

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 3/28/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Rachel Travis

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Carly Aller, Deja Broaden, 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:** The Wildlife Society

Title of Request: Wood Duck Boxes

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Erin Vargo and Jarod Reibel

Amount Requested: \$127.93

Amount Allocated: \$127.93

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for equipment to build a duck box that would give students experience with wildlife restoration. 6 boxes would be placed on Grand Valley's campus. Each year, the boxes would be maintained each year and wood shavings will be replaced. Pine is being requested for the wood and not cedar in order to save money, but this pine would still be very durable. It was confirmed that there are currently 19 members, and they all are aware of this project.

Motion to: approve request in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Health Information Management Society

Title of Request: MHIMA State Meeting

Date of Activity: 5/17/2017-5/19/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ellie Rawlings and Brittany McPheron

Amount Requested: \$500.00

Amount Allocated: \$250.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested to fund a conference. The group is looking for the board to cover registration costs. The number of members that are expected to attend was called into question, and it was confirmed that there are more than 10 people interested, and if this happens, the Eboard will decide who goes. The group seemed unsure of how many days they would be attending the conference, and in order to determine the amount that should be funded, the board discussed how many days they would be attending. The organization confirmed that they would be going for one day only, and because of the rule the board has been following all year, they approved half the amount.

Motion to: adjust line item 1 to \$250.00

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: Euphoria

Title of Request: Spring Concert 2017

Date of Activity: 4/23/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Jack Phillipson and Kayla Jeske

Amount Requested: \$990.00

Amount Allocated: \$1140.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a concert this spring. The organization clarified that they are moving the concert to the 23rd, to be held in the Louis Armstrong PAC because it can hold more people. The organization explained each of their line items. Line item three was highlighted as a gift that is given to the opening

groups instead of providing money for gas or other compensation. The first line item was explained—the group wanted to increase the quality of their sound, but GV does not have all of the equipment that the group needs, so the group is looking to use what event services and Louis Armstrong, as well as purchase 2 additional hand held microphones and monitors from Sweetwater. Valerie clarified the amount of microphones that they need (two in addition to the ones currently available in Event Services), and made the point that this would technically be an equipment request, and that the group would need to meet with Event Services before approving this amount. The board and the organization both agreed that this would be a good addition to Kirkhof's equipment.

The board then discussed the other items, and the board felt comfortable funding the gifts, because gifts are common for speaker gifts. The board circled back to the first line item, and agreed that this should be adjusted up to \$900.00 in order to accommodate for extra equipment, taxes, and shipping

Motion to: approve at the adjusted amount of \$1140.00, pending meeting with event services about the equipment purchase.

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: Advertising Club/NSAC

Title of Request: Trip Expenses

Date of Activity: 4/20/2017-4/22/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Alexandria Knaisel

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1491.60

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a district competition in which the organization will be presenting their work. The organization explained that they need \$1740 in order to fund the hotel costs, and 20 students will be going. They have done fundraising throughout the year, and raised up to \$800. They also have paid for registration, which is being considered. VP Travis made the point that because the group is likely to make it to other competitions, the board should look at funding the entire amount for the hotel. Before funding this amount, though, the advisor's room must be subtracted from the amount, which would bring the amount to \$1491.60.

The board brought up the point that approving this amount would not follow suit with the other request. The board attempted to add up the total cost, and figured that the

total amount. \$750 is the amount for registration, as well as \$55 in order to be a member in order to be a part of the competition. When all of these costs in mind, \$1491.60 could be considered half.

Motion to: approve at the amount \$1491.60

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: Residence Housing Association

Title of Request: NACURCH 2017

Date of Activity: 5/25/2017-5/30/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Brooklyn Golnick and Jonathon Bowman

Amount Requested: \$2802.00

Amount Allocated: \$1409.28

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a conference. Specific line items are requested for registration and rental cars for the conference. The board asked if the group would be receiving any money from housing, and the answer was no, money is fundraised in their account and this will be used to supplement any costs that cannot be covered by student life. The board decided to cut the request in half, and did so by funding the vans at the correct amount of \$496.56, and funding line item 1 to equate to half the total amount they need.

Motion to: approve 1409.28

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: Books 4 Bonding

Title of Request: Experience Culture Ignite to Educate

Date of Activity: 4/22/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Elizabeth Williams

Amount Requested: \$2729.00

Amount Allocated: \$1085.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for an event on campus called "Experience Culture Ignite to Educate." The organization explained each line item for the board with updated amounts. This will be held in the Seidman center, and VP Travis questioned if the mics were actually \$100, because she has experience with the mics being free. The board brought up the point that faculty and staff cannot be given speaker gifts, so 14-16 must be struck. The board then asked how the organization arrived at the number of 150 people if the club was new, and the club elaborated. The food was refigured, and the board arrived at \$1440 for the entire cost of the food (including vegetarian options). The photo booth was called into question, and it was asked if the group had reached out to 48 west for their free photobooth, and the answer was no. A board member questioned if food would be integral to the event, especially knowing that the event will occur from 7:30-10:00.

Next, VP Travis asked the organization to run through the sequence of events, and asked if there was a dress code, and there is-it is a dress to impress event. Another member of board asked if this was an award event, and the answer was yes, but other departments would be funding awards for professors that have excelled.

The board asked to clarify what the purpose of the organization was, and the answer was to connect people of different races and cultures together through books and other types of literature. This program would connect people of different backgrounds together.

The board discussed the items that they had problems funding. These included the amount of food, the photobooth (which the event could do without), and the gold level promotions (because there are already 150 RSVP'd to the event). VP Travis also brought up the point that this event might not attract a lot of students due to its formality. Then Travis asked if awards were even necessary, because the cultural aspect might be more integral to the event. It was explained that the awards would be presented at the end of the event.

A board member brought up that for 150 people at 5 dollars, it would be \$750 for all of the food. The board continued to look at line items and decided not to pay for programs. After all of the discussion and the adjustments, the board decided to fund the food at \$750, the promotions at \$160, and media equipment in full.

Motion to: approve at the adjusted amount of \$1085

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

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g) Requesting Organization: Black Student Union

Title of Request: Community Service in Chicago

Date of Activity: 4/14/2017-4/16/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Amanda Dotson

Amount Requested: \$1070

Amount Allocated: \$0.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a service trip to Chicago. VP Travis asked why the group was serving in Chicago, and not in GR, and the group explained that they wanted to volunteer with a specific organization. The board began looking into the hotel costs, but there was still the notion that there is service that can be done in the Grand Rapids area, and the travel costs would be really high considering the amount of time they would spend actually volunteering.

Motion to: deny the request

6 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly