

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 10/11/2016

**Meeting Time:** 4:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Rachel Travis

**Advisor:** Valerie Guzman

**Board Members Present:** Aminah Muhammad, Domonique Stevens, Riley Burch, Quinn Gardner, Mathew Criado-Cano, Carly Aller, Olivia Kolc, Deja Broaden, Wesley Wilson

## 1) Opening of Meeting

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

## 2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization:** A Cappella Groove

**Title of Request:** A Cappella Groove A Cappell-Off Registration Fee

**Date of Activity:** 1/14/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Chase Reynolds

**Amount Requested:** \$75.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$75.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The request was made for an A Capella event that takes place at Allendale High School. The group explained that this is a great event to network at. It was clarified that there will be no cash prizes to be won. Although the request was very small, the board wanted to hear this request because they had some questions for the organization. It was asked what A Cappella Groove pays in terms of dues, and the organization responded that each year it differs, but last year the amount was 30 dollars. For each person, this event would only be 5 dollars, but there is a lot of money

currently in the performing arts funds. With some hesitation, there was a motion to pass the amount in full.

**Motion to:** Pass the motion in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** Alpha Kappa Psi

**Title of Request:** Cedar Point Trip

**Date of Activity:** 10/29/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Rachel Lewis and Elayne Vaughn

**Amount Requested:** \$165.32

**Amount Allocated:** \$0.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group is requesting funding for the transportation to cedar point in order to provide a fun event for the brothers of the organization to bond. The experience is open to everyone in the club. The amount of people to attend is at approximately 27, but the number will be confirmed after the funding is confirmed. The extra cost of the trip for members is the ticket and gas money. The question was raised of why we should fund an event that is so social, and the response was that this trip will be good for the group in the long run. This fun activity would encourage people to join and give back later. VP Travis made the point that this board should fund only educational events, and not necessarily social ones. The cost without appropriations would be just over 50 dollars per members. There was some hesitation about the nature of the event, and then there was a request to deny the request in full.

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

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**c) Requesting Organization:** GVSU Beekeepers

**Title of Request:** Equipment Request

**Date of Activity:** N/A

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Megan Damico

**Amount Requested:** \$222.38

**Amount Allocated:** \$222.38

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Immediately, the group addressed the reason for requesting the large amount of sugar. The organization explained that bees hibernate, and they need artificial sugar for their survival during the winter. The organization is also asking for a mite treatment. This treatment is only to be used by certified people, and gloves and masks are also required to protect the bees and members to prevent injury/bee death. The chemicals the club chose are environmentally friendly, and they do not hurt the bees or students. Only Megan, the advisor, and the researcher will be dealing with this treatment. This funding would be saving the bee population at GV, and supporting research at the same time. The early motion is to approve the motion. There was a second on the motion.

**Consent was called**, and there were no objections to this, so the motion passed in full.

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**d) Requesting Organization:** League of Legends Club

**Title of Request:** Fall Tournament Equipment

**Date of Activity:** N/A

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Keegan Biegalski, and Josh Lemieux

**Amount Requested:** \$360.20

**Amount Allocated:** \$423.96

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The returning organization explained that the price of the equipment on amazon changed to \$423.96. The equipment ordered would be used for all future events of the club as well as at their upcoming tournament. In order to play their video games, the GV Wi-Fi does not support so many players. With the new switch, all players can play and be connected equally well to the internet. The tournament the group is holding will be open to students and all alumni. The teams are randomized at the event so students can better meet each other. It was decided that this equipment will stay in the student life office, and it can be used for other clubs. There are several other clubs around campus that could utilize this equipment. This could even inspire future tournaments. There was a motion to pass the motion in full. There was a second and consent was called.

**Consent was called**, and there were no objections to this, so the motion passed in full.

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**e) Requesting Organization:** University Christian Outreach

**Title of Request:** UCO Fall Retreat: It's Your Turn

**Date of Activity:** 10/21/2016-10/23/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Mikayla Thibodeau

**Amount Requested:** \$1100.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1100.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The organization is requesting funding for a fall retreat. It is open to all students. This "It's Your Time" Fall Retreat is meant to give students a chance to experience fellowship and meet other students. The retreat is also meant to empower leaders. Without funding, the cost is \$70 per student. The group recognized that the board doesn't fund trips less than 100 miles away, but they thought they should explain that they are just requesting money for registration. The money will pay for the registration fee for the conference, so the students' fee of \$70 will be lowered, depending on the needs of the students. Already, the org has students asking for different amounts based on needs. It was made clear that this request has been funded before by the board. The group struggles itself did want to make it clear that they struggle between labeling this as programming and travel. There is still one more week for registration, but they expect at least 40 Grand Valley students to attend. It was made clear that this is open to the entire club, all are encouraged to go.

