

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 1/16/2018

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Carly Aller

**Advisor:** Valerie Guzman

**Board Members Present:** Ben Rifkin, Patrick Cox, Nyia Slade, Jack Boitel, Hannah Scott, Nick Toth, Amanda Crawford, John Lurie

## 1) Opening of Meeting

- a) Meeting Called to Order
- b) Committee Introductions
- c) Organization Role Call

## 2) Hearing of Requests

- a) **Requesting Organization:** CUPSI  
**Title of Request:** CUPSI Competition  
**Date of Activity:** 4/3/2018-4/8/2018  
**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Annie Livingston  
**Amount Requested:** \$575.00  
**Amount Allocated:** \$839.04

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for 7 students to attend the poetry slam event. Registration would be \$775 for all participants, transportation for this event (vans) would be around \$200.00, and the hotel stay would be about \$230 a night. The board discussed funding half of the grand total of \$1678 (which would be \$839.00), and they would have to create line items for transportation and lodging.

**Motion to:** add line item 2 at \$203.04 and approve line item 1 at the adjusted amount of \$636.00.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**b) Requesting Organization:** American Choral Directors Associations

**Title of Request:** North-Central Divisional Conference

**Date of Activity:** 2/15/2018-2/17/2018

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Rusty M Gallas

**Amount Requested:** \$938.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$469.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for a conference for aspiring choir directors. The group is looking for registration, transportation (train ride), and hotel costs, at \$172. The group explained why they did not drive-they are unsure about the weather, and the train pulls right into the area where the conference would be. The group went on to explain the conference fee and that it is currently at its early bird rate. The board went on to discuss how much half of their event would be. They also confirmed that there are 7 students committed to attending the event. The board ensured that the "Apartments" line item for lodging did in fact referred to hotels.

**Motion to:** strike line item 2, fund line item 1 in full, and adjust line item 3 at the adjusted amount of \$333.00 and approve.

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**c) Requesting Organization:** Students for Liberty

**Title of Request:** LibertyCon 2018

**Date of Activity:** 3/2/2018-3/4/2017

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

**Amount Requested:** \$1,329.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$954.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for bus fare and lodging for the 15 students. The group has already paid for the registration at \$30 a person for 15 students. The board looked at funding lodging, because this would bring the group to about the halfway point.

**Motion to:** approve line item 2 in full and strike line item 1.

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**d) Requesting Organization:** United Students Against Sweatshop  
**Title of Request:** 2018 United Students Against Sweatshops National Conference

**Date of Activity:** 2/22/2018-2/25/2018

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

**Amount Requested:** \$1725.04

**Amount Allocated:** \$540.52

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested to travel to a national conference. Registration, transportation, and lodging are being requested. The group explained that they don't have 15 people confirmed (7 actually confirmed), but more have expressed interest. The group is planning on staying at Hyatt because one of the members believes that she can get a discount, and they would be looking at 2 rooms. The organization collects dues, and this payment would alter the price for the conference. The organization does not qualify for the lowest amount. The group asked about the hotel price. The board discussed how much they should pay for it, because it might be cheaper due to a discount, but it might be more expensive as well. The group would not be able to come back in after the fact to get more funding. The board asked if 8 to a room would be too much for 15 people, but the group explained that they might only have about 7, because only 7 are currently confirmed. The group explained that if up to 15 went, they could still afford to send all of them because they would be able to do some fundraising for the conference, and the group is willing to have members even sleep on the floor.

The board decided that because only 7 are confirmed, that that is the number that they should operate off of. That would adjust line item 1 to \$350.00 and line item 2 to \$400.00.

**Motion to:** adjust line item 1 to \$209.48, approve line item 2 in full and approve.

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**e) Requesting Organization:** Revive  
**Title of Request:** Daryl Davis- Presentation for Black History Month

**Date of Activity:** 2/20/2018

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

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$2,000.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested to bring a speaker to campus who is highly acclaimed. OMA already has contributed \$4000.00 to the \$6000.00 contract. The group explained that the speaker is very unique and good at promoting diversity. The event is already LIB 100 and 201 approved. Right now OMA has some fliers for the event and it is part of the Black History Month flier. It is also being advertised on social media. VP Aller asked if the group has negotiated with the speaker, and his usual rate is \$8000, and he is not asking for any travel or any other expenses. The board discussed how great the request is that it has cosponsors and is so relatively low.

**Motion to:** approve in full

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**f) Requesting Organization:** Philosophy Club

**Title of Request:** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GVSU –Calvin Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

**Date of Activity:** 4/20/2018-4/21/2018

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Adrian M Rios

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$788.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for a Philosophy Conference event. This event will take place at the Eberhard center. The room rental will be \$2000.00, and the speaker will be \$500. The room fee is only for the space, not any equipment. The space they plan on using is called the press room. The room charge is \$360.00, but there are other service charges within the room rental. For the catering and linen it will be \$876.00. This would include coffee, breakfast, and lunch. The group explained that there are other departments covering costs, including Calvin (covering \$1000), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (covering \$200), and the Philosophy Department (covering \$500-\$700). The board explained that the room fees could be waived, and so line item 1 should be adjusted to \$876. The board explained that the catering costs should be cut down to about \$8 a head, bring breakfast to \$90, and lunch to \$120. The board asked what Calvin's money paid for. It was determined that 2 years ago, the group was awarded \$1300 for roughly 20 GVSU students. The board asked if the resources from the other department could go towards food in order to feed the Calvin

attendees. The board looked into the added price of the linens, plus the 20% service fee, which would bring line item 1 to \$288.

**Motion to:** adjust line item 1 to \$288, and approve line item 2 at \$500 for travel

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**g) Requesting Organization:** Greek Life Council

**Title of Request:** Keynote Speaker

**Date of Activity:** 3/27/2018

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

**Amount Requested:** \$7,755.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$7,775.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for the Greek Week, which includes a \$4000 speaker, who is not specific to Greek Life Organizations. He speaks about a wide variety of things, and will do this for the campus community during Greek Week. There is a separate request for the actual lip sync. The price of Lip Sync from last year was brought up, and it was confirmed that the speaker cost was the reason the total was so much higher than last year.

**Motion to:** approve in full

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**h) Requesting Organization:** Seidman Supply Chain Management Association

**Title of Request:** Career Development Evening Conference

**Date of Activity:** 2/5/2018

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

**Amount Requested:** \$644.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$711.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is requested for an on campus conference that will provide a career development opportunity for GVSU students. There will be a panel of top young GVSU alums (six months to four years into their careers) talking about their experiences and providing advice. There are twelve speakers, discussing their transition

into the work force. Presenter talked about partnered organizations and the lay out of the event at Devos center. The event is expecting 200-250 students. The committee discussed briefly the catering cost as listed at 471.00 which is half of the food costs after Seidman College of Business's contribution of half.

**Motion to:** Adjust line item 1 to 471. Line item 2 to 240.00 total at 711.00 and approve.

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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