

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 10/4/2015

**Meeting Time:** 4:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Rachel Travis

**Advisor:** Bob Stoll

**Board Members Present:** Aminah Muhammad, Ben Commet, Riley Burch, Quinn Gardner, Olivia Kolc, Mathew Criado-Cano, Carly Aller, Tyler Szymkowski, Deja Broaden, Wesley Wilson

### 1) Opening of Meeting

- a) Meeting Called to Order
- b) Committee Introductions
- c) Organization Role Call

### 2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization:** YBBW

**Title of Request:** You Beautiful Black Woman New Member Induction

**Date of Activity:** 10/11/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Zoie Williams

**Amount Requested:** \$175.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$0

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** This event is an induction ceremony. The request is being made for the food cost for the event. New members and even parents will come out to this induction ceremony. All Grand Valley students are welcomed to join, watch, and attend this event, but the money will be used primarily for the induction and the focus on the new members of the organization; it is more of an inclusive organization event. There was a fear presented that GV students would not be as welcomed to come and enjoy the food that was funded. The

precedent from last year, where too many groups requested funding for private induction events was discussed. YBBW stated that their group is paying for everything else with the induction, and argued that the price was very low. Do to the exclusivity of the event, there was a motion to deny the request.

**Motion to:** Deny the request

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**b) Requesting Organization:** A Cappella Groove!

**Title of Request:** International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella Application Fee

**Date of Activity:** January/February

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Chase Reynolds

**Amount Requested:** \$250

**Amount Allocated:** \$250

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The request was made for the transportation costs to this event. It is a travel request to this competition that GV has participated in before. We have approved this competition in full in past years. It was discussed that there is no monetary prize at this level of competition, which mean that we are able to fund and support this event. Shortly, there was a motion to approve in full.

**Motion to:** Approve request in full

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**c) Requesting Organization:** League of Legends Club

**Title of Request:** Fall Tournament Equipment

**Date of Activity:** 10/30/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Keegan Biegalski, Josh LeMieux

**Amount Requested:** \$360.20

**Amount Allocated:** \$0.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or**

**unapproved in the request:** Requesting funding for new equipment to enhance internet connection and playability at their fall tournament. They need a hardline connection to maintain integrity of the event. VP Travis pointed out that the funding request form does specify that the all groups who request funding for equipment must meet with Bob Stoll before the finding meeting, so VP Travis suggested that the motion be tabled to next week, after this meeting has taken place.

**Motion to:** Tabled to next week, after meeting with Bob about the equipment.

**\*There was no second or vote to this motion, but it apparently passed.**

**d) Requesting Organization:** Council for Exceptional Children

**Title of Request:** Symposium

**Date of Activity:** 11/12/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Lauren Hogikyan

**Amount Requested:** \$841.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$841.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or**

**unapproved in the request:** This request is for the event called "Symposium." This is an event hosted every year by CEC, and it consists of 1 key note speaker and 3 breakout sessions. It is a professional development event, and the organization is requesting money for food and \$100 for speaker gifts. At first there was an issue with item lines and prices with the packet, but it was resolved. The organization explained that it invites students from GV's sister school to attend- that is why 10-15 extra people expected to attend are listed on the request. The point was raised that the request is asking for a lot of money for food-600 dollars. But this breaks down to 6 dollars per person for food, which is served for breakfast and dinner (the event takes place from 8am-4pm). After further discussion about the details of the event, there was a motion to approve in full.

**Motion to:** Approve the amount in full for \$841.00

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**e) Requesting Organization:** Institute of Internal Auditors

**Title of Request:** IAEP Networking Conference

**Date of Activity:** PASSED 9/16/2016-9/18/2106

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Nathan Haustein

**Amount Requested:** \$1385.70

**Amount Allocated:** \$0.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Before this request was put in, the organization already attended a conference/competition in Orlando Florida. This event was huge for GV. They compete and spread the word of Grand Valley, which is great because the business school and accounting program is growing. The group emphasized that they get the GV name out there at this national conference. They also travel to get resources for the West Michigan chapter of IAE as well. The group claimed that they researched the lowest costs for hotels, ect. VP Travis then informed the group that appropriations does not actually reimburse after events have already occurred. VP Travis apologized that she was unable to inform them of this before the meeting. The organization then asked if Student Senate Appropriations could provide information meetings at the end of the year for the Seidman college organizations, because officers are changing so often and they might be unaware of these rules. This way there could be more training and less confusion for these students.

