

Student Senate Appropriations Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/30/2017

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:** Cage Free
Title of Request: Green Night
Date of Activity: 2/28/2018
Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jessyca Stoecker & Jillian Gornick
Amount Requested: \$299.04
Amount Allocated: \$299.04

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a Green Night event in which the organization will show a short film about food related to the environment. There will be a meditation and yoga session, there will be food, and the event will conclude with a panel in which students can engage with the community. The organization explained that the event was on track to being LIB 100/201 approved. The board decided this was a valid event that was cost effective and well planned.

Motion to: approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Dance Marathon

Title of Request: Laker-thon

Date of Activity: 3/24/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Natalie Loewengruber

Amount Requested: \$430.00

Amount Allocated: \$429.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a Laker-thon that is an annual fundraising event that includes games and entertainment. Some families from Helen DeVos come to this event to support its efforts. The organization explained that catering is not requested from the board because they collect most food from donations. The organization went on to explain that the group allows students to come if they don't pay, but they would not receive handouts like the t-shirts. It was confirmed that this group did bring an itemized list for their budget, which includes all of the details like granola bars, promotions, and decorations/supplies.

Motion to: adjust line item 2 to \$239 and approve at \$429.00

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: University Recreation Council

Title of Request: Midwest FitFest Conference

Date of Activity: 2/9/2018-2/11/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Julia Rauch & Amy Campbell

Amount Requested: \$700.00

Amount Allocated: \$352.56

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for transportation and registration, but it was explained to the group that the board could not reimburse the registration costs that had already been paid for. The board went on to look at the van costs, and the updated quote for that was \$352.56, just for the vans

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to \$352.56 and strike line item 2, and approve.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: SLAM

Title of Request: Spring Break 2018 Housing

Date of Activity: 3/3/2018-3/11/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brian Hall & Laura Pierson

Amount Requested: \$1660.00

Amount Allocated: \$1660.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for lodging to supplement the costs for the 6 day stay in Houston. The group has 17 students signed up, and an 18th student who will meet the group down in Texas. The group explained that the total expenses for the trip were \$9000. VP Aller questioned if the fund should be used to support volunteer groups, when the money spent would possibly go towards the other community. The organization explained that many students in the group were nonprofit majors, and the emergency management and leadership provided on the trip would make it worth it for the students. The board asked about if the group was funded last year, and they were funded \$1800 for transportation. The board discussed the merit of traveling to volunteer, and they debated whether or not this was similar to a retreat experience that the board has previously funded. Minutes from last year were referenced, and it was shown that the debate whether or not volunteer groups should be funded did not take place. The board discussed that this year they did not feel comfortable not funding this travel this year, and change the rules next year. There was a comparison between raising funds for an event and volunteering. A committee member explained that this experience might not be any different than another group, traveling specifically for their purpose and growth. After a long debate, the group decided that this event would be worthy for funding per the student life fund's purpose.

This travel is open to any GV student, and the group already paid over \$2000 for a van rental, and so it was clarified that this would be well under the half-way point that is standard.

Motion to: approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Active Trading Group
Title of Request: Club Trip to Cantor Fitzgerald

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

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Christian Graham

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1295

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference opportunity to New York to visit the Traders Expo. The amount requested is for airfare in order for students to miss as little school as possible. 7 students are planning on going on this excursion. 2 rooms are requested for 4 and 3 students. The board asked if the hotels are the most competitive, and the response was that it was a few blocks away and as competitive as possible. There is no registration cost for this group, and the board asked if there was any other costs incurred by the board, and it was found that have the amount would be \$1295.

Motion to: approve line item 1 in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: Royal Dancers
Title of Request: HBCU Cheer and Dance Competition

Date of Activity: 4/13/2018-4/15/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Monaeja Golden &Arielle Roberson

Amount Requested: \$2,002.77

Amount Allocated: \$906.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a dance competition they were invited to. Funding would be for 15 students, possibly 3 more. Funding is for lodging, transportation, and a registration fee for this competition. It was explained that the group originally looked into the motor pool rental cost, and this was much more expensive than it should have been. For the van, it should be \$424.56 in total. \$1810.29 was the total number that the board would now consider funding. \$905.00 would be

half of that cost. The board then determined what exactly should be funded to make that half.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$331, line item 2 to \$425, and approve line item 3 in full, for a total of \$906.00.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

g) Requesting Organization: Formula SAE

Title of Request: Michigan Competition

Date of Activity: 5/9/2018-5/12/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Andrew Gobson & Conner Koryto

Amount Requested: \$6,107.01

Amount Allocated: \$2000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is requested for the formula SAE race in which the group will actually build and race a car, which is valid real-world experience to many employers. The competition is sponsored by several companies, and there will be many opportunities to network. The group is asking for travel, lodging, and the actual registration for the trip. It was explained that the group last year asked for roughly \$9,000, but were awarded the \$2000 cap. The board asked about the trailer and trucker that were detailed in the request, and the group explained all of this. It was confirmed that the group would be utilizing enterprise. They plan to rent the truck and trailer. The group then explained that the most important line to fund would be lodging. The registration cost of \$2250.00 is a flat rate for each team, and that would be an important thing to fund. VP Aller also suggested funding the SUV rental because it would go through the office.

Motion to: strike line items 1, 3, and 4, keep line item 1, and adjust line item 5 to \$1518, approving at \$2000.00

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Meeting Adjourned at 5:43pm