

Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 9/12/2017

Meeting Time: 4:30 pm

Meeting Location: Kirkhof Center Room 2201

Chair: Carly Aller

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Board Members Present: Ben Rifkin, Patrick Cox, Emma Sluiter, Brad Stek, Nyia Slade, Clyde Woods, Jack Boitel, Hannah Scott, Nick Bara

1) Opening of Meeting

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

2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization:** Collegiate Entrepreneurs'
Title of Request: Idea Pitch Competition

Date of Activity: 10/11/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Ben Parsell

Amount Requested: \$455.00

Amount Allocated: \$455.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for an event that is similar to Shark Tank. The monetary prizes would be provided by the organization and the fundraising they have done. The judges will be entrepreneurs in GR, not students at Grand Valley.

Motion to: Approve the amount in full

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: Physical Education Club

Title of Request: Hotels-SHAPE MI Conference

Date of Activity: N/A

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Rachael Chase

Amount Requested: \$1434.60

Amount Allocated: \$1434.60

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for hotel costs for the SHAPE MI conference this year. There are 5 rooms being requested, and the organization did provide the names of these students. Registration is \$75 a person, and the students will be paying \$100 in addition to the hotel, and this is including gas prices, food, ect. The student representative shared their experience at the conference in years past.

Motion to: approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

c) Requesting Organization: College Democrats

Title of Request: Second Annual Great Lakes Gala

Date of Activity: 9/30/2017

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

Amount Requested: \$1350.00

Amount Allocated: \$1125

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for the 2nd annual Gala for the college Democrats. The conference this year will be state wide, and the money would be spent on food service for this event. There is an estimated 150 people attending, at \$9 a head. The board asked how the organization would be paying for promotions, and how they will be promoting the event if they are not requesting a promotions package. The organization answered that the donations for the event could cover these, and because there are so many popular representatives attending, there would be high notoriety surrounding the event. The organization then went on to explain how they estimated their count of people attending, and they explained, using the number that attended last year at 80. Then they went on to estimate that even more people would be attending

this year. Interest in membership is much higher than last year. The org then discussed the change in location from last year to the GRR.

The board then discussed that this amount of food might be too high, when there might not actually be such a high attendance. The organization again stressed that there would be higher attendance. However, the board then determined that they would want to reduce the amount of food slightly in an attempt to not overestimate and waste.

Motion to: adjust and approve line item 1 at \$1125

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

d) Requesting Organization: College Democrats

Title of Request: College Democrats of America Convention

Date of Activity: 10/20/2017-10/23/2017

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

Amount Requested: \$2000.00

Amount Allocated: \$1675.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a convention taking place in Las Vegas. The org explained that they ball parked the flights and assumed it would be around \$2000 for tickets. The cost of registration was discussed, and for 10 students, the registration would \$15 each. Next the hotel was discussed, and the organization was not sure. They explained that they intend to share hotel rooms with other students, but the board determined that this contribution of registration and hotels would be about half of the total amount, allowing the board to fund the \$2000 for plane tickets.

The organization went on to explain the conference and discussed the presenters that would be present. It was confirmed that it would be 2 nights. The board then went on to determine the total amount. For everything, it would be \$3350, and half of that would be \$1675.

Motion to: adjust and approve line item one at \$1675

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

e) Requesting Organization: American Marketing Association

Title of Request: AMA Fall Semester Events

Date of Activity: 9/19/2017-12/5/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Olivia Scott

Amount Requested: \$1134.00

Amount Allocated: \$98.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for semester general assembly meetings. Professionals in GR are invited to speak at these meetings and network with students. They are also requesting food for students during the meetings. It was clarified by VP Aller that only line item 1 could be approved because food at meetings cannot be funded, while speaker gifts can.

Motion to: strike line item 2 and approve line item 1 at \$98

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

f) Requesting Organization: American Marketing Association

Title of Request: Chicago Firm Tour Transportation

Date of Activity: 1615.00

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Olivia Scott

Amount Requested: \$1615.00

Amount Allocated: \$810.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for transportation to a Chicago Firm Tour, and this should be adjusted to \$1620.00, in order to cut out the tip to the driver. The members will instead be providing gratuity out of their own funds. It was confirmed that this is just a day trip, and that 50 people is an accurate number, because that is what they had last year. VP Aller suggested cutting the amount, just to allow them to cover half.

Motion to: adjust and approve line item 1 at \$810

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

a) Requesting Organization: Senior Citizens Club

Title of Request: Harvest Dance

Date of Activity: 10/7/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Christine Roudebush

Amount Requested: \$1624.00

Amount Allocated: \$1624.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a dance floor, a band, and food. They will be using decorations from last year. VP Aller explained that while normally the board does not fund food for non GV students, this request is different and it is funded every year. The board asked about how they arrived at \$60 for postage, and it was confirmed that this was the amount decided upon last year.

The board discussed cutting the postage line item to encourage fundraising being used towards this event, but there has been no fundraising done so far, so this motion was retracted.

Motion to: approve in full

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

b) Requesting Organization: University Innovation Fellows

Title of Request: Stanford University Silicon Valley Meeting

Date of Activity: 11/17/2017-11/21/2017

Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nikhil Watsa

Amount Requested: \$2450.00

Amount Allocated: \$1725.00

Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request: Funding is being requested for a meetup, where the student organization could meet other fellows at Silicon Valley. The travel would take place in November. 4 fellows will be going, and one of them got their ticket for free, and one of the members is getting funded from CLA, which would remove \$450 for the plane tickets, and \$275 for a hotel night. The new total that the group is formally requesting would then be at \$1725. The board explained that the sponsorships they are being awarded should not be counted for the total amount, and should be factored in when

determining the 50/50 rule. The board determined the contribution of the club. Each person is \$725, but there are contributions from outside sources. \$1725 would be the full amount, even at over \$500 per person (for 3 students) being awarded, as noted by VP Aller. The board was in favor of this travel because of the importance of design thinking. Every member of the club will be going to this conference.

The organization further explained that designed thinking and entrepreneurship would be in play in the old Ferris Coffee building, and this is one example of what they would be bringing back to campus. The organization also explained that they would be implementing a potential project for the honors college with more Design Thinking initiatives into already existing sequences. The workshops they would be undergoing would also train these fellows and this development could increase student impact and outreach at GV with new design workshops for other students.

The board asked how they would pub their ideas about design thinking, and how they would reach out to students even further, and the organization explained that there overall impact would be actual design within the GV community and with development for these students. This opportunity would be more for individual growth. There was a concern that the group is only 4 people, and 2 of those students are graduating.

The board also discussed all the work they did to get sponsorship and all the fees they had to expend to join the organization, and that this, along with the professional development that the students will receive is enough impact to warrant this funding.

Motion to: adjust and approve line item 1 at \$1725

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

The allocation recommendation is:

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly