

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 9/19/2017

**Meeting Time:** 4:30 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Carly Aller

**Advisor:** Valerie Guzman

**Board Members Present:** Ben Rifkin, Patrick Cox, Brad Stek, Nyia Slade, Clyde Woods, Jack Boitel, Hannah Scott, Nick Bara, Tyler Szymkowski, Nick Toth

## 1) Opening of Meeting

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

## 2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization:** Eta Sigma Phi National Honors Fraternity  
**Title of Request:** Homerathon VI

**Date of Activity:** N/A

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

**Amount Requested:** \$659.40

**Amount Allocated:** \$400.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funds are being requested for a breakfast for a "Homerathon" event. The organization explained that they realized they should have been ordering through the student menu, but that menu did not offer what the organization wanted at their breakfast. The org went on to explain that breakfast was important for this event because the event involves reading a Homer Epic through the night and in the morning breakfast would help the attendance greatly. VP Aller went on to explain that food should be around 48 a head, so \$400 might be more appropriate.

The board began discussing dietary restrictions and if these should be included as separate line items. Valerie suggested that the group still go through the student organization menu. The org expressed that they might not be able to set up by themselves, but they were encouraged to delegate and make this work.

The board confirmed that they are looking at feeding 50 students.

**Motion to:** adjust line item 1 to \$400 and approve

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**The allocation recommendation is:**

FINAL x Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** Otaku No Anime

**Title of Request:** Youmacon

**Date of Activity:** TBD

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

**Amount Requested:** \$1835.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$930.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested to travel to a conference for this group called Youmacon. The organization expressed concern about what could be requested and it was clarified that the fundraiser could not be funded, so the board would be looking only at the travel costs (lodging and conference fees). The organization went on to explain their organization, and they discussed that they wanted to get the organization more involved and connected to campus. They explained that going to these conferences is what will get people to join the club at GV and stay. The organization explained that they had 25 confirmed participants. The organization explained that they have the reservation on hold. The registration is only \$55 per person, and the organization is not sure how many people have already paid for registration. Currently for 25 people, the organization only has 3 rooms on reserve. In years past, it was determined that the club only requested hotels.

The board looked at what the cost would be if the total was cut in half, but it was concluded that the hotel room would actually be closer to 900 because it is \$155 per room per night. The point was raised that if lodging was just covered, that might be cleaner because some people have already covered their "badge costs". The new total after the addition to hotel rooms would be \$1152.50. The board then debated how much of each line item they should fund, considering as well that the group will be doing fundraising.

A friendly amendment was made, and the board began discussing how much they would cut. If the group was funded \$930.00, each group member would have to pay \$60 out of pocket. The board discussed that allowing the group to fundraise should bring the group together and allow enough time to raise funds.

**Motion to:** cut line item 1 and adjust line item 2, friendly amendment to approve line item 1 at \$930.00 and adjusted \$222.50, retract motion, motion to approve line item 1 at \$930.00.

10 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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**c) Requesting Organization:** Catholic Student Ministries

**Title of Request:** 2017 Fall Retreat

**Date of Activity:** 10/20/2017-10/22/2017

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

**Amount Requested:** \$3800.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1025.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Funding is being requested for a fall retreat at Camp Henry. The organization explained that the meals would not be funded for this retreat and so the new amount to be funded would be \$2050. The org then went on to explain their organization and how this is a learning experience for all involved. The group will be advertising for this event shortly to entice students to attend this retreat. The group described in detail the agenda for the weekend for the board. The board asked about the value of the Retreat and if the board should fund a bonding event. The org argued that this is a faith development event and is something that can get students involved and also get them involved in leadership. The board brought up the point that this could be looked at like the board looks at business conference in which they can “network with God.” The org continued to argue that this would be great for personal development. The board asked if they had done fundraising, and the organization had done campus clean-ups to raise money for this. The board asked about the \$450 rate, and this was clarified as the meeting space.

The board then brought up the point that this event could possibly do this event on campus. Then the board debated whether or not the retreat should be funded. VP Aller brought up the point that due to the nature of the organization and the fact that there will be speakers, this will not be a typical retreat. They then discussed the cost of the Nicely Center at \$450, but the board discussed this cost as similar to a registration fee. The board then discussed if they should pay half of the overall cost or if they should

cover 1600 for ease of payment. Then the point was raised that if the board covered 1025, each person (inclusion food) would be paying around \$57. It was discussed if this would be viable. The board continued discussing whether or not they should stick to the 50/50 rule, and due to the issue of precedence

**Motion to:** Strike line item 1 and 2 and adjust line item 3 to \$1025.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

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