/30/16 – 04/03/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Katie Andrusaitis

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$2,000.00	\$900.00
TOTAL	\$2,000.00	\$900.00

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

Sending nine students to the conference in Orlando, to attend sessions about different areas in nursing and how to grow in professional development. The students will be documenting their experience and bring back information to GVSU's Nurses' Association.

In previous years the OSL has reimbursed the organization for flights in the past because the organization acts as a travel agent where it books the flight for the students going and then has them reimbursed by the OSL.

They will have some help from GVSU's College of Nursing.

Changing request from travel to \$900 for registration.

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: Kappa Kappa Psi
Title of Request: Kappa Kappa Psi NCD Convention
Date of Activity: 04/08/16 – 04/10/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Heather Dziewit

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$1,000.00	\$475.00
TOTAL	\$1,000.00	\$475.00

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

Kappa Kappa Psi is a co-ed national band fraternity. This convention would have a lot of networking opportunities for members. Last year their chapter won a district award, the highest award at the convention. It's \$45 a person with 10 attendees. Staying at a hotel in the plaza for two nights, at \$109 a night, not including taxes. Students are paying for food and gas out of pocket. It's fair to meet at half, which is \$475, because they're not paying for anything that Appropriations can cover.

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: Delta Sigma Theta
Title of Request: Delta Sigma Theta Date Auction
Date of Activity: 04/07/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brianna Stelly

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7032	\$180.00	\$180.00
7022	\$750.00	\$550.00
TOTAL	\$930.00	\$730.00

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

They do a lot with giving back and bring knowledge to peers. This is their third year doing date auctions. They put it on to allow peers to showcase different talents or things they don't share too often; to help peers build self-esteem and confidence, and bring diversity to campus. The event is open to everyone on campus. Requesting funding for promotions and catering.

The money being used is fake money, no money is being made. It's a way to meet people and network.

The first year it was in Area 51, the second year it was in the Thornapple room, but Area 51 accommodates the event more.

Attendance has been around 40-50 people with attendance has been growing.

Going with \$11 a head.

Line item 2 adjusted to \$550.

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: Alpha Phi Omega

Title of Request: 2016 Sectional Conference

Date of Activity: 03/18/16 – 03/20/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Danielle Kay

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$480.00	\$0.00
7025	\$480.00	\$420.00
TOTAL	\$960.00	\$420.00

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

Funding for gas and food out of pocket and all of their dues go to national fees.

Line item 1 stricken.

Motion to: Approve adjusted budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Meeting adjourned at (time): 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by (name of secretary): Amber Downs