

# **Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 10/24/2017

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Carly Aller

**Advisor:** Chase Dolan

**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:** SLAM

**Title of Request:** Spring Break 2018

**Date of Activity:** 3/2/2018-3/10/2018

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Joe Cadreau, Ian Arnold, Reshonda Williams

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$2,000.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

The organization is requesting funds for a spring break trip in which a group of students will be doing relief effort in Houston Texas. The organization is requesting funds for van rentals for this trip. The organization has estimated that the trip will cost around \$9000.00, but without fuel and food, this is much lower. If the vans are funded in full, each student still must pay \$300 each as a personal contribution. Last year, the group

took 5 minivans, but taking the 2 vans for the entire week would be around the \$2000.00 mark.

**Motion to:** Approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** Campus for Consent

**Title of Request:** Activating Our Campus: A Collective of Anti-Violence Student Activist

**Date of Activity:** 11/18/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Madison Brooks

**Amount Requested:** \$235.04

**Amount Allocated:** \$117.52

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funds are requested for a travel request for 2-7 passenger vans, and this would increase the overall total for rentals to \$235.04. VP Aller explained that the board only provides 50% of the funds needed for travel requests when taking into account lodging, transportation, and registration. The new number, when cutting the overall fundable costs in half would be \$117.52, and the board asked to see if there are any other costs that they could cover, but vans are the only costs that the group needs to pay for.

**Motion to:** Adjust line item 1 to \$1176.52, and approve.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**c) Requesting Organization:** Cage Free

**Title of Request:** What the Health Documentary Screening

**Date of Activity:** 11/8/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Jessica Stoecker

**Amount Requested:** \$311.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$311.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funding is being requested for a documentary screening that will include food: vegan brownies and fruit. The organization is already promoting this event with posters they have created. 25-50 students are expected to attend, but attendance will most likely fluctuate. Last year, 20 people attended, but this documentary is more popular and they expect higher attendance at this event. It was confirmed that last year this event was held for double the cost, and the board discussed that this event was within the parameters of the fund.

**Motion to:** Approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**d) Requesting Organization:** Pre-Professional Clubs Council

**Title of Request:** Professional School Fair

**Date of Activity:** 3/15/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kaylee Smith

**Amount Requested:** \$1,323.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1205.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funding is being requested for sack lunches for the professionals that will be presenting at a pre-professional fair held by the club. There will be around 80 professional representatives. Food within the request is also meant for the students. The board expressed concern that 100 sack lunches would be too much, and possibly 90 would be more appropriate. The board discussed possibly funding more for the students in attendance, which would mean increase the amount of pizzas. The board discussed how this would be similar to the senior citizen's event where the board would consider funding non GV students because the professionals are integral to the event. The board also discussed the merit of the promotions, and they seemed reasonable.

**Motion to:** adjust line item 1 to \$944.00 and approve at \$1205.00.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**e) Requesting Organization:** Sport Leadership Club

**Title of Request:** Detroit Pistons Panel Discussion

**Date of Activity:** 11/12/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Bryce Muller

**Amount Requested:** \$1,550.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$170.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funds are being requested for a panel discussion in Caesar's arena in order to do some professional networking. Specific funds are requested for van costs and registration. 40 people are coming, and the club is paying for \$460 of registration and their transportation. The board explained that unfortunately the panel tickets get groups into the actual game, and because of this, the tickets would not be eligible to be funded. The board raised the point that the board might take into account the extra van that they are not asking for, but the board decided that they would only take into account the \$170 for the 2 vans. The organization raised the point that many members last year were able to get shadowing opportunities, and that this is not just a game, but it is a conference for professional development. The board debated whether or not they should fund the tickets. The argument was that the board did not fund another group to have tickets to see the game, and it might not be fair to fund this group and not the other. However, the club made the point that because it is the Sport Management Club, the game could be seen as integral to the event. The board discussed if they should follow their precedent of not funding tickets like this, and that possibly in the future, the board could discuss changing the policy of funding tickets for this club in particular.

**Motion to:** Approve line item 1 in full, cut line item two, and approve at \$170

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**f) Requesting Organization:** Greek Intersivity

**Title of Request:** Greek Conference 2018

**Date of Activity:** 2/10/2018-2/12/2018

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kim Whitcomb, Jessie Garcia

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$2,000.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funding is being requested for a Greek Conference in which 100 students would participate at \$150 a person. The conference would equip students to lead their own chapters and influence their world after they graduate. Last year they had 90 students attend and this year they assume they will hit 100. Currently, the students each pay \$50 or up to \$100, and the group is doing fundraising to help defray this cost.

**Motion to:** Approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**a) Requesting Organization:** Student Veterans of America  
**Title of Request:** Veterans Day Event

**Date of Activity:** 11/10/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Samantha Rose

**Amount Requested:** \$792.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$792.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funding is being requested for a military competency event that is LIB 100 approved and includes food and marketing. Last year, the number of participation was around 70 students for a Veteran Obstacle course. The board discussed the food prices and looked to last year's event and confirmed that this event was very reasonably in terms of attendance, food, and promotions.

**Motion to:** Approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**a) Requesting Organization:** Muslim Students' Association  
**Title of Request:** Arabic Calligraphy

**Date of Activity:** 11/3/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ranya Hwail

**Amount Requested:** \$600.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$333.61

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funding is being requested for an Arabic Calligraphy event that will celebrate Muslim culture and will teach students about history. The organization went through and explained each line item, most of which were cut down, including catering and supplies. They explained that the Arabic teacher will be volunteering their time, and the extra supplies that the group will be purchasing will be used for other clubs and will be stored in Kirkhof. The organization explained in detail the event, and the board decided this was well within the scope of the fund.

**Motion to:** Adjust line item 1 to \$165.00, cut line item 2, adjust line item 3 to 468.61, and approve at \$333.61

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** Professional Convention Management Association

**Title of Request:** PCMA Convening Leaders

**Date of Activity:** 1/7/2017-1/10/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Jillian Rop, Sydney Trapp

**Amount Requested:** \$2,000.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$2,000.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funding is requested for a Convening Leaders conference, which lasts 4 days. The organization provided a breakdown of costs, which broke down transportation, the hotel prices, conference registration, and membership fees. The organization explained that 2 vans would be needed, and it was confirmed that this cost would be at \$590 for both, and the board would primarily look at registration. It was confirmed that the total cost that the board could pay for would be at \$6240, so \$2000.00 would be far below the half-way point, so the board was entirely comfortable with the \$2,000.00 amount.

**Motion to:** Approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**c) Requesting Organization:** Advocates for Immigration Reform

**Title of Request:** Undocumented and Queer in Rural America Documentary Screening and Q&A

**Date of Activity:** 11/13/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Adriana Almanza

**Amount Requested:** \$1698.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1821.96

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:**

Funding is being requested to bring in Moises Serrano, an advocate for immigration reform. They will also be bringing in a documentary that features the speaker, and highlights the intersectionality between immigrant and LGBTQ issues. It was noted that line item 1 should be adjusted to \$1108.96, and that line item 3 should be changed to \$113.00. This is based on most recent quotes. The organization also explained that they were working with OMA and the LGBTQ Center to organize, promote, and help give funds this event. The event is also LIB 100 approved. The board mentioned that they might consider adding a promotions package on to the request just because the speaker is so expensive and it would be beneficial to help them promote this. The organization decided on Package 2 plus the \$10 posting fee, and the board was supportive of this.

**Motion to:** add line item 4 at \$100.00, adjust line item 1 to \$1108.96, adjust line item 3 to \$113.00, and approve in full at \$1821.96

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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