

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/31/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Rachel Travis

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: 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: Voices

Title of Request: Evan Lauchie

Date of Activity: School Year

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Courtney Holland

Amount Requested: \$550.00

Amount Allocated: \$550.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the yearly payment of the directors that can be thought of as "speakers." The club represents Grand Valley at many events, and these staff people receive this payment as their only reimbursement.

Motion to: approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Voices

Title of Request: Taureen Pruitt

Date of Activity: school year

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Courtney Holland

Amount Requested: \$550.00

Amount Allocated: \$550.00

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c) Requesting Organization: Voices

Title of Request: Robert Phillips

Date of Activity: school year

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Courtney Holland

Amount Requested: \$1650.00

Amount Allocated: \$1650.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for payment of the pianist for the Voices group.

Motion to: approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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d) Requesting Organization: Out 'N' About

Title of Request: MBLGTACC 2017

Date of Activity: 2/17/2017-2/19/2017

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

Amount Requested: \$854

Amount Allocated: \$384.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference in which speakers can be brought back to the GV community relating to LGBTQ issues. The board asked the organization how many people were participating, and the organization clarified-there will be 6 people. The board also asked about payments for parking, and it was confirmed that line item 3 would have to be stricken down because it covers parking. The board then asked how much each member would be contributing, and the answer was the difference in registration costs, food, gas, and parking.

The organization was unsure about if registration had been paid for already, and because of this uncertainty, and in order to keep costs in line with what has been approved in the past (half of the amount of what is requested), travel could be provided for, and that is all.

Motion to: Cut line items 1 and 3, and fund line item 2 at \$384.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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e) Requesting Organization: Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.

Title of Request: Majestic Ball Presents: Enlightenment

Date of Activity: 2/17/2017

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

Amount Requested: \$950.00

Amount Allocated: \$546.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Amount is requested for catering and promotions for this event that will be provided for this event that addresses relevant political discourse. Many different forms of entertainment will be provided by the organization, and only requesting food for the event is much less than what was requested in the past.

The board raised the point that for a speaker, appetizers might be more appropriate, at possible 5-6 dollars a head. The group explained that while the event is open to all GV students, there is a dress-code encouraged, and this may detract from attendance. Because the event is focused more on learning and the speaker, the food for the event is less important, and should be around \$5 a head.

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to 500.00, and approve the second line item in full.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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f) Requesting Organization: YBBW

Title of Request: Hair Talk

Date of Activity: 2/22/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Zoie Williams

Amount Requested: \$1031.53

Amount Allocated: \$810.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The event is to promote awareness of the African American students on campus, and it is being held in Holton-Hooker. This event is inclusive to all GV students. The board raised questions about the location-if the room could hold all of the participants, if catering could service the room, ect. The group explained that they didn't want to advertise food as much as the event, because they want students to come for more than just food. VP Travis raised concern about having \$12 a head per person, because with only 60 students in attendance, that would be more of a meal. The board did explain that this food is more integral to the event and the culture of the group's purpose. The board would be comfortable spending \$10 a head for 65 people (who are expected to be there.)

Motion to: Adjust line item 2 to \$650, and approve at \$810.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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g) Requesting Organization: Swing Dance Club

Title of Request: President's Ball

Date of Activity: 2/3/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Adam Pierson

Amount Requested: \$1438.00

Amount Allocated: \$800.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for equipment and performers for President's Ball. This will include 2 jazz bands and a larger dance floor. The price needs to be reduced from the requested amount \$1438 to \$800 because of the decrease in equipment rental fees. The board questioned why this wasn't a part of the Presidents Ball Fund, and it was also called into question whether or not a student band could be paid. The board also deliberated whether or not they could fund an event that students have to pay for. Another issue was the fact that the request wasn't submitted until the 14th of January.

VP Travis made the point that they should approve this event now, and in the future, it will come out of the Presidents Ball fund.

Motion to: approve in full at \$800.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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h) Requesting Organization: Model U.N.

Title of Request: Midwest Model United Nations Conference

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

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachel Kalusniak

Amount Requested: \$1438.00

Amount Allocated: \$710.44

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for conference fees, including lodging, transportation, and conference costs. The group explained that they have been fundraising that will be put towards this event (\$815). The board discussed line items, and considered cutting the hotel, which would force members/the organization to cover \$120 per person. The board discussed cutting the hotel rooms to \$120.00 in order to cut the request entirely in half.

Motion to: cut line item 1 to \$120.00 and approve adjusted budget to \$710.44

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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i) Requesting Organization: Students for Liberty

Title of Request: 3 hotel rooms, 9 registrations, 9 bus tickets

Date of Activity: 2/17/2017-2/19/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brandon Kaitschuck

Amount Requested: \$1633.00

Amount Allocated: \$774.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference and its fees. The group started by saying that the conference fee can be wiped out. VP Travis pointed out that we are unable to fund gas, so line items 1 and 4 were cancelled. The organization explained that they care most about lodging, and are entirely fine if the rest gets cut. Following the guidelines that are already in place, the board discussed that they only want to fund up to 50% of the total amount, and also look at only funding up to \$200 per person, which there are 9 students in attendance currently.

Motion to: cut line items 1, 3, 4. Adjust line item 2 to 774.00.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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j) Requesting Organization: Detroit Does Well

Title of Request: Shawn Blanchard Speaker

Date of Activity: 2/26/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nyia Slade

Amount Requested: \$2318.00

Amount Allocated: \$2408.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference focused entirely around men, much like the conference that YBBW put on. This conference that would be hosted at GV would be meant to empower men, and catering and the speaker

contract need to be funded. The empowerment would be encouraged through a series of workshops for men. 75 people are expected to attend. The board asked about the speaker, and the organization explained further about Shawn, who will be speaking for a half hour.

The organization explained that they have already begun to do promotions for the event by signing up at CLN. The group will be doing their own promotions for this event. It was called into question about the speaker's giveaways, because there will be items given away to students, but this was confirmed to be allowed.

The board explained that they would like to fund a promotion package for this event, and they would like to see it LIB 100 approved. The promotion package decided on is \$90, package #2.

Motion to: add line item 3 at \$90 and approve at \$2408

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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k) Requesting Organization: Evolve Education Club

Title of Request: Guest Speaker-Troy LaRaviere

Date of Activity: 2/27/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Hannah Yesmunt

Amount Requested: \$3160.00

Amount Allocated: \$3160.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to bring in an educational speaker and to promote this event. The event is LIB 100/201 approved. The speaker will speak for an hour, then will be taking questions. The group expects over 200 students to be in attendance. The speaker's rate is what it is because it is what he has received in the past. The board raised concern for the amount of the speaker, regardless of his talent, his fee seemed a little high, at \$3000. VP Travis pointed out that she would feel comfortable funding this event in full if it does reach its full attendance.

Motion to: Pass in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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l) Requesting Organization: Colleges Against Cancer

Title of Request: GVSU Relay for Life 2017

Date of Activity: 4/7/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jessica Glessner

Amount Requested: \$9153.55

Amount Allocated: \$8563.55

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to support the Relay for Life Event that will bring in roughly 2300 students. Food for the banquet dinner is donated by outside sources, and ¼ of the survivors are GV students. The organization explained that they will be reaching out to a henna artist, that will be an addition this year, that would replace the photo booth. It was confirmed that this Relay encompasses the entire Grand Rapids community. Donor dollars would typically fund this event, but appropriations relieves these costs. There was a question raised about the promotions and external items, which would typically be covered by our promotions office. Then the board went through each line item and approved items one by one. The board discussed cutting the henna, if they do cut anything. The board raised the point that GV is highly involved in this event, and that money from the service and advocacy fund should be used for such activities. The only line item that ended up being cut was the external mailing and brochures (because the group must go through the promotions office for mailings and other external items), and the henna costs were added.

Motion to: approve at **\$8063.55, pending the breakdown of catering items.

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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*****After this budget was approved, the quote for the fieldhouse audio/video was decreased by \$500. The new amount for the sound system is \$5,955.55. The new total for the approved request is 8,063.55. -Updated 2/13/2017-***

m) 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): Ryan Zahran

Amount Requested: \$150.00

Amount Allocated: \$150.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for an event that highlights problems in the Middle East. The event is LIB 100 approved in LSH. This is the first time that the group does not need to purchase rights to the movie, and they are now just requesting food. The group is keeping the cost low, at \$3 per person. The board discussed that the price was low, especially for cultural food.

Motion to: approve pending an itemized list of the catering events.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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n) **Requesting Organization:** Professional Sales Association

Title of Request: Professional Sales Association Meetings

Date of Activity: all semester

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jacques R Dompierre

Amount Requested: \$764.50

Amount Allocated: \$630.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for Professional Sales Association events. This request consists of food service, speaker gifts, and promotions. The organization explained each item from their packet. He added the banner onto the request, but otherwise, all has remained the same. The board pointed out that they are not able to fund the buttons because they are technically 'giveaways.'

The board debated the value of having food at each meeting, because a request like this was denied for a previous group who also just wanted food for the same group of students. There was some confusion, but it was pointed out that this is a need for a newer group, and these events are listed on the Seidman page, which make them different, and more suited for funding.

The board discussed that the banner should not be funded because it is general marketing material for the group, and not a specific event. The point was also brought up that they need the costs to get started with some promotional materials.

The board discussed bringing down the food costs to \$50 for each meeting, so \$300 in total for food.

Motion to: adjust the food to 300, and approve the pluggers and speaker gifts, bringing the total to \$630.00

6 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

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