

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/10/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Carly Aller

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Ben Rifkin, Patrick Cox, Brad Stek, Nyia Slade, Clyde Woods, Jack Boitel, Hannah Scott, Nick Bara, Tyler Szymkowski, Nick Toth

1) Opening of Meeting

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

2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization:** Alternate Realities Gaming Club

Title of Request: Games Voted on in Winter 2017

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nathan Lippert

Amount Requested: \$163.19

Amount Allocated: \$163.19

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a new stock of games for the organization. This year, they are also invest in sleeves to protect the games they always use. The organization has 30-40 members currently. VP Aller asked about the need for more games, and the organization responded that the need for adding to the current 300 games is to keep the inventory current and keep bringing people back. The board raised the point that if each member were to pitch in 2-3 dollars, the group could afford to buy all of these games for themselves.

The group is currently going through their inventory currently, but they are well aware that the games they are requesting are all new to their stock. The board suggested possibly selling their old games in order to fund the new ones. Most of the games this club owns are in Kikhof currently, but some of the more popular ones are packed up and ready to bring to other groups to play.

The board then asked the organization to explain some of the games being requested, and the organization did. The board asked again if the organization thought that the members could afford a 2 dollar fee to afford these games on their own. The organization explained that the members already are paying small fees for activities that involve travel. The board then questioned whether or not the club is doing any fundraising for their stock. A suggestion from the board was to hold game tournaments. There was some discussion about whether or not this could be fundable through the organization's own funds.

Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 3 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: IEEE

Title of Request: Surviving Undergrad Engineering

Date of Activity: 10/24/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Lucas R Cantu

Amount Requested: \$72.00

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a new event that supports students through the engineering program. A lot of people are interested in the employer-sponsored events, so the organization assumes that there will be a good number for attendance. This is the first large assembly for the group, and they as an organization will be starting fundraising shortly. Currently, the club has a back account that is built from previous years of saving.

The board discussed whether or not this is a meeting for the org, or for the underclassmen of GV. It was suggested that this event be promoted to a large number of general students, and not just engineering students. There are not currently any speakers or professors that will be coming to this event. This event is open to the student body, but every student organization general assembly meeting is open to all of the student body. The board then discussed how majors like this should be cultivated and supported, and this event could be seen as a networking event. However, this argument could be made for any student organization. The board reiterated that this is

not a general assembly meeting, that it is an event for the students. The organization explained that they would be willing to bring in an outside speaker.

In an effort to wrap up discussion, the board discussed that regardless of the merit of the event, the board must take a close look at if funding this event reaches the mission of the funding board. The board expressed concern about if this event is a recruitment event or more networking. Although this request is not very much, it could set a precedent for future requests.

Motion to: Deny request

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 2 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: POWER

Title of Request: POWERpuff Game

Date of Activity: 10/23/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nijan' McNeal

Amount Requested: \$500.00

Amount Allocated: \$22.50

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for food, a DJ, and promotions for this event. The board explained that the organization would need to bring in a breakdown of line items, including a quote. It was clarified that the board does not fund giveaways. VP Aller explained that the board would need a better break down of the items, and that they can meet with the OSL for this. The board also asked about the DJ line item: the board typically funds professional DJs with contracts in order to discuss this official meeting.

The board asked the organization how many people came last year, and the group confirmed that there were around 40 attendees last year. The board discussed that they could fund the promotions for the event, but they would have to deny the rest of the request in full. Otherwise the request would have to be tabled until next week, but at that point there might not be turn-around time to create the promotions.

The board even discussed the difficulties of promoting this event for only 3 days, because it would take 10 days to process this, and that is not very much time to promote it. The organization discussed that they would want to use the banner for this event in future years. The posters on the other hand would have the specific location and the date. The board talked about the fact that pluggers might be a good idea for this event. The board asked what the group had so far for this event, and the group has prepared for this game already with sign ups and set-up planned for. The board asked if

the org would ever consider purchasing the banner for themselves. The response was that this is something that the org would be willing to look into, but they are first asking the board for this funding.

