

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 10/25/2016

Meeting Time: 4:00 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Rachel Travis

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Aminah Muhammad, 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:** Phi Chi Theta

Title of Request: Panel Discussion and Basketball Game with Detroit Pistons

Date of Activity: 11/2/16-11/6/16

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nick Weatherholt

Amount Requested: \$470.88

Amount Allocated: \$235.44

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The club is requesting funding to attend a panel discussion with leaders of the Detroit Pistons. Members of the club will attend, as well as alumni. The group explained that there are roughly 24 students expected to come. It was explained that one of the vans is no longer needed, so that cost can be cut from the budget. The club members do pay dues in order to cover a larger professional development event. This trip will provide students with other opportunities within the club, and provide a unique experience for all. If the board cut one more van from the

budget, it would be \$235.44, which would force students to pay a small amount out of pocket, and get some 'skin in the game.'

Motion to: Cut line item 1 in half, adjusting the total to \$235.44

6 FOR 1 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Future Alumni Association

Title of Request: Brand Yourself

Date of Activity: 11/15/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Kelsey Keipert and Kim Long

Amount Requested: \$505.50

Amount Allocated: \$505.50

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group was requesting funding for an event called "Brand Yourself" that teaches how to dress for an interview. There will also be professional headshots, instruction on how to send a professional email, and how to manage a LinkedIn account. Funds are being requested for food and promotion of the event. There is a separate cost of 25 dollars listed in the budget (as line item 3), but this cost is still a part of the promotion package. It was remarked that this event is open to all students. The Career Center is partnering for this program, as well as a student affair professionals group.

Motion to: Approve the amount in full

8 OR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Les Francophiles (French Club)

Title of Request: NYC Trip

Date of Activity: 11/4/16-11/6/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jordan Meyer

Amount Requested: \$984.00

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization is interested in traveling to New York, and due to its tardiness in requesting funds, they do have an alternate date prepared. The group wants to visit the Statue of Liberty, visit a museum, and they also need to rent the Air B&B, as well as GVSU rental vans. This trip is open to the student body, and some professors will be reached out to about the information learned from this trip upon the students' return. It was explained that students will be only paying for their personal expenses, which the board would not cover anyway. The board explained that GVSU does not provide funds for Air B&B rentals. Then the point was raised that going to New York might be more of a personal fun trip, and less of a cultural experience. VP Travis made the point that New York will offer a cultural perspective regardless, and the board must now just determine what the board should cover. VP Travis also made the point that the request should be tabled to the General Assembly meeting to give the organization time to find alternate housing.

Motion to: Table to Student Senate General Assembly

8 OR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: iPromise

Title of Request: iAppreciate You

Date of Activity: 11/9/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Quiana Flynn, Martesha Durham

Amount Requested: \$1497.30

Amount Allocated: \$815.30

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization is requesting funding for a second annual event. This event focuses on the appreciation of others and the people that helped students get to college. The date of the event is also close to Thanksgiving, and thus encourages people to give thanks. This event is meant for the public as well as the members and all of GVSU. The organization needs flyers, decorations, and food for the event, which is why it is requesting funding. This event is a sit down dinner with entertainment going on during the diner. The group explained that they have about 40 people in there club, but the event pulls in so many other people because it is common for families to join the students. Last year, approximately 120 GVSU students attended this event. The estimation of 150 people to attend this event this year would include

possible families and GVSU students. The board raised the point that the event might draw in mostly club members, but one board member mentioned that the club last year reached out to other organizations to advertise and draw people in. There was some confusion about what the point of the event was, and so it was further explained. This dinner is a program that does include speakers and performances. This event is targeted at students who are not able to go home for various holidays. The board discussed funding much less for food, possibly at \$720 for food, which means that there would be \$6 covered per student. There was still discussion about the importance of the meal at this event. Some board members disagreed with the importance of the event in general as far as benefiting GV students on a large scale.

Motion to: Cut line item 1 to \$800, bringing the adjusted total to \$815.30

6 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Greek InterVarsity

Title of Request: Greek Conference 2017

Date of Activity: 2/10/2017-2/12/2017

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

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$2000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Money is being requested for a Greek Conference in Indianapolis. The entire conference is faith-based. There are many different concentrations and focuses that all help students bring back new found skills and knowledge to GV. The most important in the organization's opinion is the Thrive Concentration, which covers many hot topics that are pertinent to Grand Valley's campus (such as hazing, sexual assaults, ect.). The amount of money that this group is bringing to the table is huge compared to the amount they are requesting in funding. Technically there is supposed to be a list of people going, but there are already 40 people signed up, and even if only those people went on this trip, the board would only be covering half of the funds for this conference.

Motion to: Pass in full

Consent was called with no objections.

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: PCMA of GVSU

Title of Request: Professional Convention Management Association

Date of Activity: 1/8/2017-1/11/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Erin Cody, Sarah Gonzales

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$2000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The chapter of this organization fundraises each year for this conference in order to provide all members with this professional networking experience. The organization argued that this conference is very beneficial because many students receive jobs from this event. However, this conference is very expensive this year, and the funding requested would cover money only some of the registration fees. Again, the group tries to fundraise as many funds as possible to cover some of the expense. Right now, the group has about 2 to 3 thousand raised, and the rest of the costs will be covered by students. The organization argued that after this conference, many students would be more involved in their majors, in various organizations, and at Grand Valley in general.

Motion to: Pass in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate

g) Requesting Organization: RHA

Title of Request: GLACURCH Regional Conference

Date of Activity: 11/18/2016-11/20/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brooklynn Golnick

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1728.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group is requesting funding for a conference that is an annual event for RHA, and this year it being held in Milwaukee. The committee hosting it is from Grand Valley, making it even more important, because it is loosely consider a Grand Valley event. RHA is bringing 7 students and 3 advisors. All of the current RHA

Eboard members have attended this conference, and members attending for the most part have not gone before. VP Travis made the point that the RHA would be bringing a lot back to GV, and it would be more GV benefit than personal benefit. However, funding should not depend on how subjectively important to club is to GV's campus. The RHA fundraises for the other funds for this trip, which will pay for meals, gas, and advisor registration. It was suggested to cut line item 2 in order to increase student's cost by only about 30 dollars per person.

Motion to: Cut line item 2

7 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

h) 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: \$2875.00

Amount Allocated: \$1200

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: It was presented that the date of the event was changed to the 18th of March in the alumni house. It was questioned if the alumni house fee could be waived for student organizations. The new total with the additional room fee would be \$1440, and without this additional fee, it would be \$1240. \$1200 was decided to be the new total, which would be about \$8 a head covered by appropriations. The title of the event was questioned, and it was also suggested that there should be an advisor helping with this event. Then there was a motion to approve the request at the partial amount of \$1200.

Motion to: pass in full at adjusted amount at \$1200

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly