

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, 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: Michelina Partipilo, Lakara Dickens, John Lurie

I. Agenda

1. Voices of GVSU
2. Muslin Student Association
3. Swing Dance Club

II. Discussion of Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: **Voices of GVSU**

1. Title of Request: Voices of GVSU and Others Mini Conference
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Amanda Dotson
3. Amount Requested: \$2,999.50
4. Description of Request: This event is a conference that will talk about how women have overcome different situations over the years and talk about their stories from women who have written a book to talk how they have overcome.
5. Discussion: The organization is open for anyone who would like to be part of the gospel choir. They feel empowerment from being together and singing together. This conference is all about empowerment. The event is free but they would like people to RSVP and as of right now they have about 100 people including guests. They are not all GVSU students. Around 70 will be around GVSU students. They are one of the oldest organizations on campus. They have reached out to the community to attend this event as well. VP Crawford explains they only fund GVSU students for catering. They are requesting hors d'oeuvres instead of regular meals. This comes out to \$17 per head. The promotions will be coming out of their own budget. They normally get around 150 people at their events throughout the year. The board will be looking at an amount of 85 Grand Valley students due to the RSVP being open for a month and a half so far.
6. Final Motion to: Adjust catering to \$680 and approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$680.00

Requesting Organization: **Muslin Student Association**

1. Title of Request: Meet a Muslim event
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Habiba Salem
3. Amount Requested: \$227.41
4. Description of Request: The MSA is planning its first event, which is Meet a Muslim.
5. Discussion: They are hosting their first event where you can come in and sit wherever they want to, and is a safe space to ask questions. They are asking for food and supplies for the event. The cost per head for catering is \$7.58. VP Crawford asked if food is the main focus of the event or if it more supplemental. The organization responds that the food is more supplemental and an incentive for people to go. The “skittles” under supplies is for an icebreaker activity. It is explained that for the university to fund only \$6 for supplies would end up costing more because of all the processing time needed.
6. Final Motion to: Strike supplies for \$6.49 and approve at \$220.92

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$220.92

Requesting Organization:

1. Title of Request: **Swing Dance Club**
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Ciana Witherell
3. Amount Requested: \$376.00
4. Description of Request: This is our annual holiday swing dance party. There will be food, dancing, games, and merriment. It takes place in the Pere Marquette room on December 6 from 9-11 pm.
5. Discussion: The organization is DJ-ing music and would like a dance floor. The organization is paying for promotions out of their own budget so they can get it done early. They are expecting slightly more than 50 people because a few extra clubs are coming. The club gets around 30 people per week and for the bigger parties they throw, they get more people.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$376.00

*Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm*