

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 11/8/2016

**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, Deja Broaden, Tyler Szymkowski, Domonique Stevens, Riley Burch, Wesley Wilson, Olivia Colc

## 1) Opening of Meeting

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

## 2) Hearing of Requests

- a) **Requesting Organization:** Urban Planning Association

**Title of Request:** Michigan Association of Planning Emerging Professionals Event and Detroit Planning Tour

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Andrea Hendrick

**Amount Requested:** \$1918.74

**Amount Allocated:** \$597.57

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Annually, this group takes a professional development trip. This year, the conference will be taking place in Detroit. At this emerging professionals event, there will be networking and professional opportunities. This year, they coordinated 2 different events in order to maximize their professional development opportunities. The budget is requested for a van rental, a hotel, the Fisher building Tour, and an EPP Professional Event. This means that the budget has been cut down by nearly 1000 dollars. The adjusted total that the organization is requesting is \$959.89.

Fundraising is happening for this event, and members are expected to bring \$25 each. VP Travis mentioned that the request wasn't submitted in time—normally events need to be submitted at least a month in advance. The organization explained that the group had recently experienced leadership changes, so the group wanted to make sure that the field trip was executed for the good of the club, so they had to organize this event very last minute. It was contested how the group would pay for the hotel fee and tours, and Valerie explained that in cases like this, reimbursements could be figured out. In concerns for processing, it would work out with the Office of Student Life. It was suggested that line item 3 be cut, and line item 4 might also need to be cut. If the board were only to fund line item 2, the cost would be \$49.70 per person (that the board would be funding). It was also clarified that only 10 people are now attending, instead of 12.

Krista came in and clarified that the van rental might be tricky because Enterprise typically requires a 72 hour period cancellation fee, and this fee may be applied to the group because they plan on leaving in 2 days. They only need one van, so that is what is reducing the costs.

**Motion to:** Strike line item 1, 3, and 4, and approve line item 2 in full.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** GVSU Stage

**Title of Request:** Club Games Equipment

**Date of Activity:** N/A

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Luke Gwizdala

**Amount Requested:** \$300

**Amount Allocated:** \$192.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group was able to cut down the costs by over \$100 while creating the itemized list. Other props will be supplied by actors or reused. The group does not generally have access to main group's props. It was discussed that some props need to be very specific, and that is why some of the items are more expensive.

**Motion to:** Approve request at the updated request of \$192.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**c) Requesting Organization:** A Cappella Groove

**Title of Request:** A Cappella Groove Ugly Sweater Semester Concert

**Date of Activity:** 12/3/2016

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

**Amount Requested:** \$662.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$662.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Money is being requested for promotions, for food, and for decorations to support this annual concert. The decorations make the event very festive, and there are already some decorations that the group already has. The Creation Station will also be utilized. Anything else will be purchased at a dollar store. The amount of food is always supplied for the audience. In years past, the food is well enjoyed, and it runs out by half time of the show. It was asked if all 400 people just include GV students, and the answer was no-there are also alumni, parents, and other people from the community.

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

6 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**d) Requesting Organization:** Students Leaving a Mark

**Title of Request:** Van Rentals for Spring Break

**Date of Activity:** 3/3/2017-3/11/2017

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ruth Purchus

**Amount Requested:** \$1800

**Amount Allocated:** \$1800

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Annually, this group takes a spring break trip to do service learning and prepare for the nonprofit world. The funding is being requested for the van rentals. For each students, each student will be paying \$318.00 per person. The group

would want \$1800.00 for other items, but the group can only be used for the vans. The group raises money for this trip every year in addition to the \$1800.00. It was explained that the 300 per person is going towards gas, food, and the materials to build the houses. The group is asking for a 10 day rental. There are 3 vans being requested. Per day, the rentals are \$56.86 a day or \$300 a week. This would bring the van rental up to \$2282.90. It was asked why the 15 person vans were not being requested. It was clarified that the organization though the minivans may have been easier because more people could drive. There is a max of 28 people for this trip. Currently, around 20 people are interested. This would mean that if all 28 spots were filled, students would be paying 600 more dollars to just fulfill the van rentals.

**Motion to:** Motion to adjust line item 1 to \$1500, friendly amendment to move the total back up to \$1800.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**a) Requesting Organization:** You Beautiful Black Woman

**Title of Request:** Annual Hustles & Hot Wings

**Date of Activity:** 12/3/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Aminah Muhammad

**Amount Requested:** \$573.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$573.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group teaches their different hustles to participants, and they serve hot wings to promote a cultural aspect. The group has 40-50 members that come to each meeting, and this event has a high turnout. The group has "skin in the game," because they are paying for decorations.

**Motion to:** Approve the amount in full.

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly