

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/14/2017

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, 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: French Club

Title of Request: Chicago Trip

Date of Activity: 2/22/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jordan Meyer and Joe Jarmoluk

Amount Requested: \$1639.04

Amount Allocated: \$586

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization is requesting funds for transportation and lodging for 6 students. They began by indicating that train ticket prices have gone up to \$561. They requested 3 rooms for 6 students, and VP Travis pointed out that the board should consider only funding 2 rooms because that would be plausible. The organization explained that they only have 4 students signed up for sure. This would influence the board because they debated whether they should look at this request as only 4 people or 6. For 4 students, the train would only cost \$374. With this adjustment, the new total

that the board was considering to fund was \$1174, and the total they agreed upon was \$587, as this would be half of the cost. This would all go towards the hotel rooms.

Motion to: approve line item 1 at the adjusted amount of \$587.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Kappa Kappa Psi

Title of Request: Travel

Date of Activity: 4/7/2017-4/9/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Emily L Machniak

Amount Requested: \$1975.95

Amount Allocated: \$1206.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference. The group has already provided \$55 per student for registration fees. However, the group was aware that the Transportation costs for gas should be stricken. \$2411 was the total for the trip that the board could fund, so there was a suggestion to fund the hotel at \$1206, which is about half.

Motion to: approve line item 1 at the adjusted amount of \$587.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Swing Dance Club

Title of Request: Lindy Hop

Date of Activity: 3/26/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Adam Pierson

Amount Requested: \$150.00

Amount Allocated: \$150.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group explained that they have \$100 left from

fundraising. In order to cover the rest of the expenses, the group is asking for \$150. The instructors lowered their price to \$250.00. The board asked the group how many students who are not members come in, and it was admitted that very few do. Because the club brought in their own funds for this event, it was approved in full.

Motion to: approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Pre-Med Club

Title of Request: MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine Medical School Visit

Date of Activity: 3/24/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Tyler Johnston

Amount Requested: \$160.00

Amount Allocated: \$80.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group is requesting funds for a medical school visit, and they are in need of 2 vans. In order to follow what the board's precedent, they decided to approve half of the total cost.

Motion to: strike line item 2 and approve line item 1 at \$80.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Alpha Omega Co-Ed Christian Fraternity

Title of Request: Workshop Fee

Date of Activity: 4/1/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ebone Abrams

Amount Requested: \$250.00

Amount Allocated: \$250.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group has fundraised \$100 for this event, and the

remaining speaker costs are \$250, which includes packets of information that they will distribute. The board explained that they would need to see a contract, but otherwise the event was solid and would have impact on the GVSU community.

Motion to: approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: Farm Club

Title of Request: Equipment Request

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Krista Affholter

Amount Requested: \$529.95

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to purchase a blender that would be used to promote the SAP and to advocate lessening wood waste. This also would help fundraising throughout the season and support the workshops. This blender also has a 10 year warranty, so it would last longer. The board questioned why the Vitamix was selected when it is so expensive. The organization explained that the blender has a higher warranty, and can hold a large volume, and that is why the organization chose it. The board questioned where this blender would be stored, and there is reliable storage for this item. The board again pointed out that \$500 for a blender seemed far too high. The board contested that even though this blender should be able to feed a lot of people, but there might be cheaper options, and the board felt like the organization should come back with other options.

Motion to: table request

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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g) Requesting Organization: GVSU Formula SAE

Title of Request: Tools

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Chris Clark, Connor Koryto, and Andrew Gibson

Amount Requested: \$837.48

Amount Allocated: \$837.48

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: This request is for an engineering competition. The group will be using this project for their senior project. Funding is being requested for tools in this request. These are meant to continuously build the team. The tools they are requesting are tax exempt, and they are requesting a discount. The tools would be stored in a vehicle bay. The group explained how the race works and how they try to save as much money as possible. The prices were deliberated, and it was explained that this tool kit will last for years because they are higher grade. The group also does a lot of fundraising, and they have raised \$20,000.00.

Motion to: approve in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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h) Requesting Organization: GVSU Formula SAE

Title of Request: Vehicle Parts

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Chris Clark, Connor Koryto, and Andrew Gibson

Amount Requested: \$897.50

Amount Allocated: \$761.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: This request was for safety equipment, including fire-proof suits and seatbelts because many of the students on the team cannot fit into the current one. The risk-management of this group came up, and it was confirmed that the group is closely advised, and this is not the complete list of safety equipment needed. The organization was not sure if all items were appropriate, so they did not request everything they needed. The board discussed the individual items that the group needed, and they decided that the request must be updated in the computer in order to reflect the actual parts that are being ordered. They then adjusted prices and line items accordingly. VP Travis suggested that due to the incomplete nature of the itemized list and the possibility of receiving 20% off, the board should deduct 20% from the current total of 897.50, bring the new total to 761.00.

Motion to: strike line item 1 and adjust line item 2 to \$761.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

i) Requesting Organization: GVSU Formula SAE

Title of Request: Travel

Date of Activity: 5/10/2017-5/13/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Chris Clark, Connor Koryto, and Andrew Gibson

Amount Requested: \$9300.00

Amount Allocated: \$2000

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization began by explaining that they realized not all of the items could be funded and that they understood that line item 2 could not be funded. The board discussed the different line items, debated the van rental request, questioned if the trailer could be funded, and inquired about the high price of the hotel. The board was looking to determine whether or not the overall cost that could be covered by the board was at least \$4,000 in order to fund half at \$2,000. The board realized that the registration costs paid for this travel request had been over \$1,000, and this convinced the board that the group had enough skin in the game to award them \$2000.

Motion to: strike line items 1-4 and approve line item 5 at \$2000.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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j) Requesting Organization: YBBW

Title of Request: Food for Conference

Date of Activity: 4/2/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Zoie D Williams

Amount Requested: \$270.00

Amount Allocated: \$630.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group is requesting funds to support a Women's

conference that needs marketing and promotions, catering, and speaker gifts. The group assured the board that there will be a high attendance because they are well known and have already done marketing for the event. Although the food wasn't included in the original request, the group is requesting full meals for breakfast and lunch that would cost around \$25 per person. It was suggested to give them \$8 per person, which for 45 people, this would be \$360. The board ensured that this event is open to all students. The organization explained that in prior years, 50-60 students attended. The board suggested approving the lunch at \$360.

Motion to: add line item for lunch at \$360, and approve the other line items in full for the adjusted amount of \$630

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

k) Requesting Organization: College Democrats

Title of Request: Lodging Costs

Date of Activity: 4/1/2017-4/2/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Wesley Wilson

Amount Requested: \$316.35

Amount Allocated: \$316.35

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for lodging expenses, which has already been cut in half by the organization. VP Travis suggested only funding 4 rooms because this would be feasible. 120 dollars is being paid out of pocket, and even with half of the request being approved with the 4 rooms, there is hardly a difference in final price, so the board decided to fund the budget in full.

Motion to: approve in full

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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l) Requesting Organization: Omicron Delta Kappa

Title of Request: Drive In Conference

Date of Activity: 3/31/2017-4/1/2017

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

Amount Requested: \$234.60

Amount Allocated: \$113.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding was being requested for a conference that is to take place in Elmhurst, IL. Lines items are requested for registration, lodging, and transportation costs. The organization explained that they understood the request would be cut in half, and expressed more interest in receiving funding for lodging and registration. The board cut the total cost in half, and in order to align with this number, they suggested covering half of the registration and all of the lodging.

Motion to: strike line item 3, approve line 2 in full, and cut line item 1 to \$30.00

8 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly