

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: 3/13/2018**

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Carly Aller

**Advisor:** Valerie Guzman

**Board Members Present:** Patrick Cox, Nick Bara, Brad Stek, Jack Boitel, Hannah Scott, Nick Toth, Amanda Crawford, John Lurie, Clyde Owens

## 1) Opening of Meeting

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

## 2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization: Campus For Consent**  
**Title of Request:** Tea Talk: Consent and Health

**Date of Activity:** 4/4/18

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Madison Brooks

**Amount Requested:** \$185.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$185.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The Tea Party will feature speakers from similar organizations and other conversation leaders with expertise and knowledge in the field. It will be a conversation about sexual assault awareness. They plan to have at least 35 people

**Motion to:** Approve in full at \$185.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) **Requesting Organization: YBBW**

**Title of Request:** Annual Women's Conference

**Date of Activity: 3/31/18**

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Zaria Reeder Wesley

**Amount Requested:** \$786.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$686.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The conference is held annually; this is the 7th year. The theme is "Lets talk about sex" and will include various topics and tips. There will be speaker for breakout sessions and a general session. They plan for the speakers to be from outside of the GVSU community, and there are no set speakers yet.

They plan for event to include breakfast and lunch, as it is 4-5 hours. The board discussed the catering amounts. Breakfast comes in at \$2.40 per head for 60 students, and the lunch is within the range as well.

The board informed the presenter that we do not fund speakers from inside the GVSU community, and they will not fund speakers unless they are confirmed. The board decided that they would not be comfortable funding line item 2 without a confirmed speaker.

**Motion to:** cut line item 2, and approve at \$686.00.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is: \$686.00**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) **Requesting Organization: American Marketing Association**

**Title of Request:** AMA 2018 International Collegiate Conference

**Date of Activity:** 4/5/18-4/8/2018

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Gina Cellentani

**Amount Requested:** \$2000.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$2000.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group as had representatives at this event for several years, and they plan to take 7 this year.

The estimated total cost is \$7000.00, and they are requesting \$2000.00

752.50 is half of the registration costs for the group, and \$1247.50 is half of the transpiration costs. They will be flying to New Orleans.

In 2015, the group requested \$507 and got \$507

**Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to \$1247.50 and approve the request at \$2000.00**

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**d) Requesting Organization: Senior Citizens Club**

**Title of Request:** Spring Prom

**Date of Activity:** 3/27/2018

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Olivia Meister

**Amount Requested:** \$1659.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1655.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** This event is a prom for senior citizens in the area and includes a live band. They have been putting on the event for 10 years. In previous years they have had simpler food, and the group wants to provide more options for the guests, so they are requesting more money for food. They usually have 80+ guests in addition to their members as hosts of the event. The group takes donations of money and materials, with no fund-raisers planned for the event.

Chair Aller questioned why Line Item 6 "Coffee" stands on its own, and why Line Item 5 "Linens" was not included in the catering quote. The total request for food was combined into one line item (1+5+6=\$899.00). With the amount requested, the food comes in at \$11 a head. Because the group is service and advocacy, the rule regarding only funding food for GV students is waived, as feeding the senior citizens is integral for the event.

The board discussed the high price, and adjusted to make it \$8 per head. This brings food to \$640, plus linen prices brings a new line item to \$736. The board decided to fund at the \$9 since an exception was already being made to serve non-GVSU students.

The board questioned the need for a popcorn machine if a meal is being provided. The rationale from the group was that they meal is served later on in the event.

The band is comprised of local senior citizen musicians. Normally 9 members perform, paid \$45 each.

Checking the records, in previous years they have been approved for \$1800 and \$1900 for similar line items. The popcorn machine was funded last year.

**Motion to: Adjust Line item 1 to \$899.00 and approve at \$1655.00**

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) **Requesting Organization:** Catholic Student Ministry

**Title of Request:** Spring Retreat

**Date of Activity:** 3/23-3/25

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kevin Brennun and Daniel Swanson

**Amount Requested:** \$2200.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1350.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The retreat is held every year, and they expect 50 GVSU students to attend. They will be combining the event with students from Hope and Ferris.

They are requesting \$1600 for lodging, and \$500.00 for the meeting space.

The event is styled as a conference, and includes many speakers. The students who attend build leadership abilities. Personal growth, and sense of community. It will also foster relationships with students from other schools, as the GVSU group would be hosting. It will be held at Camp Henry, where their fall retreat was held.

