

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board
Meeting Minutes
November 16th, 2018 1:30 PM
2201 Kirkhof Center

Chair: Amanda Crawford

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Student Senators Present: Adam Gordon, Nyia Slade, Gavin Hunter, Richard DeBerry, Madeleine Samuels, Cale Merdzinski

Appropriations Committee Members Present: Halley Robinson

I. Agenda

1. Students for Special Olympics Advocacy
2. A Cappella GrooVe!
3. Model Entertainment
4. Film Academy
5. STAGE
6. Swing Dance
7. Swing Dance

II. Discussion of Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: **Students for Special Olympics Advocacy**

1. Title of Request: Catering Funding for Winter Social
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Taylor Tyszkiewicz
3. Amount Requested: \$243.00
4. Description of Request: The event is to promote special Olympics advocacy and the winter social is all about hanging out, playing games, and having a good time.
5. Discussion: VP Crawford explains that because working with non-GV students is the mission of the organization, they will be including them in the catering cost per head.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$243.00

Requesting Organization: **A Cappella GrooVe!**

1. Title of Request: Catering and Promotions for concert
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Siera Monroe
3. Amount Requested: \$ 345.00
4. Description of Request: We need \$345 for catering and promotions for our Ugly Sweater Concert that we host every year on campus. I had accidentally requested

this under the wrong category of funding requests at first. The cost would cover the food and drinks ordered for our audience and any promotion to help spread awareness of our concert.

5. Discussion: VP Crawford asks how many GV students normally attend and the organization responds approximately 30. The number they listed is how many students will be performing. The organization typically orders only a few pluggers and a banner instead of a package.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$345.00

Requesting Organization: **Model Entertainment**

1. Title of Request: Look Up To The Legends Fashion Show
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Amber Stevenson
3. Amount Requested: \$5,465.00
4. Description of Request: We are hosting a fashion show. December 1, 2018 7PM-9:30 PM. We are conducting this show to bring awareness to self-care and mental health among college millennials. We suggesting a donation of \$5.00 to enter, and the proceeds will go to the cause of spreading awareness for those who have mental health issues and are in need of support. Additionally, we are doing the show to honor how far we have come as an organization for its Model Entertainment 5th Year anniversary!
5. Discussion: VP Crawford asks the organization what the speaker will be doing during the event. The organization explains they will be hosting and speaking. The organization has not had a speaker in the past. They usually get around 100-150 students to their events. VP Crawford explains that a few days before their event BSU is hosting a Wild N Out event and the organization says they are not concerned about the overlap because the mission of their event is different from the BSU event. The mission of this event is about self-care and the speaker they are requesting is a big advocate for self-care through promoting not smoking and no drinking. The organization wants to have donations during the event will go towards the GVSU counseling center. The organization has not contacted the counseling center yet but plans to do so after approval. Typically in the past the board doesn't normally fund charity events because the Student Life Fund is not necessarily for charity.
The board discusses having the organization reach out the counseling center and having a representative there at the event. With the timeline of contracts, it would be hard to table this event in order to pay the speaker in time. The marketing team of the organization is finalizing everything very soon. The board discusses that they like the idea and the timeline of this event because of all the stress in

December. The organization wanted the event to be at a time close to finals but not during finals week to take some stress off. VP Crawford has hesitation about funding the full amount of the speaker while she fully supports all the other line items. The other board members feel similarly. The organization has done some fundraising throughout the year and collect dues from their members but that money mainly goes towards clothing.

6. Final Motion to: Adjust speaker to \$2,500 and approve at \$2,940.00

7 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$2,940.00

Requesting Organization: **Film Academy**

1. Title of Request: Grand Valley Film Academy Awards
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Kirie Quackenbush
3. Amount Requested: \$4,802.80
4. Description of Request: The Film Academy runs two events. The first is the Academy Awards where they will show the premiers of each film and show them in several locations around campus. Students will be able to judge these films and nominate them for the awards. The awards are presented in the Loosemore auditorium that are similar to the Oscars. This event is surrounded by Grand Valley's core mission of General Education. The department of Media Arts has just been created on campus and art is becoming more incorporated into campus. They would like people all over Grand Valley to participate. Different schools all over the country have film festivals and are renowned for it. They are partnering with the Eclipse Awards, the department of visual media arts, Whale Radio, GVTV, Promotions office, Office of Student Life, and more.
5. Discussion: VP Crawford commends the organization on their amount of work that has gone into this event. She asks about the website line item and the organization responds that they are trying to make this a tradition and the website would be where each person can submit the films and hold all the information of the event. The organization walks through the speakers. The event will be approximately 2 hours long. They will have a break in the middle. The host is a moderate YouTube star and they wanted him because of his social status and have it feel more professional since it is a new event.

The creative events floral design is a quote from Creative Designs on how to make Loosemore more special for the event. It includes galaxy balls and other designs. The decorations would also be able to be reused. The trophies would be given away to the winners of the awards and they are working with a trophy maker specific to Grand Valley. They are to replicate what the Oscars are. The board discusses the trophies are that it legitimizes the event. VP Crawford explains that she has some hesitation with the price as a whole because this is their first year as an organization and wants to keep in line with what they would normally fund for first year events. They are anticipating around 150 people

because of the interest they have gained throughout the months. The board asks if they plan on fundraising for this event. They are working with Model Entertainment on different fundraising events. The board asks if the organization had reached out to the communications department for funding the trophies. The idea of 3D printing the trophies was brought up. The organization wanted to have some weight for students to take home. The organization could also change the material to make the trophies cheaper.

For the banner they are requesting, it would be different from the one that is included in the promotional package. The board discusses how much money is left in the Special Interest budget. Request is tabled to look into band ideas and cheaper supplies.

6. Final Motion to: Table request

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: Tabled

Requesting Organization: **STAGE**

1. Title of Request: Funding for Next Performance
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Justin Rickert
3. Amount Requested: \$197.15
4. Description of Request: For our next performance, we request a total of \$197.15. This is necessary for our onstage props and a case to store makeup.
5. Discussion: The board discusses where the supplies will go after the performance is done. Most of the items will be able to be used by any performing arts group while a small part will not be able to be used again.
6. Final Motion to: Strike line item 5 under supplies and approve for \$142.20

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$142.20

Requesting Organization: **Swing Dance Club**

1. Title of Request: Lindy Focus
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Ciana Witherell
3. Amount Requested: \$2,500.00
4. Description of Request: Lindy Focus is the largest Lindy Hop event in the country and it hosts all of the best professional instructors. This is the event that gives the swing dance club the majority of its yearly teaching resources and saves us thousands of dollars a year by allowing our club to do self instruction rather than bringing in professional instructors. We have members taking classes on teaching as well as a variety of dance styles.
5. Discussion: VP Crawford explains the meaning of an annual fee for their performing organization. The board discusses the length of the trip and what the board has funded in the past this year for annual dues.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$2,500.00

Requesting Organization: **Swing Dance Club**

1. Title of Request: Lindy Focus

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Ciana Witherell

3. Amount Requested: \$657.92

4. Description of Request: Lindy Focus is the largest Lindy Hop event in the country and it hosts all of the best professional instructors. This is the event that gives the swing dance club the majority of its yearly teaching resources and saves us thousands of dollars a year by allowing our club to do self instruction rather than bringing in professional instructors. We have members taking classes on teaching as well as a variety of dance styles. We need the van for 9 days (December 24 - January 2). The cost is for one week (\$492/week) plus 2 days (\$82.96/day). This is our best guess.

5. Discussion: They are requesting a 12 passenger van while they only have 6 people but they are traveling for a week and would need a fair amount of space.

6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$657.92

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm