

Student Senate Appropriations Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/27/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Carly Aller

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Ben Rifkin, Patrick Cox, Nyia Slade, Jack Boitel, Hannah Scott, 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:** Alpha Kappa Psi
Title of Request: Back to Business Week

Date of Activity: 3/12/18-3/17/18

Name(s) of Presenter(s):

Amount Requested: \$2615.00

Amount Allocated: \$1560.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a business week in which the group intends on presenting a week of activities where presentations will be and events will occur each day, with different topics relating to professionalism. The board asked if there was a catering quote for the request, and the organization presented the food request with a breakdown per day. They explained that they believe the full 60 and then some should be in attendance for each, with around 30-40 in attendance for Monday-Thursday. The board determined that the current amount would supply for about 11 dollars a head with those numbers in consideration. The organization then adjusted their estimate for Monday's attendance, and reported that Monday would draw about 50 people because they will be partnering with other larger organizations like YBBW. VP Aller

mentioned lowering the price per head to around 8 dollars. The organization went on to explain the Friday event in more detail: this event, the Office Party, is expected to bring in more people. VP Aller called for an estimate for the attendance for this office party, and asked what the board thought about funding this event, which might be primarily for their members. The board discussed whether or not they should fund this event, and how they feel about so much catering for the entire week. They determined that they were struggling with funding catering for every single day. The board asked how this last event is different from a regular party. If they funded 400 for Monday, \$240 for Wednesday, \$240 for Thursday, and \$400 for Saturday, and not funding Friday.

The board then talked about the photographer, which is meant to take photos at the career fair in order to capture the moment. The board asked what the photographer would provide that the members could not. The answer was that the professionalism is what the photographer would add. They discussed that the three hour time block might be an overestimate, and having them for a hour would suffice.

The board went on to discuss the promotions, and the fact that the group is requesting the largest package to promote this event. The quantity for this full week was determined to be appropriate.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 at \$1280, line item 3 to \$25, and approve line item 2, approving at the amount of \$1560.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Irish Dance Club

Title of Request: Dance Competition

Date of Activity: 3/23/2018-3/24/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Alena Woellecke

Amount Requested: \$200.00

Amount Allocated: \$100.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization is requesting funds to travel to a dance competition, where they would need registration and lodging

Motion to: cut line item 2, and approve at \$100.

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Belly Dance

Title of Request: A Night of Belly Dance

Date of Activity: 4/8/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Tiffany Mann

Amount Requested: \$658.50

Amount Allocated: \$658.50

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a dance floor and catering to support their recital that is extremely well attended and received. It is confirmed that the group has a potluck before the event to feed the dancers, and the group also does their own promotions, through facebook, posters, and flyers.

Motion to: approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: FAA

Title of Request: Dinner with 7 Lakers

Date of Activity: 3/27/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Kim Long

Amount Requested: \$1606.50

Amount Allocated: \$976.50

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for an RSVP-only event, where each table will have a professor and alumni at each table, with 6 other lakers. The group explained that although they have a higher amount per head, they believe this is warranted, due to the attendance of faculty and alumni. The board discussed that there will be 90 students, and only those students can be funded, and they should be funded at \$10 a head at max. The rationale for funding at the higher end of the 8-10 dollar limit is due to the fact that the event is based around a dinner, and so it was justified to spend this higher amount.

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to \$900, and approve at adjusted total of \$976.50

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Campus for Consent

Title of Request: Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Date of Activity: 4/2/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Madison Brooks & Jessica Goodwin

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1190.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a keynote speaker for sexual assault awareness. The group stated that they would like to add a \$190 line item for promotions. The board asked about the speaker's fee and if it is a negotiated price. The board was cautious about the price, because this would total to about \$50 a head. The organization estimated that over 40 students would be in attendance because it is a larger event, and their last, most recent event pulled in 40 students.

The board debated whether or not to pay the \$2000.00 for the speaker fee, and whether or not to add a promotional package. The group explained that they have had larger numbers in years past. They also have reached out to the LGBTQ resource center to help with this event. The speaker was confirmed to be speaking for about 60-90 minutes. The biggest concern of VP Aller and the rest of the board was that this speaker would only be reaching a small amount of campus, and at this price, that seemed inappropriate. The board was thinking that funding half this amount would be a good compromise.

Motion to: approve in full, retract motion. Adjust line item 1 to \$1000, and add a second line item at \$190.

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: TEDx

Title of Request: TEDxGVSU Shape 2018

Date of Activity: 3/16/2018

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nikhil Watsa

Amount Requested: \$3665.50

Amount Allocated: \$3892.50

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the second annual Tedx event. The event allows speakers to speak about various topics. The group has been planning for this event since last June, and brought in a completely revised budget. As far as current sponsorship, there is about \$4700 in total, but a large amount of that is

not in the form of cash. University Communications is also a sponsor, and they will be streaming the event for free, replacing an otherwise 2500 cost. The only thing not covered is \$500 for closed captioning, which is mandatory.

The budget presented breaks down the locations: Allendale and Downtown. The costs include catering and fees for the rooms downtown that were unable to be waived. Next on the updated sheet is the promotions, which the organization explained as pretty straight forward. Next the "other" category was referenced, and in this category is speaker gifts, closed captioning, and TEDx Letters

The presenter explained that as per the rules last year, even though there are tickets for this event, if the group charges money for the event, this can be acceptable, as long as that money goes back to the Student Life fund if there are in fact profits.

VP Aller questioned the catering for TEDx at the Allendale campus, and the speaker answered that it is in order to tie the Allendale campus to the event. The board discussed that the price per head in Allendale is acceptable, if they decide to fund that food cost. The group explained that although the food cost for downtown was high, this would represent GVSU, and several Deans will be in attendance. This will be in order to keep up appearance. VP Aller explained that \$10 a head is the highest that the board could cover per head.

The board discusses whether or not a name tag is to be considered as a giveaway. After discussion nametags were considered important to GVSU appearance at the event and approved.

Speaker gifts was reduced to one hundred and twenty five dollars following discussion on speakers who are and are not GVSU associated.

Motion to: Approve in full at 3,892.50

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

Meeting Adjourned at 5:52 p.m.