

Student Senate Appropriations Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 12/5/2017

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:** Swing Dance Club

Title of Request: Lindy Focus

Date of Activity: 12/26/2017-1/2/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Adam Pierson & Charisa Kashian

Amount Requested: \$1840.00

Amount Allocated: \$1840.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a travel request for a Lindy Hop event called Lindy Focus. Each person is going to pay at least \$345 for this trip, which includes the entry for the program, food, and gas. This is the third year the organization will be sending people to the event, and attendance is growing. It was clarified that there are extra lessons, and the \$345 is just the cost of entry, without add-ons. The organization also explained that the full amount for the hotel was \$1361. \$4071 was the total amount that that board would consider funding, and they like to pay half of total travel requests.

Motion to: approve in full

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Farm Club

Title of Request: Compost Bin Supplies

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Katelyn Tomaszewski

Amount Requested: \$298.81

Amount Allocated: \$309.34

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a forced-air compost bin for the sustainable agriculture project. This creation, which would be made from PVC piping, would save the club a lot of money from turning the compost or from buying a kit online. This bin would not be running constantly. The board asked about the support from Grand Valley, and it was clarified that the student requesting is doing this for an academic project, and this project would be sustained by other members of the club after this student leaves this group. VP Aller brought up the point that the board sees several requests from Farm Club, and expressed concern that the board has, in the past, funded many requests from this club, and there is no official cap on this amount.

Motion to: Approve line item 1 at \$123.46, line item 2 at \$185.88, and approve at \$309

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: American String Teacher Association

Title of Request: National Conference

Date of Activity: 3/8/2018-3/1/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): \$358

Amount Requested: \$1840.00

Amount Allocated: \$358.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization started off by explaining that the request must be altered. The registration would be \$250, the lodging would be \$615, and the

airfare would be \$495. The group has already received a grant of \$500 for the trip, and they are waiting to hear back for an \$800 grant. The group is only looking for a remaining \$358, and this is assuming that they receive the \$800.

Motion to: strike line item 1 and adjust line item 2 at \$358

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: University Christian Outreach
Title of Request: Annual UCO Winter Conference

Date of Activity: 1/5/2018-1/7/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jenny Bailey

Amount Requested: \$1840.00

Amount Allocated: \$1840.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference for UCO, which will contain three main sessions. It is expected that those in attendance will grow in strength in the community, leadership will be developed. The money that will be allocated for the 40-50 students will go towards scholarships for students that will attend.

Motion to: Approve in full

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: BSU
Title of Request: BSU Brunch

Date of Activity: 1/28/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ashley Harris

Amount Requested: \$9072.00

Amount Allocated: \$7925.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a brunch where the organization would bring in a key note speaker. The event is meant to bring unit and

knowledge to all students at GVSU. Co-sponsors include YBBW, NAACP, and ISalute. The event is expected to have 100 GVSU students in attendance. VP Aller made the point that the board likes to keep funding at around \$8-9 dollars a head. The organization explained that this is the first year they are putting on the event, but there might be more than 100 students to come. The department of education has also been contacted about sponsoring the event. The board also suggested this event be LIB 100/201 approved. It was explained that the speaker's price has been negotiated already. There is a unit on campus that is sponsoring this event with \$1500. The board discussed cutting the food costs down to \$800. Next the board asked the group whether or not they have done any fundraising, and the answer was that the group plans on investing more time into fundraising the next semester.

The org explained that the presenter would speak for 1 hour, and there would be a framework for discussion between students and faculty.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$800.00, and approve at the adjusted total of \$7925.00

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: Voices

Title of Request: Robert Phillips, Evan Lauchie, and Taureen Pruitt

Date of Activity: N/A

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

Amount Requested: \$550, \$550, \$1650

Amount Allocated: \$550, \$550, \$1650

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the annual payment of the 3 instructors and accompanists for the student group, Voices.

Motion to: Approve all 3 in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Meeting Adjourned at 5:42pm