

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/21/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Rachel Travis

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Mathew Criado-Cano, Carly Aller, Deja Broaden, Riley Burch, Olivia Kolc, Tyler Szymkowski, Wesley Wilson, Quinn Gardner

1) Opening of Meeting

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

2) Hearing of Requests

- a) **Requesting Organization:** Circle K International

Title of Request: District Convention

Date of Activity: 3/24/2017-3/26/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jessica DeGriek

Amount Requested: \$1600.00

Amount Allocated: \$900.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group is requesting funding for registration fees for an upcoming conference in Detroit Michigan. The group explained that each person must pay \$200 to attend for additional fees like transportation and service costs. There are 9 members who want to go to this conference, which is an increase in numbers from previous years.

The board asked if the packet was correct in saying that 8 members would be attending, and it was confirmed that 1 has already paid for registration, so the price to be funded is correct. The board explained that typically they meet the organization half way, and in order to fund half of the costs, this would be \$900 in total.

Motion to: approve request at \$900

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: AMA

Title of Request: Motorcoach costs for Conference

Date of Activity: 2/18/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ivana Nujic

Amount Requested: \$1575.00

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: 45 students are able to ride in this charter bus for a one day event in Detroit. The group explained that the event is free to attend, and there is only a deposit. Unfortunately, the board realized that the bus has already been paid for, so it is not able to be funded. For that reason, it was denied in full.

Motion to: deny request in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Pre-Pharmacy Association

Title of Request: Gift Bags for Guest Speakers

Date of Activity: 2/28/2017, 3/14/2017, 3/28/2017, 4/11/2017

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

Amount Requested: \$100.00

Amount Allocated: \$50.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for 4 speaker gifts. The board

asked if any of the presenters are Grand Valley Faculty or students. The organization looked into the issue, and it was found that Bates and Robertson are not from Grand Valley. Those are the only line items that can be funded.

Motion to: approve at \$50, and therefore fund line items 2 and 3.

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Righteous Movement

Title of Request: Speaker Request

Date of Activity: 3/24/2017, 4/14/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Kari Bonner

Amount Requested: \$1000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1000.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to bring in a Pastor who will speak at 2 different events. It was explained that he already discounted the overall price from \$1400 to \$600. The board asked about other expenses for the event, and the group will be providing food and promotions by themselves. Because of the outside contributions and the popularity of this event, it was approved in full.

Motion to: approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: National Science Teachers Association

Title of Request: NSTA Trip to MSTTA Conference in Novi, MI

Date of Activity: 3/24/2017-3/25/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Breanna Arnold

Amount Requested: \$1041.00

Amount Allocated: \$385.72

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for hotel stay, transportation fees, and registration. It was confirmed that line item 3 could be stricken off the original request. The group explained that the group would be paying for the Cranbrook visit while there. The board made the point that they would be more comfortable funding the students that are confirmed to be going. Valerie pointed out that the vans should be at \$165.72, before the \$25 dollar delivery fee. The board took a moment to add up all of the known costs to determine what half of the costs would be. The determined number was \$385.72, after splitting each item in half.

Motion to: approve at the adjusted amount at \$385.72

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) **Requesting Organization:** Catholic Student Ministries

Title of Request: Retreat

Date of Activity: 2/18/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Stephan Lietz

Amount Requested: \$1800.00

Amount Allocated: \$975.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for retreat costs that include registration and the lodging registration. The group explained the fundraising that was already done, and that the deposit and promotions for the event has already been paid for out of their organizational campus account. They also explained how this conference could bring positivity and safety to GVSU students. The group might also use their own funds for speaker gifts. It was confirmed that any student could come to this conference, but the board decided that they should treat this request like a travel one, so they attempted to cut it in half. It was difficult to divide in half because speaker gifts and food would not normally be counted. It would be \$975 if the organization provides \$150 in speaker gifts and promotions. This would be in line with the previous rules for travel, and that is why the funding was cut down to \$975.

Motion to: approve at \$975.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly