

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 10/3/2017

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Carly Aller

**Advisor:** Valerie Guzman

**Board Members Present:** Ben Rifkin, Patrick Cox, Brad Stek, Nyia Slade, Clyde Woods, Jack Boitel, Hannah Scott, Nick Bara, Tyler Szymkowski, Nick Toth, Emma Sluiter

## 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:** ICCA Application Fee

**Date of Activity:** TBD

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Steven Moore

**Amount Requested:** \$250.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$250.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funds are being requested for an application fee for an A Cappella competition. The group will be taking care of travel costs on their own. In years past, the group has done well, even taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place. There is one fee for the whole group, and it is a daylong event. It was confirmed that the group has not paid for any registration yet. The quarterfinal will most likely take place in Michigan.

**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:** Criminal Justice Student Association

**Title of Request:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Criminal Justice Alumni Event

**Date of Activity:** 10/20/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Abby Elliot

**Amount Requested:** \$407.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$255.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for an alumni event that will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> type of this event to occur. It was confirmed that while the college is not providing funds for this event, it will actively be promoting the event. The organization explained how it expected its total number of participants, and after subtracting the number of non GVSU students, the amount would be around \$255.00 to just feed those GV students. The question was raised whether or not this event was truly inclusive all students, and the board decided that it was.

**Motion to:** adjust line item 1 to 255.00 and approve.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**c) Requesting Organization:** Student Nurses' Association

**Title of Request:** National Student Nurses' Association's (NSNA) Mid-Year Career Planning Conference in San Diego, CA

**Date of Activity:** 11/1/2017-11/7/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Nhi Doan

**Amount Requested:** \$900.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$900.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested to fund registration costs for an annual conference in San Diego. 12 students will be attending this event, and students are being asked to pay \$150 dollars towards this travel. The student organization pays

for the rest of this, including food, travel, ect. The group pays a fee per head and does fundraising throughout the year.

**Motion to:** approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**d) Requesting Organization:** Pre-MD/PhD Club

**Title of Request:** Midwest Pre-Health Conference

**Date of Activity:** 10/27/2017-10/28/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Gloria Mileva

**Amount Requested:** \$1000.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$396.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for students to attend a Midwestern conference. Fund are requested for the van and lodging. Food and gas will be covered by the organization, but that will not be considered in the total cost. 20 students will be attending this event. The board discussed that the registration is free, and the students going will be more prepared for their careers and can share this information with students at Grand Valley. They decided that this would be considered a wash for the board as far as funding. The organization explained that the Honors College typically helps fund this conference, and they have done this in the past.

Outside of this event, the other events that this organization puts on are an info night and a panel discussion. It was confirmed by the organization that the 20 people would be traveling by the 15 person van and a person car as well. The current pricing is lower than what is listed in the request. Overall, the total would be 190.52, and the new total is 791. Divided by 2 this is 396.00.

**Motion to:** strike line item 2 and adjust and approve line item 1 at \$396.00

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**e) Requesting Organization:** National Science Teachers Association

**Title of Request:** Milwaukee Conference

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Breanna Arnold, Nicole Denny

**Amount Requested:** \$1421.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$666.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for registration for a conference. Registration (line item 1) should now be \$760. It was explained that they are requesting a large van because they will be receiving teaching supplies and will have to take this all home. Members will be paying fees, and the organization explained that in the past there have been outside contributions, but not in recent years. The board discussed cutting the lodging and transportation, and funding registration in full at \$760, but this isn't entirely half, it is over. The board discussed how to divide the costs, and what to have the group fundraise. The group expressed that it is very difficult for the group to fundraise because it is so small. It was suggested to fund 4 or 5 students \$571/\$666 in order to support the group because it is so small.

**Motion to:** adjust line item 1 to \$760 and strike line item 2 and 3. Motion retracted, strike line item 2 and 3 and approve line item 1 at \$616. Motion retracted, strike line item 3 and adjust line item 1 to \$475, and fund line item 2 in full.

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**f) Requesting Organization:** Residence Housing Association

**Title of Request:** GLACURH Regional Leadership Conference

**Date of Activity:** 11/17/2017-11/19/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Meagan Mullen

**Amount Requested:** \$2000.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$725.50

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested to bring 9 students and 2 advisors. Registration and travel is requested for the delegates. 7 students are confirmed to be going, and registration is 173 per person. That would adjust line item 1 to \$1211 total. Supplies have been paid for by the group at \$300 dollars. The board discussed whether they should fund 4 or 5 students for registration to cut the costs in half. The organization explained that do fundraising through the care packages and they don't get very much funding from Housing. The board discussed with the discretion of Valerie to fund the van payment, and fund 3 registrations. With doing this, it the board would be funding over the halfway point, only by 33 dollars.

**Motion to:** adjust line item 1 to \$519, and approve line item 2 in full at \$273, amend line item 1 to 452.50, to approve at a total of 725.50

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**g) Requesting Organization: Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization**

**Title of Request:** CEO National Conference

**Date of Activity:** 10/25/2017-10/29/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ben Parsell

**Amount Requested:** \$8821.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$2000

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for an annual conference, and the total needs to be adjusted, because the registration and transportation has already been secured. Therefore, they are asking that the board look at funding the lodging at \$2000. The organization asked for 150 per student, and Seidman and other outside organizations help fund this amount as well. The board discussed that with the outside sponsors and the contributions of members, this is a sizable contribution towards the event. All the board is looking at is \$2000.

**Motion to:** strike line item 1 and 2 and adjust line item 3 to \$2000 and approve.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**a) Requesting Organization:** GVSU Council for Exceptional Children

**Title of Request:** Symposium

**Date of Activity:** 11/4/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Amber Gerrits

**Amount Requested:** \$1005.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$656.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** This is a professional development event hosted by the chapter. Day-long conference (8:30-3pm). Last year 35 attended; requesting for 60 members due to increase interest in organization and marketing efforts. COE emailed students and the event will be extra credit for several classes, org members doing class visit, FSL partnering with the org as well, and more consistent members attending the organization's meetings this year. Business are being asked to provide donations for event giveaways. Organization paying for speaker's payment (noted \$50 staples gift card).

Board discussed that it's necessary and appropriate to provide at least one meal; considered \$9 per head for lunch, considering usual threshold of 8-10 for events.

**Motion to:** Adjust line item 3 to 540 and approve request at \$656.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly