

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/28/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Rachel Travis

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Carly Aller, Deja Broaden, Riley Burch, Olivia Kolc, Tyler Szymkowski, Wesley Wilson, Quinn Gardner, Ryan Christian

1) Opening of Meeting

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

2) Hearing of Requests

- a) **Requesting Organization:** Universities Allied for Essential Medicine

Title of Request: 5K Run Promotional Materials

Date of Activity: 4/8/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Amber Brooks

Amount Requested: \$30.00

Amount Allocated: \$30.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funds are being requested for promotional materials for a 5k run in April. The amount requested was clarified as actually \$30.00, as the extra \$40.00 for the posters and banners would come out of their personal fund. The board asked if campus rec was partnering with the group for this 5k run. The answer was yes, and the group elaborated about the cause.

Motion to: approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: GV Swing Dance Club

Title of Request: Swing Dance Showcase

Date of Activity: 4/22/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Charissa Kashian and Adam Pierson

Amount Requested: \$421.00

Amount Allocated: \$421.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the 2nd annual swing dance show case. The group needs to rent equipment and food service for this event. It was asked how many students attended this event last year, and it was clarified that there were 100-200 audience members and hopefully the 3 dance groups-GV Swing, Kapoara, and Belly Dance. The board discussed the food costs, and VP Travis pointed out that she is ok with this cost because a full meal will not be provided. The board asked about promotions for the event, and the organization explained that they typically make their own posters and other promotions for their events.

Motion to: approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Comic Book Club

Title of Request: C2E2 (Chicago Comic-Con Expo)

Date of Activity: 4/21/2017-4/23/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brandon Allen and Javier Angeles

Amount Requested: \$700.00

Amount Allocated: \$700.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the Chicago Comic-Con Expo. They are asking for \$70 per person for ticket expenses. There are 10 confirmed students

going on this trip. The organization is covering their own costs for the hotel and travel expenses. They will be staying in 2 rooms, and driving their own cars. The board brought up the point that they could have done an extra room and have requested vans, but they did not. The board discussed whether or not they should fund only half, but the group decided to stick to funding \$70 per person.

Motion to: approve in full

7 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Microbiology Club

Title of Request: Tory Hendry Visit

Date of Activity: 3/31/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rebecca Gordon

Amount Requested: \$956.00

Amount Allocated: \$956.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to bring in a Microbiology speaker, Tory Hendry. The organization explained that they have about 15 members consistently attending meetings. The board asked about the Jimmy Johns food request, and Valerie confirmed that this was possible, it would just have to be reimbursed. The board asked about the room choice for the event, because they expect around 75 students to come. The luncheon was questioned because it seemed to look like a speaker gift, but it was in fact part of the contract. It was recommended that the event become LIB 100/200 approved.

It was explained this event is a lot different from last year, and the attendance should go up from last year because it will be more advertised more this year, as well. The point was made that it is hard to get student attendance up when it is an academic speaker. There was a concern about the amount of food that would probably go to GV professors more so than students.

The board then asked how the reception would look, and the organization explained how the event would work, and they addressed the point that free food does help raise student attendance. It was asked if the department was contributing any funds, and the department is taking the speaker out to a dinner, and they are also considering giving her an honorarium.

Motion to: approve in full

7 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Muslim Students' Association

Title of Request: Persian New Year Event

Date of Activity: 3/17/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Abe Azhai and Paimida Davarmanesh

Amount Requested: \$1360.00

Amount Allocated: \$1160.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group is requesting funding for an event supported by multiple interreligious groups and departments on campus. The event will teach about cultural and religious practices. This will help increase literacy about Iran and its respective culture. The event is LIB 100/200 approved, and the Persian food should draw in people to attend. The food costs are for 120 people, and the organization explained that they requested more money just in case, so that everyone in attendance could eat. The board decided that food should be funded for 100 people, bringing the cost down to \$1000 for food. The date of the event was also called into question, because it is St. Patrick's Day. The group explained that they considered this and they moved the event to 6pm-8pm. The board questioned the postage costs, and asked if this could be funded/reimbursed. Valerie explained that it could be, and because the items being shipped are essential, the board agreed that the cost should be covered.

Motion to: approve at \$1160.00 with the adjusted line item 1 at \$1000.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: Eta Sigma Phi Honorary Society for Classical Studies

Title of Request: ETA Sigma Phi's 89th National Convention

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

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Sydney Strablow and Justine Cacch

Amount Requested: \$1404.00

Amount Allocated: \$653.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to send 6 delegates to a national convention. The requests are for lodging and event registration, and out of pocket, each member will be paying \$100. This includes travel, parking, and additional conference fees. This reception (\$30) includes a banquet and a chance to network. Therefore the board can only consider this as personal contribution. In order to follow funding board guidelines, the board calculated how much half of this they should cover. VP Travis pointed out that the board should only be considering 2 rooms to fund, and not 3, because 2 rooms would be plausible. With this adjustment to line item 1, and the consideration of \$180 for additional costs, half of the contributions would be \$653.

Motion to: approve line item 1 at \$556, and line item 2 at \$100.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

g) Requesting Organization: Senior Citizens Club

Title of Request: Spring Prom

Date of Activity: 4/8/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Hannah Sckweikart

Amount Requested: \$1623.39

Amount Allocated: \$1494.95

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a dance that is hosted twice a year by the Senior Citizen Club. This event is looked at differently because it is seen as service and advocacy, and feeding these senior citizen is a service endeavor. Both students and senior citizen eat the food provided. Currently, the food would be at over 12 dollars a head. VP Travis suggested cutting the catering down by 10 people. The board retorted that they could cut down the catering to 80 students, not 87. The board expressed that they could fund 87 people at \$9.88 each. The board discussed if they should in fact fund non-GV students to eat.

Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$859.56 and approve at \$1494.95

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

h) Requesting Organization: To Write Love on Her Arms

Title of Request: Neil Hilborn Poetry

Date of Activity: 3/31/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Molly Marks and Gabby Lewis

Amount Requested: \$2156.00

Amount Allocated: \$2136.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to fund a slam poet to campus to bring about awareness of mental illness. The funds being requested would be for a speaker contract, and promotions. The third line item can be stricken from the budget because it is not eligible. Otherwise, the rest of the budget is fair, and the board decided to approve the rest of the request in full.

Motion to: strike line item 3

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly