

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/29/2016

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, 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:** Greek Life Council

Title of Request: AFLV Conference

Date of Activity: 2/2/2017-2/5/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Julia Sturvist

Amount Requested: \$4791.84

Amount Allocated: \$2,565.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for an annual event that offers students the opportunity to hear many students. When students apply, they apply for a scholarship, and go in knowing they will have to pay 20 dollars plus the cost of food. The group wants to make sure that anyone that goes to this conference will be bringing back information and skills straight to GVSU. There are 28 students planning to attend. This request is from all 4 Greek councils, which is why this request is over 2,000 dollars. Instead of sending in separate requests, it is all placed in one, as it has been in the past. The group was selective in who they were choosing while thinking about what the

funding board is looking for. Because the board wants to cut back costs, the council is requesting less than usual.

The group is contributing money towards this conference with scholarships, but this will come from the funding board. The students will only be spending 20 dollars out of pocket. It was questioned whether Santiago had talked about using money in the Greek Life fund. The answer was no.

The board then discussed that this amount was cut in half from last year, and they discussed the merit of that, but also discussed how they would be approving over 500 dollars per person, which is more than usual for funding (\$250). The board also discussed that this group will bring a lot back to GV from this conference.

Motion to: strike line items 2 and 3 approve line item 1 in full, at \$2,565.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

a) Requesting Organization: Flawless Faces U.N.I.T.E.

Title of Request: Make-Up Brushes

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Troy Taylor

Amount Requested: \$275.00

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: This group is focused on doing makeup, and funding is being requested for makeup-brushes, and palates. The group is planning on using the makeup for workshops and events, and it will be stored in a locker in student life. It was asked who is responsible for cleaning the brushes, and the answer was the Eboard/president. The quality/price of the makeup was questioned, and it was confirmed that these sets are a good value. VP Travis brought up that they would like an itemized list of the makeup, which would be available at the end of the meeting.

Motion to: table the request until the end of the meeting

Consent

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

*The group left before the end of the meeting

b) Requesting Organization: Alpha Kappa Psi

Title of Request: Yoga & Pancakes

Date of Activity: 12/3/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachel Lewis

Amount Requested: \$493.00

Amount Allocated: \$433.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The funding is being requested for the 3rd annual Yoga and Pancakes event. This is an event meant to give students a break with breakfast and yoga. The number of 60 students is determined because the attendance has grown each year. It was clarified that last year, the group was funded around 200 dollars, and there was enough food with this amount. It was mentioned that the group should decrease the amount for food due to the cost last year.

Motion to: Adjust line item one to \$433.00

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Society of Women Engineers

Title of Request: Regional Conference

Date of Activity: 3/10/2017-3/12/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Molly Alger

Amount Requested: \$650.00

Amount Allocated: \$650.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference where female engineers can network and learn more about the field. The amount would cover everything for the members. They are not, however, requesting rental vans. They will be taking personal vehicles. Although they are not paying very much, they are not asking for van rentals, which cuts down the costs. They are just asking for the registration, which is very fair, and the conference cost is low. It was mentioned by a concerned member of the board that the rules aren't being followed in these circumstances only because the request is lower. It was argued that their 'skin in the game' is taking their own car, but this was debated. Also, it was mentioned that this has not been funded in the past. Last year they only had 5 people, and 10 people this year is not confirmed.

However, they do have until March to confirm this number, and get more people if needed.

Motion to: Approve the request in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Belly Dance Club

Title of Request: A Night of Belly Dance

Date of Activity: 12/2/2016

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Libby Liebertz

Amount Requested: \$851.00

Amount Allocated: \$426

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group started by altering some information on the request. The event will be in Pere Marquette, the food will be at \$426, and for promotions, they are requesting \$10. The organization explained that typically, this event brings in over 100 people. The showcase brings in other forms of dance, and because of all the people expected, the food comes out to 3 dollars a head. It was mentioned that catering agreed to doing this event in the short time frame. VP Travis mentioned that 3 days in advance might be too soon to do promotions effectively. This event lasts from 8 to 10, and there are 12 performances. There is expected to be so many more people in attendance because of the increase in performers this year. In order to have better decorations and costumes, they have increased fundraising and dues, and because of this increase in money, the group is willing to pay to 10 dollars for their own promotions.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$426 and strike line item 2.

7 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

X FINAL Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: University Recreation Council

Title of Request: NIRSA Lead On Student Conference

Date of Activity: 1/26/2017-1/28/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Courtney Schaber

Amount Requested: \$970.00

Amount Allocated: \$600.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference that will promote involvement in Campus Rec. Networking is done to bring more information and ideas back to GV. This happened last year, and it helped the new recreation center. Students are staying at Ohio State Rec center. The only funding is being requested for travel and registration. The list of confirmed participants will be confirmed Friday, and 10 are expected. In order to accommodate for 10, not 12 students, and to ensure that each member is paying near half, it was suggested to cut some of the costs down.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$600 and strike line item 2

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Criminal Justice Student Association

Title of Request: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference

Date of Activity: 3/21/2017-3/25/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Chad Jackson

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

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 fund this conference. There is an application to make selection process more fair-only 8 members are attending. Members give \$100 deposit to hold their spots. There is a finalized list of students going to this conference. The funding wouldn't cover the entire expense of travel, but it would cover some. Students will be covering the lodging costs (\$961), and uber costs. The group has also been hosting fundraisers throughout the year to help raise money for the conference. Each member is responsible for raising 300 dollars for the cost of the conference, which they can use the fundraising for. The board discussed that the group did a good job in covering a lot of the costs on their own. The organization is paying over 4600.00 for this conference, which the board isn't even paying half of.

Motion to: Approve in Full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: GV Swing Dance Club

Title of Request: Lindy Focus

Date of Activity: 12/26/2016-1/2/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Adam Pierson, Brendan Hoekstra

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1131.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for an event that offers over 150 hours of classes with instructors that are the best in the world. This is the 2nd largest dance camp in the world. The skills learned from this event will be brought back to the group at GV. There are a few errors on the budget: the hotel was changed: 93 dollars per night, times 7. This would adjust the cost to \$651. The group would also like to change their transportation request to a large van. \$480.00 is the new total for that. The group would also like to add in "teacher training" to add \$390. 5 students are interested in going, and each person is putting out \$340 for registration costs. The new cost is 1521.00, and this is for 5 people, instead of 3 from last year. This would be \$300.00 per person, for a very long trip, but it is over \$250.00. The special registration (that isn't necessary) could be cut, bringing the total down to \$1131.00

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to 651, strike line item 3 and approve at \$1131.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Pre-Veterinary Club

Title of Request: APVMA National Sym

Date of Activity: 3/2/2017-3/5/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Christina Miller and Ilissa Chasnick

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1141.31

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Hotel cost is now at 1141.32, bringing the total down to \$1150. The conference is a mixture of lectures and labs. 12 people are expected to come this year, and there is no room for others to sign up. Members must pay a deposit to hold their spots, but they will get their money back. The group is only requesting for hotel costs, and per person, the board is only being asked for \$92 per person. It was confirmed that this new total does include tax. If there is any additional tax, the club will have to cover it.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$1141.31

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: Students for Life

Title of Request: March for Life

Date of Activity: 1/26/2017-1/29/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ryan Leif

Amount Requested: \$2,000.00

Amount Allocated: \$810.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a March for Life Event. The transportation costs are estimated; the only known costs are \$45 and \$180 for registration costs. The group is housing them, and most likely feed them. Students are expected to pay \$225 out of pocket, and it is assumed that 6 students will go, so in total, students will only pay \$1350. This would mean that there would be no skin in the game, and it is more about individual experience more than bringing anything back to GV. The benefit for GV would be equipping the Students for Life group at GV. The board discussed what the \$180 would be doing-it was clarified that the \$180 includes all costs to the larger organization. It was discussed that the funding should be cut in half, to \$810 In order for students to pay for some of the trip.

Motion to: Adjust the total to \$1350, adjust line item 1 to \$540, and line item 2 at \$270.

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

g) Requesting Organization: Alpha Kappa Psi

Title of Request: Regional Conference

Date of Activity: 2/10/2017-2/12/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachel Lewis

Amount Requested: \$4145.00

Amount Allocated: \$1980.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding was requested, not knowing that the limit for travel was \$2,000. This event is a conference that for 23 students. The Hilton is giving the group a special rate, and the final number for the hotel would be \$834.00. \$165.32 is for transportation. \$3276.00 is being requested now, and members are paying out of pocket for food and gas. The group's goal is to bring over 20 members to the conference in order to get the most education for the members. The board suggested paying for just the 20 members, and if we just funded the registration, this would be \$70 from each member, which would be about half of the cost

Motion to: strike 2, 3 and adjust line item 1 to \$1980.00

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly