

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, Tyler Szymkowski, Nick Toth, Amanda Crawford, John Lurie

1) Opening of Meeting

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

2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization:** Physical Education Club

Title of Request: SHAPE America 2018-Nashville

Date of Activity: 3/19/2018-3/24/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachel Chase, Matt Josselyn

Amount Requested: \$1612.00

Amount Allocated: \$1796.56

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:

Funding is being requested for van rental and registration for a conference that will be taking place in Nashville. The organization passed out a new budget breakdown. The following breakdown is updated as: \$496.56 for van rentals, \$1400 for registration, and \$1697 for hotels. The board deliberated what to fund out of these amounts in order to abide by the 50% funding rule. The board explained that it would be best to fund the vans and registration.

Motion to: adjust and approve line item 1 at \$496.56 and line item 2 at \$1300.00

12 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Advocates for Immigration Reform

Title of Request: United States Hispanic Leadership Institute

Date of Activity: 2/12/2018-2/18/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Noemi Jimenez

Amount Requested: \$1942.00

Amount Allocated: \$1470.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:

The organization explained that 6 students are expected to attend this conference, and went on to explain the scope of the conference and what typically happens at the event. The organization explained each of the expenses, and they explained that parking nor the charter bus were included in the total estimation because they are typically sponsored by another group for this cost. However, the board discussed that this cost should still be included in the overall cost, just for the 8 students. They also made sure to count the registration price at the non-group rate, which brought the total rate up to \$1960. \$385 would be considered towards the bus. Out of that total (which includes the hotel costs as well), the board discussed how to split the total.

Motion to: Cut line item 2 and adjust line item 1 to \$1470 and approve.

12 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Phi Chi Theta

Title of Request: Professional Development Trip

Date of Activity: 1/3/2018-1/6/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Bayley Galdys

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1740.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:

Funding is being requested for a professional development experience in which students will learn about graduate programs. The organization highlighted the breakdown of the entire trip cost. The board discussed the van costs, which would be \$1740 in total for 5 vans for 28 people. Unfortunately, the board explained that they cannot pay for transit tickets. This would include the metro tickets and the transit from Newark to New York. The board discussed why they could not fund the transit, and it was confirmed that it would be difficult to regulate what the student is using the payment for, and they are considered individual transportation in the city, which is ineligible to fund. VP Aller explained the group that the only eligible items to fund are the vans and the hotel and tax. The board discussed that they would consider funding the vans, and they talked about if the group would only need 4 days and not a week, but the organization explained that it would be cheaper to rent for a week because they need it to be dropped off earlier. The board discussed that they are spending over \$6000 for the entire trip, and so they would approve closer to \$2000, and the group only needs \$1740 for the van rentals.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$1740 and approve

12 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Greek Life Council

Title of Request: AFLV Scholarship

Date of Activity: 2/8/2018-2/11/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ben Eastbury

Amount Requested: \$6348.44

Amount Allocated: \$3174.22

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request

Funding is being requested for money to sponsor students for a Greek Leadership Conference. The organization argued that this would help the Greek community renew its reputation on campus. 12 students will be attending from 8 different organizations, and this request encompasses lodging, transportation, and registration. The board considered simply cutting the total in half and ignoring the \$2000 cap because the council is comprised of different organizations. VP Aller made the suggestion that they fund the vans in full and fund registration at \$2814.

Motion to: Approve line item 3 at \$2843.18, cut line item 1 and approve line item 2 in full.

12 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Latino Student Union

Title of Request: United States Hispanic Institute

Date of Activity: 2/15/2018-2/18/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$7220.00

Amount Allocated: \$2000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:

Funding is being requested to support students in attending a conference at the US Hispanic Leadership Institute. The organization passed out an updated handout of the costs for this trip, and it showed new totals for lodging, transportation, and registration. The new totals reflected prices without the advisors. The board looked through each of the new line items. VP Aller went through each item and confirmed the costs: hotels would be \$888, the registration would be \$2700, and the transportation would be \$2600. It was confirmed that there is an application process, and only 12 will be selected from the 22 that have applied. The board also confirmed that the funding will not cover a student that want already funded for the immigration reform group. This group will also be pairing with Laker Familia. The board then decided to look at which items to cut and which to cover. The distinction was made that the transportation would not actually be the charter buses, and instead the rental vans, for \$576.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$1424, cut line item 3 and approve line item 2 in full.

12 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly