

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/18/2016

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, 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:** Science is Awesome Club

Title of Request: Materials for Club Meetings

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Emma Hahs

Amount Requested: \$102.49

Amount Allocated: \$102.49

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The request was made for supplies for biweekly meetings, because they wish to do a fruit DNA extraction and a Ferrofluid experiment. All items for both of the experiments will be purchased from Meijer. There are also safety items being requested in order to protect members' eyes and hands. The line item for gloves was at 50 dollars and this 50 dollar item was the only reason that the committee wanted to hear the request at the appropriation meeting. It was explained that the gloves are more expensive because they are requesting boxes of 2 smalls, 2 mediums, and 1 large, which brings the total up to 50 dollars.

Motion to: Pass the motion in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: GV Swing Club

Title of Request: Halloween Dance

Date of Activity: 10/27/2016

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

Amount Requested: \$228.60

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The request is being made for the Halloween Swing Dance Party. The funds will be used for food for the event and promotions. The only concern is that the money was requested outside of the 4 week time limit, which would not in turn leave the club enough time to promote. The organization argued that there will be promotions made on social media and in other outlets. One reason for the tardiness in the request that the organization raised is that there were difficulties in reserving the Kirkof Lobby. There was concern raised about only feeding the members of the club, which is something that has been debated in the past. For these reasons, there was a motion to deny the request in full.

Motion to: Deny the request in full

10 OR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Oxfam

Title of Request: Hunger Banquet

Date of Activity: 11/18/2016

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

Amount Requested: \$248.50

Amount Allocated: \$248.50

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Request made for a simulation to represent hunger and poverty. At the event there will be 3 classes of people. The lower class will receive a small cup of rice and forced to sit on the ground, the middle class will have beans and water as well as silverware. The upper class will be served by volunteers with a full meal of pasta at a table. After this experience, the groups will be able to discuss this event and talk about inequalities in the world in regards to food. The CSLC will be partnering for this event and help promote it by funding the posters. The group is requesting the funds for food from campus dining. The food is an integral piece of the event and the learning process. The CSLC chose the location of Holton Hooker in order to draw in more first year students.

Motion to: Approval amount in full.

10 OR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: GVSU Philosophy Club

Title of Request: GVSU Philosophy Colloquium

Date of Activity: 10/28/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Matthew Pairitz

Amount Requested: \$370.00

Amount Allocated: \$370.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The request is for a speaker; the group is requesting money for the speaker fee for his attendance. This is for a large scale event that occurs annually, and the request is only made for the speaker, not for food or anything else.

Motion to: Approval amount in full

10 OR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Student Veterans of America

Title of Request: The Veteran's Obstacle Course

Date of Activity: 11/11/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Mathew Oudbier

Amount Requested: \$480.00

Amount Allocated: \$480.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: This request is to support a Vets Day Event. This event will fall on Veterans Day during the middle of the day. There are speakers to come in and speak on relevant issues concerning female veterans and veterans with disabilities. This event is open to the public. The request is for food and promotions, and the audience the organization is seeking is primarily Grand Valley students. They expect to be approved for LIB 100/201. It was answered that there are roughly 512 veterans (give or take) on GV's campus. One concern was that the board does not fund speaker gifts for Grand Valley employees, so the group will allocate that speaker gift money towards a different speaker at the event. The promotions package (#5) was also questioned, but it was confirmed that this was an effective way to promote last year, and the design time was necessary to capture the correct images for veterans.

Motion to: Approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: You Beautiful Black Woman

Title of Request: YBBW Hair Show

Date of Activity: 11/12/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Raven Goodwin and Zoie Williams

Amount Requested: \$1563.00

Amount Allocated: \$1488.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The funding was requested for an annual event that allows for networking. It is open for all GV students. Hair stylists come in, and skills of the hairdressers are showcased. The photographer that was requested was questioned due to its high price. There is a photographer through Student Life that works for 25 dollars an hours, and the board pushed this option. The photographer would be needed throughout the entire event, so the total amount would be 75 dollars. A question arised about the judges-it was confirmed that they are not Grand Valley affiliated, so their speaker gifts are warranted. There is a "cocktail" hour from 5 to 7, but the show actually does start at 7, which answered some of the board's questions about the event's timing.

There was a motion to adjust line item 7 to 75 dollars (to adjust for the new photographer). If the group does not end up liking the promotions photographer, they will have to cover the difference with their own funds.

Motion to:

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

g) Requesting Organization: GVSU Classics Society

Title of Request: Society for Classical Studies Annual Joint Conference

Date of Activity: 1/2/2017-1/7/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Audrey Fox

Amount Requested: \$1997.80

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Because the travel for the request is international, the request was automatically denied, and was not even heard.

h) Requesting Organization: National Science Teachers Association

Title of Request: National Science Teachers Association's (NSTA's) Columbus Area Conference on Science Education

Date of Activity: 12/2/2016-12/4/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Bailey Keller and Anna Hutches

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1460.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The request was made to support the group in going to the NSTA regional conference. The conference costs are to cover 14 members to attend in Columbus. The organization is requesting for lodging, transportation, and parking costs. Out of pocket, students have to pay 35 dollars outside of gas. They did not request for registration fees for this event to have more students come. It was brought up that parking requests would possibly be denied. Then the board did the math that it would be 96 dollars per person would be paid for by the board if they cut line item 2, and students would have to pay 81 dollars per person, not including gas or parking. Parking

was confirmed to be counted as an expense. This is something that is include in hotel costs.

Motion to: Motion to strike line item 2 and approve the adjusted total in full at \$1460.00

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

i) Requesting Organization: GVSU College Democrats

Title of Request: The First Annual Lakers Gala

Date of Activity: 12/2/2016-12/4/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Wesley Wilson

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: There was initially a correction by the organization that there should be a count of 300 students instead of 200, and only 40 nonaffiliated people who are all political figures that will all be attending. The group will be paying 100 dollars out of pocket for promotions and 200 dollars along with the fees for the cash bar. There will be donations collected at the event, but they will not be required. 300 people seems like a lot of students, but the organization is confident that although this event is new, it will draw in many people. It was explained that there is value in this event to have students come and actually meet representatives. There was a suggestion to limit the food to one bar so people limit their consumption. There was also concern about the large amount of food, and there was a suggestion to cut the good down to around 200 dollars. It was contested that there might not be 200 people in attendance because many students do not recognize the democrats' names (although this is one reason why students may actually come.) The suggestion of "formal attire" was suggested to be thrown out, and that was accepted. Due to the date being during too close to spring break, the request will be tabled. In discretion of the room and speaker change, the request is cut down to \$1600 tentatively.

Motion to: Table the event until the date and room can be moved

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly