

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 1:30 PM  
2201 Kirkhof Center

Chair: Amanda Crawford

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Student Senators Present: Adam Gordon, Gavin Hunter, Richard DeBerry, Madeleine Samuels

Appropriations Committee Members Present:

I. Agenda

1. Voices
2. We Are Chicago
3. Interfraternity Council
4. Subject to Change – Reallocation
5. Farm Club
6. Ethics Bowl Team
7. Anchored in Poetry

II. Discussion of Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: **Voices**

1. Title of Request: Voices Contracts
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Amanda Dotson
3. Amount Requested: \$2,400.00
4. Description of Request: Requesting money to pay our musician that we have every year.
5. Discussion: Every year they request money to pay their musicians they use throughout the year. They are vital for their organization to be successful. The musicians come in weekly. VP Crawford comments this request makes sense and looks good.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$2,400.00

Requesting Organization: **We Are Chicago**

1. Title of Request: How Deep Are Your Roots?
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Jasmine Brown
3. Amount Requested: \$1,130.00
4. Description of Request: How Deep Are Your Roots is a cultural event celebrating black history and culture. We plan to have students share spoken word, poetry, African dances, and soul food.

5. Discussion: The request is for a party of 75 people. They have spoken word, performances, and food. They want a space to talk about Black History Month. They are not planning on getting this LIB 101 approved. Currently it is \$9/head. VP Crawford commends the organization on their collaboration with other larger organizations.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full  
  
4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
  
Final Amount Allocated: \$1,130.00

Requesting Organization: **Interfraternity Council**

1. Title of Request: Doctor Lori Hart The Safety Pillar
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Eli Ong
3. Amount Requested: \$3,000.00
4. Description of Request: Just about any sorority or fraternity member has heard the term “The Pillars of Greek Life.” When asked what the pillars represent, most members can easily rattle off the terms “brotherhood & sisterhood, scholarship, leadership, service & philanthropy” and for the most part, we have communities and chapters excelling in these areas. But, in these same communities, we are also excelling in hazing, drug use, assault and high-risk drinking. Perhaps this year, we need to re-frame this conversation. If we truly want to be brothers and sisters, we need to focus on a pillar of “safety” to ensure that all members, new members and guests are treated with dignity and respect and we keep each other safe because that is what real friendship is about and that is what being a good human being is truly about.
5. Discussion: The organization would like to highlight and address the concerns of the Greek Life community going on right now. She has been working with GVSU for years and has a lot of experience. GLV is going to be funding \$4,000 for Lori Hart as well. They are also covering the room reservation and marketing. VP Crawford explains this is already being covered more than halfway from another organization. Dr. Lori Hart is helping the team on the Greek Life task force with their improvements to our campus. VP Crawford does not believe attendance will not be a problem because for many FSL attendance will be mandatory.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full  
  
4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
  
Final Amount Allocated: \$3,000

III. Discussion of Non-Presenting Requests

**Additional:** Subject to Change has been approved an adjusted \$450 for 5 people from the previously funded \$205 due to not having the proper information when initially voted on 12/7/18.

Requesting Organization: **Farm Club**

1. Title of Request: Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Margaux Sellnau
3. Amount Requested: \$215.00
4. Description of Request: Additional members have already been approved for this conference. This request was submitted later.
5. Discussion: It is the cost of the workshops and taking their own transportation.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$215.00

Requesting Organization: **Ethics Bowl Team**

1. Title of Request: Ethics Bowl Team National Competition in Baltimore, MD (x5)
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Richard Vegh, Jessica Shaltry, Anna Stewart, Christian Miller, Mallory Wietrzykowski
3. Amount Requested: \$228.60
4. Description of Request: In the regional collegiate Ethics Bowl Competition in Chicago this past November 17, 2018, GVSU's Ethics Bowl team qualified for the national competition to be held in Baltimore March 2-3, 2019. We will be sending our five qualifying team members to the competition. Our team's faculty adviser will be traveling separately using philosophy department funds.
5. Discussion: VP Crawford explains they already received funding but should be able to use their funding for an additional event because they were students who were qualified to move on in the competition. Board thinks this is reasonable.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$228.60

Requesting Organization: **Anchored in Poetry**

1. Title of Request: CUPSI Registration
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Rachel Syrba
3. Amount Requested: \$625.00

4. Description of Request: As a slam poetry student org, Anchored in Poetry plans to attend the 2019 CUPSI Slam Poetry conference being held in Houston, TX from April 10th to the 13th. Our group attended the conference last year, so we have experience planning travel and registration arrangements and have already registered our team. However, the fee for participation in the event is 625.00 for all five members who will be participating. We currently have payment postponed in hopes of receiving funding for the event, as we've spent last semester preparing as a team and would appreciate any financial support as we plan to positively represent GVSU's poetry community. We are open to answering any questions regarding the trip or registration, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!
5. Discussion: They have a tournament fee to compete. VP Crawford thinks this request is reasonable and so does the board.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$625.00

*Meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm*