

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/21/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Rachel Travis

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Carly Aller, Deja Broaden, 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:** Farm Club

Title of Request: Equipment

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Austin VanDyke and Krista Affholter

Amount Requested: \$529.95

Amount Allocated: \$80.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization presented their request again, and chose less expensive options for the blender that they need for the Sustainable Agriculture Product. They offered some of the options that they found, including a Ninja Blender at \$75. With taxes and possible shipping, the organization explained that they needed a little more to cover these extra expenses, around \$80. The board saw this as very reasonable, and decided to approve it at this amount just to be safe.

Motion to: approve at \$80

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Farm Club

Title of Request: Equipment

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Austin VanDyke and Krista Affholter

Amount Requested: \$2320.00

Amount Allocated: \$1470.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization began by adjusting line item 3 to \$650 and this brought the total cost down to \$1470.00. They explained why this medicinal garden would be beneficial for the campus and how this would pertain to academic research. The presenter, Krista, would be heading the project and ensuring that this project will be sustained. VP Travis asked if the full time staff person in charge of the farm brought in any academic funding, and the group answered no because the project would be permanent. The board asked about each line item and questioned if the signs and the compost was necessary, and the group explained the importance of signs for the garden and the compost's impact on the plants. VP Travis then asked how the amount of compost was determined, and the organization showed the board what the layout for the garden to explain the dimensions. The group explained how students manage the farm and how this garden would be attractive. The board raised the point that some of the group's funding should be used for tools, but this was contested, and the board came to a consensus that this type of equipment request is the only type of request that this group makes. The organization went on to make the point that classes

Motion to: adjust line item 3 to \$650 and approve request at \$1470.

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Writer's Club

Title of Request: Running Out of Ink

Date of Activity: 4/13/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Anthony Camp

Amount Requested: \$755.00

Amount Allocated: \$755.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The organization is requesting funds to print off booklets for their yearly publication that the club showcases. The group explained that their club publishes students' poetry and fiction creative writing pieces. The board confirmed that the off-campus printing fee is fundable, and it was also decided that the 'give-aways' that the club prints are central to their purpose, so it is acceptable that this be funded.

Motion to: approve in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Belly Dance Club

Title of Request: Belly Dance Showcase

Date of Activity: 4/7/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Libby Liebertz

Amount Requested: \$777.00

Amount Allocated: \$776.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for food and the dance floor. The promotions are already being covered by the club, and advertising has already commenced. The organization explained that line item one should be adjusted to \$576.00. The organization explained that there is no collaboration with other clubs for this showcase. This event will probably be about 3 hours, so the organization claimed that they needed more food. The board debated whether food was necessary for the event's success. Although the food is not necessary for the event, there are over 200 people expected, and it is not even advertised.

Motion to: approve in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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e) Requesting Organization: Alpha Phi Alpha

Title of Request: Iota Epsilon's Ms. Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant

Date of Activity: 3/31/3017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Joshua Harris

Amount Requested: \$1824.00

Amount Allocated: \$824.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: The group began by striking line item 6 and the booklet printing from line item 12. The organization gave some information about the event- it will be 3 hours long, with an expected 200 students. The org then explained each line item, starting with the food, then moving down the list. The DJ and photographer are offering discounted prices for coverages. Next, the promotions were discussed. It was explained that the flyers for the event have already been put into circulation. Promotions have only been contacted because they would like to expand advertising for the event.

The board asked about why this organization is putting this event out just now this year and not in past years. The organization is just now increasing membership, and this pageant is now possible due to this increase in membership. The board asked the organization about the structure of the event and the candidates. The structure of the event was explained, and it was also explained why this event was crucial to this organization's mission. This event will demonstrate Alpha Phi Alpha's support of women, their interest in giving back, and it will give them a larger presence on campus.

The board then asked about other chapters that have been contacted for this event, and the attendance of the event was called into question. The board pointed out that the organization made a move from the Pere Marquette room to the GRR, but they questioned why the organization expects an increase in attendance. The board also asked why the organization wanted an outside photographer when GV has a photographer that is only \$25. The board decided they should only fund \$75 for any photographer.

The board then moved on to discuss the DJ, and it was estimated that the travel from the east side of Michigan would be around \$50, which the board decided should be subtracted from line item 2.

Next the board discussed the food for the event and called into question if it was necessary for the food to have. It was decided that the food did seem reasonable for the event because it is low cost per head and the food was appropriate for such a long event.

Motion to: approve at adjusted amount \$824

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly