

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 1/24/2017

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 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:** Center for Inquiry

**Title of Request:** Promotions for the Debate team

**Date of Activity:** 3/2/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Luke Van Der Male

**Amount Requested:** \$160.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$160.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The organization is only requesting funds for the promotions package to promote their first debate.

**Motion to:** approve request in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** Future Alumni Association

**Title of Request:** GVS(You) Week Cookies

**Date of Activity:** 2/20/2017-2/24/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kimberly Long

**Amount Requested:** \$216.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$216.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** This event is one that recognizes donors who donate less than 50 dollars. It was very straight forward, and they are requesting less than last year, and so the board funded it quickly.

**Motion to:**

7 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**c) Requesting Organization:** Future Alumni Association

**Title of Request:** GVS(You) Week-Get the Scoop on Philanthropy

**Date of Activity:** 2/21/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kimberly Long

**Amount Requested:** \$225.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$225.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for ice cream that will be served by well-known faculty at GV. The board discussed if funding this event would be any different than other event that simply 'gives out food.' The board asked how this event will educate others, and the organization responded that there will be philanthropies explained and supported.

**Motion to:** approve the request in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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**d) Requesting Organization:** Peace M.E.ans

**Title of Request:** The Occupation of the American Mind Movie Showing

**Date of Activity:** 2/8/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Nick Vander Ploeg

**Amount Requested:** \$520.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$0.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The organization is requesting that the funds be redistributed from their last approved request. This was a misunderstanding, because the request for this event has not been approved yet. The full amount of funding needs to be requested in order to show this movie that will highlight conflicts with movies around the world. The group clarified that 30 dollars from the media equipment line item needs to be switched over to the food service, to provide more food for the event. The organization clarified that the movie will be shown in LSH, and the group explained that the extra money is being requested just in case there are extra expenses for equipment, or that the line item might be referring to movie rights.

For the first line item, the food must be ordered from campus dining, so the board cannot currently fund line item 1. There was then a recommendation from the board that the group reorganize and delineate their line items before coming back in. For that reason, the request was denied in full

**Motion to:** Deny request in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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**e) Requesting Organization:** American Marketing Association

**Title of Request:** Food and Speaker Gifts for AMA meetings

**Date of Activity:** Events throughout the semester

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ivana Nujic

**Amount Requested:** \$1007.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$60.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for food and speaker gifts that will be accessible at each AMA meeting. Even though each event will host a speaker, the

same group of people will be enjoying the food each time, and this will not necessarily draw in new crowds of people. It was also mentioned that this event is not necessarily inclusive to all GV students. The organization made the point that different speakers bring in different audiences.

The board made the point that speaker gifts should be funded, but the food may not be funded this time because each meeting brings in the same group of people, and this may not be the best use of the money. Even though this food has been funded in the past, the board decided it is not currently the best use of the money, to the same group of students.

**Motion to:** approve second line item 1 at \$60.

8 FOR AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**f) Requesting Organization:** Dance Marathon

**Title of Request:** Laker-Thon

**Date of Activity:** 3/25/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Heather Ewing and Natalie Loewengruber

**Amount Requested:** \$1,015.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$550.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The Dance Marathon came before the board with an altered budget. They outlined changes in the line items, and explained that they will no longer be requesting a DJ. The board questioned the granola bars because they are something that the guests will take home, but it was confirmed by Valerie that this is an acceptable use of the money. The board question and deliberated on the center pieces. They explained that with these as most items on the list should be reusable, to be put towards future dance marathons. In the spirit of this line item discussion, the board went through each item one by one, and deliberated whether each item was essential to the event. One detail that was discussed in more detail was the customized balloons and streamers. The board explained that they would not be comfortable funding all of the streamers, because the balloons might be too similar to the streamers. The cutouts were also debated, because they seemed to be too expensive for something that could not be easily stored or last.

The balloons were also contested, and the fact that there may be too many balloons, and the helium tank will only fill up roughly 50 balloons. Valerie made the point that the board should allot a certain amount of money to balloon expenses, and the board

determined that amount to be \$100. The board decided to strike the glow sticks and highlighters because members can bring those items, and they are too similar to giveaways. Also too similar to giveaways are the tablecloth capes.