The first day will include check-in, ice breakers, dinner, and a testimony period.

The second day includes meals, icebreakers, 3 guest speakers, breakout sessions, and other activities.

The final day includes breakfast, small group leadership discussion and speakers.

The board discussed whether the event falling on Palm Sunday would lower attendance, but the org is under the impression that Palm Sunday will actually encourage people to attend. They already have 40 GVSU students signed up.

50% of their travel cost (\$2700) would be \$1350.00 which comes out to \$27 a person.

**Motion to:** Adjust line item 1 to \$1350, strike line item 2 and approve at \$1350.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) **Requesting Organization: Euphoria**

**Title of Request:** Boston Sings Conference

**Date of Activity:** 4/6/18-4/8/18

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kayla Jeske, Grace Veenstra, and Jack Phillipson

**Amount Requested:** \$3843.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$2000.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group will be attending the conference and are 1 of 6 groups performing at the conference and will be representing GVSU in the competition. They compete on Friday and attended classes and talks on Saturday. They have raised \$10,000 this year as a group.

They are requesting money to fly, where they originally were planning to drive. Competing means that they have to be there early, and want to save academic time by flying instead of driving in order to allow their members to attend as many of their classes as possible. The cheapest flights are out 2366.00 for 14 members to fly (169.00/person) from Detroit to Boston 2212 for lodging where other attendees are staying.

They had requested \$910.00 as reimbursement for registration, but Chair Aller explained the rules against reimbursement.

\$5488 is the total cost of their trip. The board discussed that the easiest allocation would be \$2000 into lodging or \$2000 into flights. Krista recommended that flights would be the best option to keep the lower price. The total would be \$142.85 per person for 14 people.

**Motion to:** Strike 1&2 and adjust to \$2000 and approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

g) **Requesting Organization: American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

**Title of Request:** Midwest Graduate Regional Symposium

**Date of Activity:** 4/6/18-4/7/18

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):**

**Amount Requested:** \$298.95

**Amount Allocated:** \$298.95

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group only has lodging cost, as 3 grad students attending have individual funding, and this funding also covers van rental. The \$298.95 will fund lodging for the remaining 7 undergraduate students.

The undergrad students will attend the symposium and present research as well as listen to speakers and have networking opportunities. The event also includes panels about research and grad school.

The group did shop around for lodging and the amount requested is for the cheapest option.

**Motion to: Adjust line item 1 to 298.95 and approve in full**

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

g) **Requesting Organization: Students for Special Olympics Advocacy**

**Title of Request:** SSOA Prom

**Date of Activity:** 4/13/18

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Taylor Tyszkiewicz

**Amount Requested:** \$265.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$265.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group brings in area special Olympic athletes into a non-stressful setting with games, awards, food, etc to encourage friendship building. The org also does events with Special Olympics athletes throughout the year, and encourages all students to attend to foster friendships.

They are requesting funds for food, as the org will be fundraising for decorations, etc.

Chair Aller asked about promotions, and the org is using social media to promote the event. The org confirmed that the group is working with the promotions office and will be funding promotions on their own.

They are anticipating 30 GVSU students to attend, plus 20 athletes.

The board asked about music, and the org confirmed that they will be making their own playlists and providing their own music.

**Motion to: Approve in full**

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**i) Requesting Organization: Lanthorn**

**Title of Request:** Lanthorn Deficit Request

**Date of Activity:** March 2018-June 2019

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):**

**Amount Requested:** \$9350.00

**\*SUGGESTED Amount to Allocate:** \$9350.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The request is coming from the reserve account. Chair Aller has decided that the group will come to Student Senate General Assembly on 3/22, since the money is coming out of the reserve fund. The board makes a motion to make a recommendation to Student Senate GA, who will vote after a presentation from the Lanthorn during a GA meeting.

The Lanthorn is on track to conclude the year with a deficit, since advertising funding is not what it once was. They are looking to make significant cuts next year to be better prepared, but the current deficit has to be addressed before those future permanent solutions come into play.

They are requesting \$9350 to cover printing materials for the remainder of the fiscal year (through June) which includes the printed issues distributed on campus for the rest of the semester and 2 summer issues. This would help cover the deficit.

The board discussed the importance of the Lanthorn to the campus community, and that the Lanthorn has shown that they understand the changes that they need to make in their fiscal year budget to adjust to the decrease in advertising funding.

**Motion to: Recommend to the Student Senate General Assembly to approve the request in full**

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

*Meeting Adjourned at 6:06 p.m.*