**Motion to:** Deny the request

Consent was called.

**There were no objections, so no voting on the issue.**

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**f) Requesting Organization:** La Tertulia (Spanish Club)

**Title of Request:** Chicago Trip

**Date of Activity:** 11/12/2016-11/13/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Chandler Babb

**Amount Requested:** \$1455.72

**Amount Allocated:** \$1290.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** At the beginning of the presentation, the organization stated that they will actually need two vans for this trip, so they wanted to note that they would like to double that line total (Line 1 from \$165.72 to \$331.44). They stated that they had requested this in the past, and ask now for hostile expenses and the van rental. They argued that this trip is a great event for learning about Spanish influences, but there is no actual conference to attend. One of the events they will be doing on this trip will be going to a museum. The board asked them how much will they ask from each individual for this trip. The response was gas, food, and anything else after seeing what they receive from appropriations. The group also explained that they tried to lower the costs by looking for a hostile instead of a hotel. There was a proposition to have the organization cover the cost of \$10 for each member for this trip, in addition to extra costs. Then there was a proposition that transportation line form the request should be cut. The board made it clear that it didn't want to cover everything possibly. It was then suggested that the board could meet them halfway by just paying for the hotel costs. There was a formal motion to strike line 1, but approve item 2.

**Motion to:** Strike line item 1, but approve line item 2

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**g) Requesting Organization:** American Marketing Association

**Title of Request:** Chicago Transportation

**Date of Activity:** 10/21/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kolby Kloosterman

**Amount Requested:** \$1490.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1490.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The presentation began with the organization informing the board that the quote for the buses was updated. Now the total requested for funding should be \$1490.00. It was explained that this year the group is planning on talking to and visiting Groupon. This event is only one day, to Chicago and back. The board raised the question: what are you paying out of pocket? The answer was buying snacks for the way there and back, and the group individuals will pay for meals for themselves. The board discussed that they couldn't lower certain line items because the OSL typically does not make organizations pay partial amounts for items. The board then discussed that the amount that would be paid per person was extremely reasonable. There was then a motion to approve the adjusted total in full.

**Motion to:** Approve the adjusted line item for \$1490. 00

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**h) Requesting Organization:** Euphoria GVSU

**Title of Request:** SoJam A Cappella Festival

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kayla Jeske

**Amount Requested:** \$2104.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1290.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group is requesting funding to attend an educational A Capella workshop that group used to attend in past years. Going to this would allow the group to bring knowledge back to GV and helped members in specific music-related programs at GV. The biggest cost that the group is faced with is the registration fee of \$70 per member this is the 'Early Bird Rate' that is limited on a first come, first serve basis. If the group does not receive this rate, the group will cover the extra cost. Euphoria stated that they try to stay close to the conference when looking for hotel options. The president is a Marriot employee, and therefore she gets a generous discount at the hotels. Finally, the group is asking for Grand Valley Rental van prices to be covered. Outside costs include the group covering one meal for members. Otherwise, members must purchase performance clothes, which are about 30 dollars a shirts, along with black performance attire for the women.

There was some discussion about travel funding, including the point that GV doesn't pay over 2000 dollars for travel. The president claimed that she used the budget breakdown, and figured that members only have to pay about 11 dollars each out of pocket for this event. The board argued that the group should have to pay for more than that. GV could pay \$131 per member, and this would only increase members' costs about \$15 per person. There was then a motion to cut transportation costs. Discussion among the board continued, and it was asked how many people were signed up. There are currently 15 people signed up, and if the group were to have more members participate, then the group would cover the rest. VP Travis commented that the board tries to pay less than 200 per person for events like this. Registration is the most important thing to get covered, so the board discussed focusing on that. There was then a friendly amendment to amend the motion. It was motioned to strike the hotels, but to cover the registration and the rental costs. Doing this would bring cost to 66 dollars per member. This

would be before the possibly additions of the non-early bird rate. The board then explained that the purpose of funding is not to alleviate all of the cost, just to assist organizations on campus.

**Motion to:** Strike line item 2, and to approve items 1 and 3 in full

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**i) Requesting Organization:** Muslim Students' Association

**Title of Request:** Race, Religion, Culture: Embracing Personal Identity

**Date of Activity:** 10/28-2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Omar Abada

**Amount Requested:** \$3822.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$0.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** This cultural event is especially important with the upcoming election. Funding was requested for a speaker to come in to share cultural understanding with students. One point brought up by the organization was that this event could help make people understand that identities exist, and to ward against prejudice in a turbulent climate. This event would not only be good for GV in general, but it would also help group establish their brand. The board expressed concern that they were not comfortable passing this request (regardless of the value of the event) with it being on Friday of Halloween due to attendance concern. It was also explained by the group that fundraisers are happening right now to raise money, but the group really wants to push this event before the presidential election. This is why the group is leaning on funding because this group is so "up and coming." This event is also LIB 100 LIB 201 approved. However, the discussion came back to the point that there is a low estimate of attendance. Currently, this event is in a room in the Seidman building. The board was also concerned with the campus choice of the event. It is concerning that event is scheduled for the pew campus. The board decided to table the request until the following week to let the group decide on a different room or date.

**Motion to:** Table until next week

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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

**Title of Request:** CEO Conference

**Date of Activity:** 10/26/2016-10/30/2016

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

**Amount Requested:** \$9438.20

**Amount Allocated:** \$2000.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Group began by stating that they are aware that GV only funds \$2000 for travel requests, so they simply included everything in the formal request, and they simply want the appropriation committee decide what is approved. The group explained that the CEO conference is part of their national organization. In past years, they have had a few interesting companies to meet at the conference, and it is a good networking opportunity. The decision then was just how to cut the request to \$2000.00. It was suggested to fund the conference fee up to 2000 dollars. This would require \$150 from members, over \$100 from appropriations, and other funds would be coming from other places (such as Seidman college, fundraising, ect.).

**Motion to:** Approve 2000.00 towards the conference registration fee.

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**k) Requesting Organization:** Delta Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

**Title of Request:** Global Gala Ninth Annual Cultural Showcase

**Date of Activity:** 10/28/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Celina Yang

**Amount Requested:** \$4807.43

**Amount Allocated:** \$3833.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The event in question is the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Global Gala. This event occurs every fall and is completely free for students. The Gala follows the three Cs week, The group understands that there is a concern due to the date of the event (being the weekend of



Halloween), but the GRR was biggest room open at that time. This event brings in about 300-400 people, so the large request is for the food and shutterbooth, as well as for the DJ and marketing. The concern raised was that the exclusive groups involved with this week will go, but GV public won't, due to the date. The rooms available for this event were discussed, and it was understood that this is a showcase-type event. This is the biggest event for this group, and it is always held in the fall. They have done it before, and are being proactive about it now (even though it is a cultural event, they wanted promotions to go out sooner.) Last year's budget was shown, and it was around \$5000.

**Next, the food cost was discussed, and it was determined that at 400 dollars, the cost would come to 400 dollars a person. The board discussed lowering the food budget due to expected low attendance.** The cultural food requested is more expensive, but this is what makes event. It was discussed to possibly cut the shutterbooth, because it would not make or break the event. The organization could substitute the booth with a camera and free green screen from the LRC.

**Motion to:** cut line item 2 and cut food amount down to \$3500.00, making the total \$3833.00

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

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