

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/14/2017

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:** Alpha Omega Co-Ed Christian Fraternity
Title of Request: Ugly Sweater Christmas Party

Date of Activity: 12/1/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$822.55

Amount Allocated: \$

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a party that will include food service, promotion, a DJ, and a photographer. The board asked about the food request, and it was confirmed that campus dining would be doing the whole purchase through Papa Johns. The attendance for this event should be around 80, and those would be GV students. There will be 4 current members that will be in attendance, and there will be a large amount of other students, because the organization has been reaching out to other organizations on campus.

Next, the board asked about line item 3 and if the DJ and pictures are separate items or if they are one. It was confirmed that the DJ will be hosted from an organization. The board then went on to discuss the anticipated attendance at the event, and it was decided that while the goal for the event is 80 people, around 40 should be expected.

The board discussed the merit of a DJ at an event that would be so small, and the board explained that KC 2263 would already have an audio system, and an iPod could be plugged into this system for music. The board then asked about the photographer, and they talked about only renting one for the first hour.

Motion to:

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Student Veterans

Title of Request: Airfare

Date of Activity: 1/3/2018-1/7/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$4742.00

Amount Allocated: \$2000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a Veterans conference that will help these students grow in their professional roles. Through fundraising, the group has booked their conference fees, which were \$500 dollars, and they have 5 more fundraisers. In order to fund the 5 board members after paying the fees, the group will owe \$4742.00. All 5 are guaranteed to go to this conference. When considering how much to fund the group, the board will be looking at that amount and the 500 additional dollars.

Motion to: Strike line item 1 and adjust line item 2 to \$2000.00 and approve.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Swing Dance Club

Title of Request: Holiday Dance

Date of Activity: 12/7/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$380.00

Amount Allocated: \$380.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the annual swing dance Christmas party. They will be looking at seeing around 50 students. The group will be playing their own music, and they will be paying for posters themselves. They will be promoting on the GV TV slides as well. The organization explained the set-up of their meetings, and it was also brought up that this was less than was requested last year.

Motion to: Approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: YBBW

Title of Request: YBBW Empowerment Dinner

Date of Activity: 12/3/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$540.00

Amount Allocated: \$540.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a celebration of women. \$540 are being requested for dinner. 60-80 students are expected to attend. And these will all be GV students. At 60 people this would be around \$9 a head

Motion to: Approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: La Tertulia

Title of Request: Chicago Trip

Date of Activity:

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$995.00

Amount Allocated: \$450.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is requested for a Chicago trip in which students will practice their Spanish and experience Hispanic culture in Chicago. Specific funding is being requested for lodging and transportation. Students will be bringing \$30 a person, and this money will be used for donations to the museum, for food, and parking. It was explained that the board would be unable to fund parking. The board discussed cutting the \$59 room from line item 1 because this would be for the professor, and the fund could not cover this. The board discussed that in order to fund half of the request, the board should look at approving line item 2 because this is about at the half way point.

Motion to: strike line items 1 and 3 and fund line item 2 in full.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: Pre-Veterinary Club

Title of Request: Symposium

Date of Activity: 3/22/2018-3/25/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$2060.25

Amount Allocated: \$2000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for an annual conference that will be taking place in the spring. The club is planning on paying for the transportation for this event. The group has done a number of fundraisers for this event and they are only asking for lodging for this trip. 18 people re confirmed to go to this conference, and it was confirmed that they will be paying for registration on their own. In order to save money on plane tickets, the group is looking at taking a bus and staying in hotels overnight instead of purchasing plane tickets. Chase suggested approving the extra \$60, but the board oppose this.

Motion to: cut line item 1 and fund line item 2 at \$2000.00

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

g) Requesting Organization: We are Chicago

Title of Request: Code: Outreach

Date of Activity: 11/30/2017-12/3/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$2125.70

Amount Allocated: \$841.48

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a community service trip. The organization explained that they have already paid for line item 3-the panel lunch. The group already has been fundraising to help pay for this trip and they have raised \$300. The organization hopes to create baskets for the homeless population they will be working with. They also explained that they will be reducing the cost of line item 2 for lodging to \$1232.96. The board confirmed that they would be unable to fund any baskets that will be handed out to people in Chicago. VP Aller asked about line item 3- the conference registration fee. The organization explained that there would be a fee for working at the school, and this is included in line item 3. The board discussed that the half-way point for the request would be \$841.48. The board went on to explain that the board only funds up to half.

The organization requested that if the board could fund the lodging

Motion to: Approve line item 1 in full and adjust line item 2 to \$496.48 and approve, friendly amendment to strike line item 1 and 3 and adjust line item 2 to \$841.48.

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

h) Requesting Organization: IPromise

Title of Request: I Appreciate You

Date of Activity: 12/9/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$

Amount Allocated: \$

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is possibly being reallocated for the I Appreciate

You event. The group is only requesting \$20 for promotions, there will only be 10 non GVSU students in attendance. The board asked VP Aller to clarify the event. There will be 150 students at this event, the Eboard has a dress code for this event, but general attendees will not have a dress code. Attendance is not a problem for this event, and 150 can be expected, but this number was debated. The board mentioned that 50 extra people is a large jump. The board discussed how they are slightly uncomfortable with funding the request now, when the group came in and was underprepared, but then met with Aller about the event. Aller explained that there would be no time to meet with this group before the event.

The board went on to discuss if they should be reallocating money towards this event. Aller was adamant about funding the amount in full, however the board was hesitant. \$900 was the amount that was proposed to be funded, but the board did not believe that 150 people is viable. The board then discussed funding \$800 for food for 100 people, and \$20 for promotions. The board then discussed the relationship between the board and the organization. The

Motion to: Approve at \$900

6 FOR 5 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly