

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes  
October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 1:30 PM  
2201 Kirkhof Center

Chair: Amanda Crawford

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Student Senators Present: Adam Gordon, Nyia Slade, Gavin Hunter, Richard DeBerry

Appropriations Committee Members Present: John Lurie, Halley Robinson

I. Agenda

1. Universities Allied for Essential Medicine
2. iPromise
3. Council for Exceptional Children
4. Belly Dance Club
5. Hillel
6. YBBW
7. Iota Iota Iota
8. It's On Us
9. Criminal Justice Students Association
10. CEO (Travel)
11. CEO (Van)
12. Ethics Bowl Team (Van)
13. Ethics Bowl Team (Dues/Fees)
14. Euphoria

II. Discussion of Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: **Universities Allied for Essential Medicine**

1. Title of Request: Documentary Showing and Discussion
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Haley Sullivan
3. Amount Requested: \$542.00
4. Description of Request: As a global organization, Universities Allied for Essential Medicine (UAEM) seeks to advocate for equal access to life saving medicines that are otherwise out of reach to those in need. As a smaller, local branch of UAEM at GVSU we work to educate and bring awareness to our community. "Bending the Arc" is a documentary with values deeply entrenched in UAEM and we would like to share this with the Grand Valley community. There is a worldwide problem when it comes to medicine and "Bending the Arc" tells the inspiring story of Paul Farmer, a man who saved many lives around the world through access to medicine. Post documentary showing, UAEM of GVSU will lead a discussion on how we, as students, can actually make a difference and that our voices and actions matter.
5. Discussion:

This documentary showing is an annual event for the organization. The board discusses the amount of people in normal attendance for this event and they number is normally around 60 but this year the organization is looking at 40-50. They organization is looking to rent the movie and for an extra \$30 to own it for the university and keep it in the library. Cost per head is currently at \$2, which is well under the rules. The promotions are posters and contracts in the health department and emails within the department.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$542.00

Requesting Organization: **iPromise**

7. Title of Request: iAppreciate You
8. Name(s) of Requester(s): Cierra Peebles
9. Amount Requested: \$1,667.00
10. Description of Request: This is an event for all students to come together and show who they appreciate around the campus. There will be performances dedicated to showing appreciation and each org will be able to give a special thanks to who they appreciate and throughout the event all students will be able to participate.
11. Discussion: iPromise is an organization for community service for women and help girls with self-improvement. iAppreciate You is for students across campus to show appreciation for one another. They have different performances. They have had this event annually. They listed 150 students which is in line with what they have seen in the past. Currently they are at \$9.61 per head without the linens.
12. Final Motion to: Adjust catering to \$1,300 and approve for \$1,425

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$1,425.00

Requesting Organization: **Council for Exceptional Children**

1. Title of Request: Symposium
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Meredith Filter
3. Amount Requested: \$974.00
4. Description of Request: Symposium is a day of professional development for preservice teachers put on completely by our organization, Council for Exceptional Children. We bring in 4 local professionals, one for our keynote session and 3 for the breakout sessions. Our event occurs in Kirkhof from 8-4 pm on Saturday November 3rd.

5. Discussion: This is an annual event for the organization. They discuss upcoming methods in education. This year they are bringing in a speaker from University of Michigan and they see a lot of undergrad students and current student teachers attend this event. They are serving breakfast and lunch because this event is all day. The cost per head is around \$7 per head per meal (breakfast and lunch). VP Crawford explains she really respects how long this event has been occurring on campus.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full  
6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$974.00

Requesting Organization: **Belly Dance Club**

1. Title of Request: Fall Semester Belly Dance Showcase
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Ciara Pink
3. Amount Requested: \$610.00
4. Description of Request: A chance for all the various groups within belly dance to perform for each other and the community. Also an opportunity for other dance groups on campus to perform. The showcase gives us an opportunity to show off everything we have learned.
5. Discussion: This is an annual event for this organization. They invite other groups to perform at this event too. They would like a dance floor and catering. The board explains the new total is \$477 without the petal skirts (which are not a fundable item). They always have a lot of attendance and are doing promotions on their own.
6. Final Motion to: Approve for \$477  
6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN  
Final Amount Allocated: \$477.00

Requesting Organization: **Hillel**

1. Title of Request: Shabbat Dinner
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Gavin Hunter
3. Amount Requested: \$297.00
4. Description of Request: Shabbat is observed every Friday night at Sundown in honoring the 7th day of rest.
5. Discussion: They would like funding for their Shabbat dinner. This is a holiday that occurs every week in the Jewish religion. We typically host them every other Friday. They could like catering and expect 35 Grand Valley Students. The organization expresses that this is different from a regular meeting because it is

more aimed at getting more students outside the organization to attend. VP Crawford asked about if they are interested in doing promotions in the future. They have around 30-35 people in the organization. Some people will not eat the food due to dietary restrictions. The number of people requested for catering was 33 people. This request is \$9 per head.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

3 FOR 0 AGAINST 2 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$297.00

Requesting Organization: **You Beautiful Black Women**

1. Title of Request: Hair Show
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Karigan Hill, Tatiana Bennefield
3. Amount Requested: \$1,306.00
4. Description of Request: An annual event involving people that showcases their skills in doing hair. Hair show is a competition between stylists and there is a winner at the end. The funding of hair show will help us have a smooth successful event that everyone can enjoy.
5. Discussion: This event promotes unity and education. It focuses on promoting styles of African American hair. They are changing the request to a total of \$1,261. They are changing the photographer from 5 hours to 3 hours. The catering is at a good amount per head. The contract is for a DJ and they are having the students host the event. Since the photographer is \$40 an hour, that line item was changed to \$120.
6. Final Motion to: Approve for \$1,306.00 by changing promotions to \$120 and speaker for \$350

5 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$1,306.00

III. Discussion of Non-Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: **Iota Iota Iota**

1. Title of Request: National Women's Studies Association
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Amarri Smallwood, Jarred Daniels
3. Amount Requested: \$500.00
4. Description of Request: The National Women's Studies Association hosts a conference within the United States every year in November. The conference is dedicated to allowing Women of Color, Transgender women, and Cisgender women showcase their research and hold a variety of workshops that pertains to

Feminist Studies. Triota's eboard members would love to attend the conference for graduate school networking and to broaden our perspectives about Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

5. Discussion: Each request is for \$500 but the requests are broken up differently. For the second student, they are requesting Uber and the board discusses how they would track the Uber cost. The board discusses the distance from the airport to the location of the hotel.
6. Final Motion to: Adjust transportation of Uber costs to \$35 per student. Approve at \$465 for both students

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$465

Requesting Organization: **It's On Us**

1. Title of Request: Drag Show
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Maddie Vervaeke
3. Amount Requested: \$105.88
4. Description of Request: It's On Us as Lakers, GVSU Drag Club, and RHA are hosting a Drag Show in Cook-Dewitt themed around sexual assault and domestic violence awareness. Most of the event is centered around the Drag Queens, so our request is targeted at decorations that would be used for the show.
5. Discussion: They are receiving co-sponsors from RHA and we would be supplying the decorations/supplies, which are integral to the event.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$105.88

Requesting Organization: **Criminal Justice Student Association**

1. Title of Request: American Society of Criminology Conference
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Macey Balavitch
3. Amount Requested: \$356.40
4. Description of Request: Personal travel request for the American Society of Criminology Conference. This will be for the Criminal Justice Student Association to attend our annual conference. The conference is in Georgia this year from November 13-17th. Need cost covered for the flight, the admission into the conference, and the stay.
5. Discussion: VP Crawford explains we have already approved this request for other members of their organization.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$356.40

Requesting Organization: **CEO**

1. Title of Request: National Conference
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Ben Parsell, Olivia Mack, Maleena Male, Jenna Grannan, Trevor Nichols
3. Amount Requested: \$350.00
4. Description of Request: Going to Kansas City for CEO National Conference
5. Discussion: VP Crawford discusses the cost per person and how it does not match up with their documentation. She recommends the board funds at \$238.50. A conversation is had about the intentions of the travel fund and how we want to be able to send a few on behalf of the organization, as well as changes for the future. In order to be consistent across the board to organizations, the board would like to fund at the \$238.50 per student.
6. Final Motion to: Approve at \$238.50 for 5 students

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$238.00 for 5 students

Requesting Organization: **CEO**

1. Title of Request: National Conference Van
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Ben Parsell
3. Amount Requested: \$389.60
4. Description of Request: We have reserved a 15-person van through Student Life for Oct. 31st - Nov 4th to get 10 of us down to Kansas City, MO for CEO's National Conference — always a highly beneficial event.
5. Discussion: This the same organization as before. They reserved it for 15 people. Request looks good to go.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$389.60

Requesting Organization: **Ethics Bowl**

1. Title of Request: Upper Midwest Regional Conference Ethics Bowl 2018
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Jessica Shaltry
3. Amount Requested: \$235.04

4. Description of Request: This is a competition between ethics bowl teams from upper Midwest universities.
5. Discussion: This request look good. No further discussion is needed.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$235.04

Requesting Organization: **Ethics Bowl**

1. Title of Request: Upper Midwest Regional Conference Ethics Bowl 2018
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Jessica Shaltry
3. Amount Requested: \$425.00
4. Description of Request: This is a competition between ethics bowl teams from upper Midwest universities.
5. Discussion: The board discusses the competing sot of \$100 in order to compete.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$425.00

Requesting Organization: **Euphoria**

1. Title of Request: SoJam Travel Request
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Claire Waldecker
3. Amount Requested: \$1,200.00 (entry fee) and \$356.04 (van)
4. Description of Request: We are requesting funding for our transportation to and from Durham, North Carolina for which we have already requested and received permission for the van rentals. We just need the funding. Thank you!
5. Discussion: The board discusses adding a van request to vote on. The group needs both an entry fee and a van. Because of the nature of the organization competing as a group, they needed this type of form.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$1,556.04

*Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm*