

**Student Senate Appropriations Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 12/01/2015
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

Requesting Organization: Urban Planning Association
Title of Request: U of M educational guest lecture for GVSU students
Date of Activity: 12/04/15
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nicholas Govan

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7022	\$112.00	\$112.00
TOTAL	\$112.00	\$112.00

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

Professor Eric Dueweke from U of M is coming to talk and they'd like to have refreshments for the speaker and students in attendance. They have not done any fundraising.

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

The allocation recommendation is:

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Young Americans for Freedom
Title of Request: Young Americans for Freedom Speaker
Date of Activity: 01/18/16, 01/20/16, 01/21/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Hannah Scott

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
7019	\$276.00	\$276.00
TOTAL	\$5,276.00	\$5,276.00

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

Looking for funds to bring in Fmr. Rep. Allen West, Fmr. Godfather's Pizza CEO Herman Cain, or Author Dinesh D'Souza to speak at GVSU on one of the specified dates to discuss the current political and social climate in the United States and the liberalism on college campuses.

GV should have a diverse community, but no political parties should be promoted. No representation of the Republican Party at all in advertising for this.

Motion to: Approve in full.

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Students for Life

Title of Request: Students for Life of America National Conference

Date of Activity: 01/21/16 – 01/24/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Abby Devries

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

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

The conference is held annually in DC. There are national speakers from different orgs, there's leadership training, and learning real world skills. It's good for networking. A problem we could bring to the conference to discuss would be pregnancy parking options. 10 people going. 9 members and faculty advisor.

They are fundraising.

The organization sets up buses, and students just sign up to go.

Motion to: Approve in full

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Association of Information Technology Professionals

Title of Request: AITP National Collegiate Conference: Chicago, Illinois 2016

Date of Activity: 04/06/16 – 04/10/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jasmine Harrending

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7027	\$400.00	\$400.00

7025	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
7027	\$500.00	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00

***Budget adjusted**

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

They got first and second place at regionals in all the competitions we participated in, so they get to go to nationals. This is different from regionals because they're co-hosting the event, which would bring publicity to GVSU since places from all over the nation are coming. Registration is more expensive because it's dues.

Will be fundraising next semester to go towards the registration fee.

Bob Stoll: I would recommend you put a stipulation in there that if there's monetary gains it goes to the cost.

A lot of guest speakers will be there to add educational value.

Valerie Guzman: It's a conference where there's a competition going on. If you do win any monetary prize, it will have to be returned to cover the cost.

Motion to: Approve in full.

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Young Americans for Freedom

Title of Request: Conservative Political Action Conference

Date of Activity: 03/03/16 – 03/05/16

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

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

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

Brings leaders from across the country for learning about political and social issues.

Great networking opportunity. Looking for help with hotel and registration. Students are covering 20 dollars of other registration fees. Have 10 students signed up now, but expect more to sign up. Transportation is being covered by another organization. Registration is 70 per person.

Motion to: Approve in full.

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

- FINAL
- Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Classics Society
Title of Request: AIA and SCS Joint Annual Meeting
Date of Activity: 01/06/16 – 01/09/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$421.59	\$ -
7083	\$240.00	\$ -
7083	\$756.80	\$ -
TOTAL	\$1,418.39	\$800.00

***Budget was adjusted to \$800.00 for organization to use as they see fit.**

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

Requesting funding to attempt to go to the AIA and SCS Joint Annual Meeting. Asking for airfare, hotel, and conference fee. The conference gives a discount on delta flights. Can only fund a maximum of 800 dollars because there are only two students going. No fundraising can be used for this because it's not a club event, club rules.

Motion to: Approve \$800.00 under travel and to be used at group's discretion.
5 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: Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values – Central Conference
Date of Activity: 02/04/16 – 02/07/16
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Maylana Hasmanis

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7083	\$706.00	\$706.00
7083	\$3,071.25	\$3,071.25
7083	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
TOTAL	\$8,177.25	\$8,177.25

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

This is the largest of all conferences. It's a trip that encompasses all four of the Greek councils on campus. It's a great leadership opportunity for the 16 individuals who go, and

they can bring back what they learn. It'll help them bring back their philanthropic values and how to enhance them in the Greek community. It's something that's been funded for years.

Bob Stoll: The benefit for money in the Greek community is because of the leadership opportunities that GV can't provide for them. We don't send an individual chapter to their national chapter conference. But for this, it's for the overall Greek life leadership on campus. And Greek leadership does a lot for and on this campus.

This conference creates more cohesion in the Greek community. The students who go can learn the values of each other's organizations and it represents 20-30 organizations.

Bob Stoll: If you used the old model, this is 20-30 groups requesting funding. It's like every group is sending one or two people to go. This is just a packaged deal.

Students going are required to pay out of pocket to help alleviate the cost.

Motion to: Approve in full and discuss going forward.

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: American Coral Directors Association

Title of Request: ACDA Central Region Conference

Date of Activity: 02/24/16 – 02/27/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

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

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

Our membership has grown greatly. Last year we had six people go, and this year we had to put it at a cap at 15 going. Music education, our degree is elementary and secondary, it's hard to cover everything in our four years at GVSU. Conferences like this are vital to our learning and networking. We have around 850 in funds that we raised. We're doing a poinsettia sale for the holidays right now. We do a concession stand for the high school solo and ensemble that we've raised \$300 consistently at in the past years.

Motion to: Approve in full.

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Requesting Organization: Black Student Union

Title of Request: David Banner

Date of Activity: 02/22/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brianna Pannell

Account Code	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
7041	\$10,000.000	\$9,999.00
TOTAL	\$10,000.000	\$9,999.00

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

Requesting funding to bring David Banner to campus. His contractual fees are \$10,000.00. Banner is an artist but also an activist. There is expected to be standing room only at his event, and he will be speaking as well as performing.

Banner gave a large discount for contractual services, and there is other funding available from non-student organizations.

Banner is a pillar to the urban community despite being a singer of obscene or explicit lyrics. However, his only intent is to bring a motivational speech. His activism and philanthropy is more notable for this event.

Bob Stoll: The funds are for the university and free discussion should be supported. Some might “rock the boat”, but that’s the point of having an institutionalized university.

Motion to: Approve in full.

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Is the allocation recommendation

FINAL

Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

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

Respectfully submitted by (name of secretary): Amber Downs