The board then became aware that the organization is asking for a donation to play, but this is indeed not a requirement. The board agreed that the organization could use pluggers to promote this event, and debated the number of pluggers that is necessary to promote this. The group landed at 300 total.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$22.50, strike line item 2 and 3, and approve.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Meeting Professionals International

Title of Request: Pistons Funding Request

Date of Activity: 11/12/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Alec M Williams

Amount Requested: \$960.00

Amount Allocated: \$720.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a networking experience in which the organization visits Caesar's arena. The organization will be meeting with the entire club before the game. The club anticipates 40 students, and only has 7 tickets left. The students going is for Sports Management and Hospitality students. Outside of the game, the board asked the organization what happens during this event. The organization will get a tour off the facilities, they will have a panel discussion with professionals there. The organization will be providing \$480 to cover part of the transportation for the event. It was clarified that the ticket is \$28, but this could not be covered by the board. Although 40 are not currently confirmed, but they have a month and a half to go to secure 7 more students. In funding this request, the board would only consider \$1440 for the motor coach. The board is alright with funding 40 students, and have of the total fundable amount for these students is \$720.00

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$720 and approve.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: YBBW

Title of Request: Annual Hair Show

Date of Activity: 11/11/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): lakara Dickens, Zaria Reeder-Wesley

Amount Requested: \$1879.00

Amount Allocated: \$1384.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the annual Hairshow in which 450 students are expected to come. The organization broke down all of the line items. Food service is cocktail people, and this is time to mingle, engage, and introduce the event. Students from other schools (5 other chapters) will be attending. Marketing for this event includes a banner and flyers. There are 4 speakers gifts requested. The group informed the board that line item 4 can be removed. A professional DJ and photographer is being requested. The backstage will have water and other backstage materials. The board explained that the photographer being a student would not be approved, and context from last year's request. Because Grand Valley does provide the service, the board explained that they would be comfortable funding the GV photographer, even if it is not 'as good.' The board discussed that if the board funded a photographer, they would use GV rates, and the organization could decide upon which photographer they want (as long as they are contracted). The board asked how much the group is contributing, and if it would be able to pay their own photographer. Valerie reiterated that if the school does offer a service, we must fund that photographer, not an outside contractor. The group explained that they are alright with a GV photographer, as long as plans are solidified. If the same thing happens as last year with the photographer, then the organization can figure out a different plan.

The board then discussed the food cost, and the board decided that enough GV students attend, and the event is long enough that warrants this much food. The board discussed line item 7, and the board explained that the \$70 is not a delineated list, and without priced out line items, the board might not feel comfortable funding this. Line item 5 was discussed next. President Ball's DJ is funded at \$500, so in comparison this is a lot. However, the organization explained that the host and DJ would each receive \$450, and this host would be far superior to a student hosting. This would remain professional and entertaining. The DJ and Host do have to fly in, rehearse for hours before, and do attend the entire event. The board discussed funding \$600 for the host and the DJ. There was a suggestion to fundraise and for the after party. Right now the club is paying \$500 for the venue alone, and have not yet fundraised the rest.

The board discussed that the host might not be integral to the event, and if the organization is still interested in funding the host they could fund their own. The organization refuted that in order to bring in the theme of boxing, they need someone professional. The board reiterated that the group could potentially fundraise the rest for the host and cut down on their after party or fundraise more. The board briefly mentioned. A motion was made, and then a suggestion was made to cut funding for the photographer in order to allocate more money toward the host.

Motion to: Strike line item 4, adjust line item 6 to \$125.00, strike line item 7, and adjust line item 5 to \$600.00. Friendly amendment to strike line item 6 and adjust line item 5 to \$725.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: NASA

Title of Request: Indigenous Peoples Day

Date of Activity: 10/9/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Samantha M Gann

Amount Requested: \$1500

Amount Allocated: \$1500

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being reallocated due to a performer missing her flight. The group attempted to work with her, but this didn't work. Instead the group brought in 3 hoop dancers. Originally, \$4000 was requested for the comedian. They would like to reallocate the money for 6 dancers, 3 performers, and 1 team of drummers. What is asked for now is below:

\$75 for each of 6 dancers

\$200 for each 3 performers

\$500 for a drum, usually played by 5-7 people, so this money is split between these players.

\$1550 is the total amount.

Money was also provided by OMA to support this event with food.

Motion to: Approve in full, consent

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly