

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 12/6/2016

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 Kolc, Tyler Szymkowski,

1) Opening of Meeting

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

2) Hearing of Requests

- a) **Requesting Organization:** Chinese Language & Culture Club

Title of Request: Asian New Year Festival

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): HaoYu Guo

Amount Requested: \$200.00

Amount Allocated: \$200.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for decorations for all clubs' events. Some of the decorations being requested are traditional Chinese ornamental knots and Chinese lanterns. The board asked if there are any events that these decorations will be used for, and the answer was yes, such as the Chinese New Year Event. The organization argued that these decorations will last for a number of years and that will be more durable for the club.

Motion to: pass request in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) 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): Amber Stevenson, Troy Taylor

Amount Requested: \$275.00

Amount Allocated: \$275.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for essential pallets and brushes for this newer organization. The group explained its purpose, which is to promote makeup artistry on campus. The board asked about the hygiene of the brushes. The organization that brushes are cleaned between people, and members also have to sign waivers for this usage. The makeup will be stored in Kirkhof.

Motion to: Approve in Full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Phi Sigma Pi

Title of Request: Recruitment Fondue Night

Date of Activity: 2/8/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Danielle Minster

Amount Requested: \$310.00

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: This event for recruitment is open to all students, and it entices students to join. 10-15 brothers will be explaining their organization at any given time. This event has been funded in the past. The board debated funding events like this for other groups who want to have recruitment events (this would deplete the budget

quickly). Dues are paid within the group, and this is around 100 dollars. These dues are paid in order to fund the initiation events.

Motion to: deny request in full

8 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: The Council for Exceptional Children

Title of Request: Bi-Weekly Events

Date of Activity: 1/23/2016, 2/6/2017, 3/13/2017, 3/27/2017, 4/10/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Lauren Hogikyan

Amount Requested: \$310.62

Amount Allocated: \$310.62

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for speaker gifts, food for each night, and promotions to keep the club going on a bi-weekly basis. The board questioned the merit of the club's events, and claimed that they seem more like regular meetings, and not 'events.' The organization pointed out that they are cutting down on pizzas requested in order to limit the amount of pizzas leftover. The organization clarified that there are no dues collected, and that all fundraising goes towards Grandville transitions.

Motion to: approve request in full

8 FOR 2 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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e) Requesting Organization: Professional Sales Association

Title of Request: 'New Years Networking' Event

Date of Activity: 1/17/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jacques Dompierre

Amount Requested: \$379.99

Amount Allocated: \$781

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The funding is being requested for the group's first event, which will assist with sales training, and will give GVSU students opportunities for internships and possible jobs. Currently, the group only has a logo with low pixels, and the group needs to work with promotions to help band the group. For this reason, they are added promotions package 5 (\$245.00). The group is also having multiple speakers come in for this kickoff event. There are at least 50 people attending this event. Finally, the group is also requesting funds for buttons for the group (\$34.50).

It was clarified that there are 5 events. The club is asking for, in total, \$1455.55. It was questioned if the room could be waived, and the answer is yes. So the total would be \$815.55, without the room. After being adjusted, the food would be \$336. Now, the promotional cost would be \$279.50. In total, this would be \$815.55

The board discussed that the board cannot fund the buttons, so line item three was moved to be adjusted to \$240.00. The new total would be \$781.00. The food was determined to be reasonable because the cost per head would be about \$6 per person, and this is good considering that it is downtown.

Motion to: reduce line item 3 to \$240.00, friendly amendment to pass at \$781.

Consent was called

The allocation recommendation is:

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f) Requesting Organization: Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Title of Request: Founders Day Celebration

Date of Activity: 1/16/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$612.16

Amount Allocated: \$347.16

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a founder's day celebration, which will have speakers, dancers, and key note speakers. This event is open to all people at GVSU. The specific funding would go towards food service, and promotions. The board discussed the value of the food for the event, because it does not seem integral. This event will be business casual, and it will celebrate MLK day, as well as black culture.

It was questioned about the members, and it was explained that there are 3 active members. This event is marketed towards the black groups on campus. It was discussed

that the dinner would make the event seem for exclusive, especially with the dress code. The attendance was speculated to be fairly high because of the topic, and the sorority encourages all people to come, and they even changed rooms to accommodate a larger audience. In the past, the event has gotten about 50 people in attendance. The board discussed cutting down the budget to about \$400 for the food, so the food would be around 8 dollars a head. If the food was more centered on appetizers, in order to make it more inclusive. The group explained that people would stay and respect the event if there was a full meal to entice them. If \$400 is spent, and 66 people come, that would be about \$6 per person. If the amount was lowered even more, the line item could be at \$320, bringing the total to 347.16

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to \$320, and approve at that adjusted amount.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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g) Requesting Organization: Meeting Professionals International

Title of Request: Rental Cars

Date of Activity: 2/2/2017-2/6/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Bre'onna Raymo

Amount Requested: \$1,166.82

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a trip that will be going to the super bowl to work it. The group members have already bought their own plane tickets, anywhere from \$200-\$600. It was questioned what working security for the super bowl would do for the students, and what the members would bring back to GV. The organization explained that this would provide opportunities to network.

Unfortunately, the group cannot be funded because they will be getting paid for this opportunity. The organization did mention that the money paid will be going towards the housing for the trip.

Another question was about the rental company-Student Life would have to use Enterprise van rentals, which the group had not made arrangements for. 19 students are going, and one van will be provided in Texas.

Motion to: table the request until 6pm at General Assembly

h) Requesting Organization: Dance Marathon

Title of Request: Laker-Thon

Date of Activity: 3/25/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Natalie Loewengruber, Hannah Nyebuer

Amount Requested: \$1,500.00

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a dance marathon that will support the children's network hospital. All fundraising will go for DeVos children's hospital, and so all funds are being requested to fund all supplies necessary for this event. The detailed list came into consideration. Valerie mentioned that it would be better to have a conversation to retool and update the list for this budget.

Motion to: Table the request

Consent

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

i) Requesting Organization: Student Veterans of America

Title of Request: Travel Expense

Date of Activity: 1/5/2017-1/7/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Mathew Oudbier

Amount Requested: \$1,500.00

Amount Allocated: \$750.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to send 3 members of the organization to a national conference in Anaheim, CA. There will be 1800 student veterans showing up to this event, and this event will give students the tools to recognize the challenges that student veterans face. Fundraising has been occurring, and hundreds will be raised. The approximate costs for everything will be around \$2200. About \$1700 is raised currently. VP Travis brought up that the precedent followed is that the board has been funding about \$200-\$250. \$200 per person would be reasonable, because they will have already raised enough money to make up the total costs. (They have skin in the game.)

It was mentioned that these people did defend our country, so it was questioned whether or not this should make a difference. It was argued that money should be funded for housing as well.

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to 600, and strike line item 2. Amendment to adjust line item 1 to \$750.

8 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

j) Requesting Organization: Chinese Language Culture Club

Title of Request: R.I.C.E.

Date of Activity: 3/18/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): HaoYu Guo

Amount Requested: \$5,000.00

Amount Allocated: \$3500

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to co-sponsor the R.I.C.E. conference with the Asian Student Union. The organization wanted to show support for this event. \$3000 remaining for the speaker, and \$2000 for a different speaker. The request was not heard very fairly at general assembly. The speaker did say that they could renegotiate, but they do not have a definite number currently. The board discussed how the organization did work hard to raise money from different departments for this event. They explained that the speaker's time speaking will be augmented. It was suggested that the second speaker should be funded in full at \$2000, and the other speaker an extra \$1000. It was discussed that it might be unreasonable to have a speaker speak for \$50 per person. VP Travis made the point that the group really wants this specific speaker, and it would be unfair to make them choose a different speaker. Considering their persistence and their collaboration with another org, it was mentioned that the full \$500 should be allotted in order to confirm their speaker, with the hope that the org would renegotiate the amount with David So to a cheaper amount. The fact that it is coming out of the Service and Advocacy fund also is an influence on the decision. The group is also raising money in the event that funding does not go through.

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to \$2000 for the second speaker, and \$1500 to David So, bringing the amount to \$3500 total

Question was Called, no objections

Division was called

3 FOR 3 AGAINST 3 ABSTAIN

After this vote, the question of participation was called in to question, and the extra groups would increase attendance.

Motion to: approve at \$3500

Call to Question

Revote

4 Approve 2 Objections 3 Abstentions

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k) Requesting Organization: Latino Student Union

Title of Request: USHLI-United States Hispanic Leadership Institute

Date of Activity: 2/16/2017-2/19/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Vanessa Sanchez

Amount Requested: \$7,020.00

Amount Allocated: \$4000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for this USHL conference. This positively impacts students, and empowers students to be leaders. 20 students and 2 advisors are expected to attend. If the board only funded \$2000, the group would still have a lot of skin in the game.

Motion to: line item 1 at 2000, friendly amendment to fund vans for \$560, and the hotel for \$1440

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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l) Requesting Organization: Alpha Kappa Psi

Title of Request: Entrepreneurship Conference

Date of Activity: 2/16/2017-2/19/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Mary Kate Klein

Amount Requested: \$7,020.00

Amount Allocated: \$4,261.00

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 feature a charitable organization that will speak about his experiences. The speaker fee is being requested, as well as the food and promotions. In addition to all of this, promotions are also being requested. This will help empower students who are interested in starting their own businesses. The board discussed the low cost of the food, how the promotions are good. However, there is a similar issue with the price per student for the speaker fee. The board did discuss the value of working with other organizations and divisions at Grand Valley. It was mentioned that Seidman would most likely cover the \$1000 cost for the travel expenses. The organization expressed concern in funding this amount so close to the date, but VP Travis urged the group to talk to the business college as soon as possible.

Motion to: strike line item 2 and approve the rest in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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