

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 11/1/2016

**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:** ROTC Club

**Title of Request:** ROTC Meet and Greet

**Date of Activity:** 11/4/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Josue Herrera

**Amount Requested:** \$72.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$36.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested to fund an ROTC event to introduce students to what ROTC does. Cookies are being requested for this event. There will be 4 board members handing out cookies, but many students will be coming up to their table. In order to get a cookie, students must raise questions or make statements for the organization. The board commented that 144 cookies may seem like too many for just an hour of tabling. In order to talk to students for about 4 minutes each with 4 board members, about 6 dozen cookies would probably suffice

**Motion to:** Cut line item 1 in half, adjusting the total to \$36.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** Universities Allied for Essential Medicines

**Title of Request:** Food enticement for Access to Medicines week Documentary Showing

**Date of Activity:** 12/1/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Alex Engler

**Amount Requested:** \$160.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$100.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is requested for an open event where a documentary will be screened in order to promote medicine science. The only money requested is for the food. The group will fundraise for the film rights, and food for people with dietary restrictions. It was raised to possibly only provide one snack at the event, although the organization can distribute the money for the food as they see fit.

**Motion to:** Adjusting line item 1 to \$100, and to strike line items 2 and 3.

9 OR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**c) Requesting Organization:** Alpha Phi Omega

**Title of Request:** Alpha Phi Omega 10 Year Banquet

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Gabrielle Pomorski, Kaitland Watson

**Amount Requested:** \$700.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$0.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for the co-ed fraternity's Banquet. The money is being requested for food and the room reservation. There are vegetarian and vegan options. This is the 10 year anniversary for this organization, and

there is now a large alumni base. The group can remove 200 dollars from the request because they will be able to waive the alumni house fee. However, it was concerning that there is 500 dollars being requested for just 10 GVSU students. It was raised that this event seems closed to GVSU student body-the funds would be spent more on members of the fraternity than on an event that would benefit the student body.

**Motion to:** Deny the request in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

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

**Title of Request:** Professional School Fair

**Date of Activity:** 3/16/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Julie Ana, Kaylee Smith

**Amount Requested:** \$1049.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1529.19

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is requested for lunches and promotions for this professional school fair. It was raised that normally the board does not fund food for non GV students, but this event is unique in that the visiting recruiters are coming on behalf of their schools and are not paid. The point was raised that the group is requesting quite a lot of money in food. The organization explained that there is a Padnos banner being requested that is very expensive, but the plan is to reuse it year to year. The board then commented again that bag lunches seem expensive, but they are necessary because representatives must eat as they go. When the numbers are broken down, it would cost under 10 dollars per person for food. As the board discussed, it was researched how much was funded by the board in the past, and with that number being similar to the amount requested this year, the board seemed more convinced and comfortable with funding it in its entirety.

**Motion to:** approve request in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate

**e) Requesting Organization:** Alpha Phi Omega

**Title of Request:** APO 2016 National Convention

**Date of Activity:** 12/27/2016-1/1/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Gabrielle Pomorski, Kaitland Watson

**Amount Requested:** \$1915.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$925.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is requested in order to attend the national convention. Attending this convention would help put GVSU "out there." This conference has over 700 workshops, that will provide attendees with skills and knowledge they can bring back to GV. The organization reserved hotel rooms when the rate was as low as possible. The organization is paying for transportation and food for students. For the next conference, the organization will be hosting at GV, so no transportation costs will be requested for the next conference. The board discussed that if it only covered registration fees, members would pay just over 100 dollars per person.

**Motion to:** strike line item 2 and approve line item two in full

9 FOR AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**f) Requesting Organization:** Sports Leadership Club

**Title of Request:** Sports Business Development Weekend

**Date of Activity:** 11/4/2016-11/5/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Zander Armstrong, Bryce Muller, Nelson Schrader

**Amount Requested:** \$2044.49

**Amount Allocated:** \$693.24

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** There are actually 2 events that overlap for this request. There is a panel event as well as the Michigan Sports Business Conference. This event can help students find their passions and how to excel in them. Students will also be looking for internships and jobs in the field. It was mentioned by the board that the request was not submitted in time. The organization explained that they knew about the event later than fell within the time frame for the request. It was also mentioned that the group already spent money on line items 1 and 2, which would bring the request to \$693.24. Other major expenses the students are going to pay for include food and gas. The conversation then was focused on whether or not to fund the event, even though it was not submitted in time. The board discussed that it may be possible to fund this

request, but in the future, requests submitted late would be automatically denied. Finally, the board reasoned that the organization already has some “skin in the game,” because they must pay for line items 1 and 2 by themselves.

**Motion to:** Strike line items one and two and approve line items 3 and 4 at \$693.24

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly