

# Student Senate Appropriations Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** 9/20/2015

**Meeting Time:** 4:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Kirkhof Center Room 2201

**Chair:** Rachel Travis

**Advisor:** Bob Stoll

**Board Members Present:** Aminah Muhammad, Ben Commet, Domonique Stevens, Riley Burch, Quinn Gardner, Olivia Kolc, Mathew Criado-Cano, Carly Aller, Tyler Szymkowski, Deja Broaden, Wesley Wilson

### 1) Opening of Meeting

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

### 2) Hearing of Requests

a) **Requesting Organization:** Pre-MD/PhD Club

**Title of Request:** Pre-MD/PhD Club APSA Trip

**Date of Activity:** 10/28-10/30

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Jillian Green, Hali Smolen, and Aaron Orellana

**Amount Requested:** \$1241.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1019.20

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** It is planned to have 14 people to the APSAR Meeting/Conference in New York to meet other students, to be exposed to other universities that offer programs, and to network with other students. At the conference, there will be speakers, presentations, research is presented, and meet and network with other colleges. For the hotel, there will be 4 people per room, 4 rooms total, and the group plans on spending 2 nights in the hotel, due to the long trip and 8 hour ride back. The conference fee is free, and there is a suggestion and

motion to cut the budget to encourage students to raise funds themselves, because that would not be asking too much of their members.

**Motion to:** Approve at the reduced amount of \$1019.20

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**b) Requesting Organization:** Women in Computing

**Title of Request:** Women in Computing General Meetings

**Date of Activity:** 9/13-12/6

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Morgan Oneka

**Amount Requested:** \$16.41

**Amount Allocated:** \$0.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** There was a request for posters to promote the club and spread the word. Board discussed that we do not fund promotions for general meetings. We only fund large scale promotions for events.

**Motion to:** Deny the request in full

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**c) Requesting Organization:** GVSU Beekeepers

**Title of Request:** GVSU Beekeepers Suit Purchase

**Date of Activity:** N/A

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Megan Damico

**Amount Requested:** \$280.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$280.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** There are currently over 50,000 bees now with 6 active members.

The bee suits that the club currently owns are in dismal condition, and are not the correct size. The gloves don't fit right, and therefore members are unable to work with bees, which cuts down on honey production, education and advocacy to the general community, and member participation. The club is very focused on interaction with the bees, and in order to have this, they need to have proper equipment. There were some questions raised about the club by the board, and then there was a motion to approve in full.

**Motion to:** Approve in full for \$280.00

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**d) Requesting Organization:** Peace M.E.ans

**Title of Request:** Religious Tolerance Movie Showing "The Other Son"

**Date of Activity:** 10/5/16

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Ryan Zahran

**Amount Requested:** \$520.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$520.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Student is requesting to show a movie that is Lib 100 approved that discusses the Arab-Israeli conflict. Ethnic food will be available for an inexpensive amount. There was quickly a motion to approve the amount in full.

**Motion to:** Approve in full for \$520.00

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**e) Requesting Organization:** Senior Citizens Club

**Title of Request:** Fall Harvest Dance

**Date of Activity:** 10/8/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Hannah Schweikart

**Amount Requested:** \$1852.00

**Amount Allocated:** 1812.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Requesting funds to sponsor a harvest dance complete with dancing, an 8 person band, dinner, and decorations. The ball room dance club will also be directly involved, and all GV students are encouraged to come out to this event. Positive attitudes about aging and the elderly are cultivated by events like this. Line item 4 (popcorn machine) hasn't been confirmed yet, but the club just estimated that cost from last year. The organization is also requesting funding for 'better' decorations (including lights). There was discussion on only funding reusable decorations, but this was explained to not actually be a rule, just something that was considered in the past. The senior citizens that attend this event are found from volunteer experiences and from past years of this event. It was made clear that line 3, Postage, does not actually refer to postage, but to invitations. There is also a needed deduction to the band cost, because now there are now only 8 members as opposed to 9. This would be 40 dollars less, and that brings the total down to \$1812.00. There was then a motion to approve this adjusted total of \$1812.00.

**Motion to:** Approve the adjusted balance to \$1812.00.

11 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**f) Requesting Organization:** Association of Information Technology Professionals

**Title of Request:** AITP Region 4 Conference

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Joseph Sirianni

**Amount Requested:** \$2400.00

**Amount Allocated:** 1350.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** The group is expected to have 10 students to come to the conference to discuss topics and to network with presenters. Transportation/Fuel costs were removed, bringing total down to \$2,150.00. The student requesting funding explained that anything aside from the approved amount would be split between members, in addition to meals and gas costs. There was a suggestion to potentially have members pay half of the costs, at about \$120.00 each. In order to reduce the large amount requested, there was a motion to cut both 400.00 lines (1 and 2), and leaving line 3 the unadjusted. This would bring the total down to \$1350.00.

**Motion to:** Approve the adjusted total of \$1350.00, after cutting line 4, and splitting line 1 and 2 in half.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**g) Requesting Organization:** Association of Information Technology Professionals

**Title of Request:** AITP National Conference: St. Missouri

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

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Joseph Siranni

**Amount Requested:** \$3890.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$1950.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** This conference is the second one that this organization is requesting funds for, and it is larger and more expensive. Line 4 can be cut for fuel costs. About 6 students are expected to go. There are 5 dedicated members currently, and 1 is contemplating going. There was a suggestion to pay for registration fees for 6 members, and not allocating the rest of the money, because allocating one group so much money is thought of as inappropriate. Then there was a motion to approve line 2 and cut 1, 3, and 4 completely.

**Motion to:** Approve at reduced rate of \$1950.00, after cutting 1, 3, and 4 from the budget.

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly

**h) Requesting Organization:** Panhellenic Association

**Title of Request:** Risk Management Event, Consent and Healthy Relationships

**Date of Activity:** 11/9/2016

**Name(s) of Presenter(s):** Kaylee Bauman

**Amount Requested:** \$4312.00

**Amount Allocated:** \$4100.00

**Narrative description of presentation/discussion and details on what was approved or unapproved in the request:** Panhellenic is requesting funding for an event with an engaging speaker that could involve their members, as well as the Grand Valley community as a whole and other organizations on campus. This speaker is researched and has been contacted. The event would promote healthy relationships and consent. Price for speaker is all inclusive with no fee for lodging. Speaker also is willing to present a leadership workshop for leaders at GV earlier in the day. Right now there is 300 dollars that can be put towards the event from Panhellenic's budget. Panhellenic will be reaching out to other groups to attend and raise attendance. In future years, the treasurer will be setting aside money for this event and will make it a priority to accomplish this event on their own. It was suggested to have group pay for the \$300 that they have in their budget, and provide the foods and promotions. Therefore lines 1 and 2 should be stricken.

**Motion to:** Strike line 1 and 2, and approve line 3 in full at \$4,100.00

9 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

**The allocation recommendation is:**

X FINAL  Pending Referral to Student Senate General Assembly