

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/17/2017

Meeting Time: 4:00 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Rachel Travis

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Aminah Muhammad, Quinn Gardner, Mathew Criado-Cano, Carly Aller, Deja Broaden, Riley Burch, Wesley Wilson, Olivia Kolc, Tyler Szymkowski,

1) Opening of Meeting

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

2) Hearing of Requests

- a) **Requesting Organization:** American Choral Director's Association

Title of Request: ACDA National Conference 2017

Date of Activity: 3/7/2-17-3/11/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jack Phillipson

Amount Requested: \$3254.00

Amount Allocated: \$

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference that is a staple of the organization. The involvement of GVSU at this annual event is very high, and this event is great for students to attend and network. Registration for 12 students is being requested. Many are relying on this funding in order to attend. Hotel costs are also being requested, along with transportation costs. There is a selection process, and there was fundraising done to support this event. In order to attend this event, members must have participated in at least 2 fundraising event and attend meetings. The hotel costs

have changed, and with this change, the new total requested is \$3094 (which line item 2 adjusted to \$384).

The board pointed out that they can only fund \$2000.00 for travel expenses, but the group has already raised \$1900 in fundraising, and thus listed all of the expenses, just to clarify how much the trip costs. The board discussed staying with \$250 per person cap, and by providing \$150 for each member, the board would be providing \$1800, and with the \$1900 fundraised, all members could still attend the trip, but if the board provided \$1500, then the 50-50 payment would be better for the student life fund.

Motion to: Strike line item 2, keep line item 3 at 320, and 1080 for line item 2.

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

- b) **Requesting Organization:** Rhythm in Blue Dance Team
- c) **Requesting Organization:** Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ)

Title of Request: Spring Fling

Date of Activity: 4/20/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Catherine R Cook

Amount Requested: \$390.00

Amount Allocated: \$

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funds are being requested for an end of the year celebration. The funds will be used for food services and other related supplies. The board asked if the event was all inclusive, and the answer was yes. The event is free to all GVSU students. The board made the point that they would not be able to fund thank you gifts for students from GVSU.

The board also pointed out that food is typically not provided for events that do not feature a speaker and just act to celebrate.

Motion to:

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

- d) **Requesting Organization:** Pre-Professional Clubs Council

Title of Request: Pre-Professional Philanthropy Night

Date of Activity: 2/20/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Kaylee Smith

Amount Requested: \$931.34

Amount Allocated: \$

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The funding is being requested for a philanthropy night that will raise money to be donated to Relay for Life. The board made the point that they are not able to fund things that will be given away, such as the paper bags and safety pins. The food was also brought into question, and the response was that it would bring together professor and increase attendance.

Food was discussed in that it could be important, but maybe it would be better to provide a lower amount for appetizers and cookies. The organization conceded that they would be willing to accept a smaller amount of money for food services.

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to \$250 and strike line items 3 and 4.

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Public Relations Student Society of America

Title of Request: PRSSA-Superior Awards 2017

Date of Activity: 3/22/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$1,174.00

Amount Allocated: \$

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to support an event to distribute awards. There will be speakers, it will be a networking opportunity, and it provides anyone at GVSU a professional setting. It was mentioned that the frames for the awards could not be funded because they will be given away.

The board also discussed the scope of the event, and if it should be funded at all. It was called into question if the formal attire would detract from a large attendance. Anyone from the program is able to come, it is not by invitation only. However, it will still be too closed off to other people. If nothing else, the food would be cut, as it is very expensive

and not necessary to the event. This would meet the group half-way. This event does not necessarily meet the requirements of the funding board, but the board would like to support this event.

Motion to: strike items 3 through 7.

The allocation recommendation is:

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f) **Requesting Organization:** United Students Against Sweatshops

Title of Request: United Students Against Sweatshop-Travel

Date of Activity: 2/24/2017-2/25/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Emily Dusicska

Amount Requested: \$1820.00

Amount Allocated: \$

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Money is being requested to bring students to a conference. The group explained that a conference like this benefits Grand Valley, for example, GV has ethical clothing and groups because of conferences like this. This has even affected individuals by providing job opportunities. The board questioned line item 1, and the group explained that they will be staying at a community center. This was brought into question. It was confirmed that this is an actual invoice fee, not just a donation. The group explained that they had done fundraising, and they have raised about \$300, with other commitments. If line items 1 and 3 were cut, the group could still raise more money for this, and the group members would more easily be able to pay, at about \$27 per person. It was argued by VP Travis, that in order to be consistent, the board should be funding 50%.

The organization raised concerns about international members not being able to raise funds for the trip, but the board raised concern in response about consistency.

Motion to: strike line item 1 and 3, and adjust line item 2 to \$910, friendly amendment to approve line item 3 in full and adjust line item 2 to \$910.

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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g) Requesting Organization: Hillel

Title of Request: Holocaust Speaker-Magda Brown

Date of Activity: 3/15/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Robin Hutchings

Amount Requested: \$3700

Amount Allocated: \$3352

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The funds are being requested to bring in Holocaust speaker Magda Brown. Transportation is being requested for 2 because her daughter must travel with her. The event will be Lib 100/201 approved. The organization is providing their own speaker gift. The board raised the point that the \$700 for promotions must be cut, because it is not currently through the promotions center. The photographs/videos were called into question, because the group wants to make sure that all 2 hours of the event are covered, so they asked for 3 hours of coverage. The board discussed that they might want clarification on some of the line items, such as the luggage for the speaker.

The organization explained that they fund all other events and dinners through themselves, but they have not done any fundraising for this specific event. The board seemed confused at many of the line items including the promotions, and the hotel stay for the speaker (because they have to locate a new hotel). Therefore, the board went through the new request with specific amounts item by item and the changes are as follows:

Motion to: {add line items}

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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h) Requesting Organization: TEDx

Title of Request: TEDxGVSU

Date of Activity: 2/24/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nikil Watsa

Amount Requested: \$6294.00

Amount Allocated: \$2913.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a multitude of items to support this TEDx event. The list includes compliments for the event, promotions, stage and Day of Operations, Catering, Speakers, and Ticketing. All money made from ticket sales for this event will be returned to the Student Life fund. The T-Shirts were called into question, and the Organization explained that extra T-Shirts were needed for sponsors for the event, because these sponsors are provided with prizes and tickets. The organization explained all the sponsors that will be adding funds for this event. Then it was questioned if student life can fund anything that can be given away.

The organization reconfirmed and explained where the numbers are coming from, and then we went through each line item, discussing if each line item can be funded in the first place. The adjusted line items that could be funded in the first place are:

The organization also explained that the application for the tickets would in no way be selective, the application is a way to slow down the ticket process. The event is supported by the office of the president.

The tickets were discussed at greater detail, and it was discussed that the 145.20 would not have to be funded, because the fee should come out as they are sold, not at the very beginning. Therefore, funding isn't necessary from the group.

The organization explained that they need the revenue from the tickets for event costs. When thinking about the ticket process, only the left-over money would be coming back into the student life fund, but not all of it would be returned back to the fund. Thinking about that, the group discussed how they are unable to fund 'giveaways.'

Finally, VP Travis brought up the fact that the board should support this event because it will support such a great new event at Grand Valley.

They then discussed that refreshments could be covered (because the event will be three hours long), instead of the compliments/T-shirts. Valerie suggested funding nametags and printing. The group could think about funding lanyards and collecting them at the end. VP Travis made the point that the notebooks could also be funded because they are crucial to the event.

Motion to: [adjusted line items]

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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