The group came back to the idea of Louie's contract, and the board decided that an hour of Louie's time would work just as well as 2 hours of Louie's contract. The new total for all of these line items is about \$550

**Motion to:** Approve partially at the amount of \$550.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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**g) Requesting Organization:** Oxfam

**Title of Request:** Impact Conference

**Date of Activity:** 2/16/2017-2/19/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Matt Siemsz, and Katie Henderson

**Amount Requested:** \$1320.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$270.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for expenses for an OxFam conference that would only be used towards one member's expenses. The group did clarify that Bri will be graduating. The group already did cover registration in order to get the early bird rate. Personal contribution is going towards food and registration at \$190. The lodging fee at \$400 is only for Brianna's stay. This price was debated because \$400 is quite expensive for one person. The board did explain that they typically fund registration costs, so the board debated whether they should fund \$190 towards the flight. Another point raised was that outside funding was found and that is what the board asks for. It was also debated whether or not Katie's eligibility as a change leader could be seen as a payment. This was clarified that Katie still had to apply for the money, and she wasn't just rewarded it.

**Motion to:** approve line item 2 in full, and strike all other line items

8 FOR AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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**h) Requesting Organization:** Otaku No Anime

**Title of Request:** Shuto Con 2017

**Date of Activity:** 3/17/2017-3/19/2017

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

**Amount Requested:** \$1515.84

**Amount Allocated:** \$1391.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for this conference to support 30 students in attending this conference. Currently, there are 25 members coming to the conference for sure, so funding for only 25 people will be considered. VP Travis brought up the point that the board should look at the overall costs of all of the hotel rooms (that would be conceivable) and registration and then cut that in half. The cost would be \$3000 normally, and then cut in half, that would be around \$1500. After bringing the registration cost down to \$625 (to accommodate for 25 members attending), and cutting everything in half, the amount would be adjusted to \$1391.

**Motion to:** Approve partially at \$1391

8 FOR AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**i) Requesting Organization:** Chinese Language and Culture Club

**Title of Request:** Annual Chinatown Trip

**Date of Activity:** 2/12/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Caleb Sawin

**Amount Requested:** \$1600.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1115.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for travel to a performing arts event that will highlight Chinese Culture. In the past, there has been a \$30 fee for attending, but the organization would like this to be a free event from now on, so they are requesting funding for that reason. Advertisements will be campus-wide and it will be LIB 100/201 approved. The club explained that they do not have an approved list of participants yet, because they wanted to nail down transportation first. The board discussed the uniqueness of this event in that it is travel, but is very similar to campus programming. The group is paying for promotions out of pocket, thus putting some skin in the game. The board asked what the group would do if over 50 students registered for this event, and the group did not know what they would do in that event. The board was very excited about funding this event, because it was LIB 100 approved, so it being free

would draw in a larger crowd. Valerie explained that it might be wise to have a deposit or forcing students to have skin in the game. This way students do not drop the trip the day of. Some of the board expressed preference in forcing students to make a deposit, whether it will be refunded or not. The board expressed interest in paying 20 dollars per student for this trip.

**Motion to:** Approve the event in full, friendly amendment to adjust line item 1 to \$1115.

7 FOR AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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

**Title of Request:** Lip Sync

**Date of Activity:** 3/30/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Terrell Couch

**Amount Requested:** \$3455.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$3455.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for an inclusive event that involves a large number of Grand Valley Students, and Media Equipment is necessary to make this event happen. The amount that the council is being charged is also discounted, which relieves a lot of the price.

**Motion to:** Approve the amount in full

7 FOR AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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**k) Requesting Organization:** College Republicans

**Title of Request:** CPAC Trip

**Date of Activity:** 2/22/2017-2/25/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Matthew A Criado-Cano

**Amount Requested:** \$1695.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1695.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for a hotel room and conference fees. One of the hotel rooms were dropped. Members will cover transportation for themselves at \$90 a head. This event is great for networking, and the conference is enjoyed by members each year. The group is already bringing more than half of the expenses to the table.

**Motion to: Approve in full**

6 FOR AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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