**Motion to:** Approval amount in full.

**Consent was called,** no objections

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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

**Title of Request:** Founders Day Festival

**Date of Activity:** 10/22/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kim Long, Kelsey Keipert

**Amount Requested:** \$1200.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1200.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** This organization is requesting money for a first time event. The money will be used for entertainment purposes at the Founder's Day Festival. It was explained that the goal of the event is to educate students about the original founders and Grand Valley's history. The group is partnering with the Laker Traditions Team to celebrate Founder's Day. The only part that the group needs funding for is the entertainment. Cupcakes, cups, apples, and other items are donated by outside organizations. The purpose of the event was reiterated: to educate and honor the first students and the community that built Grand Valley. There will be inflatables, jousting, and raffles among other events. There will also be food supplied at the event.

**Motion to:** Approve in full

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**g) Requesting Organization:** Exercise Science Club

**Title of Request:** Midwest ACSM Annual Conference

**Date of Activity:** 11/3/2016-11/5/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Katelyn and Vanessa DeLeo

**Amount Requested:** \$1434.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1490.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group is requesting funding to attend the ACSM conference. They hope to send 16 students and about 5 faculty members to this conference that they attend each year. The club explained that they plan on covering the costs of transportation. The new amount requested is \$1652.00 because of an additional room. The amount funded will go towards senior members' trips. There are dues collected within the club, and they will go towards transportation (as well as other places, like the bank account). It was pointed out that the hotel price changed, but the registration fees did not go up. The new total would be at \$1912.00. For transportation, the club is doing a van rental. A point was brought up that we have funded this in the past, and it does meet guidelines. There was a suggestion to pay for transportation, but not lodging to increase their costs, but still ensure that the board would cover more than half of all of the costs. The 12 passenger and minivan costs would be: \$425.16. There is an additional \$25 fee to return the vans at GV, which the board agreed to pay.

**Motion to:** Strike line item 2, add a line item of \$450.00. The new total would be \$1490.00.

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**h) Requesting Organization:** Grand Valley Lanthorn

**Title of Request:** Associated Collegiate Press Conference

**Date of Activity:** 10/20/2016-10/23/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Jessica Hodge and Hannah Lentz

**Amount Requested:** \$2490.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1500.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding was requested to fund a conference that many members of the press and papers attend. 6 people on the staff from the GV Lanthorn will be attending. The staff will be paying for half of the costs, and they are requesting funding from the board for the conference and some of the transportation. The money that the Lanthorn receives goes primarily toward the paper production, but some of revenue is coming from the paper's revenue, and also from pocket costs. The concern came up that 2,000 is a lot of money for a trip for 6 people. A further breakdown is that the trip will cost \$1358 for hotels, paid for by the Lanthorn. The Lanthorn believes and argued the point that information from the conference would be crucial to bring back to the editors. The total cost for each person before funding is \$641.00, with all registration, transportation, and hotels. There was discussion for just paying for plane tickets to get the price per person closer to \$300. There was a motion to strike line 1, but it was brought up that registration is the most important to fund. The board thought about thinking about total and amount per person, instead of looking at individual lines.

**Motion to:** Strike line item 1, but then there was an amendment to keep line item one, and adjust line item 2 at 786.00. In total, the approved amount is \$1500.00.

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**i) Requesting Organization:** Muslim Students' Association

**Title of Request:** Race, Religion, Culture: Embracing Personal Identity

**Date of Activity:** 10/28/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Abe Azhar

**Amount Requested:** \$3822.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$3822.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The request for this event was tabled from last week. The organization explained that the date could not be moved, but the event was moved to Allendale in Louit Lecture Halls 101. This addressed both of the problems with the event from the last funding meeting.

**Motion to:** Approve in full at \$3822.00

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**j) Requesting Organization:** Euphoria

**Title of Request:** ICC Admission fee

**Date of Activity:** 1/21/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kayla Jeske

**Amount Requested:** \$250.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$250.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Request for funds for the ICCA admission fee. This would be a great event to present their repertoire. Quickly, there was a motion to approve the request in full.

**Motion to:** Approve the request in full at \$250.00

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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