

Student Senate Appropriations Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2018 1:30 PM  
2201 Kirkhof Center

Chair: Amanda Crawford

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Student Senators Present:

Appropriations Committee Members Present:

I. Agenda

1. Latino Student Union
2. Senior Citizen's Club
3. Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization
4. Student Veterans of America
5. Criminal Justice Student Association
6. Students for Liberty

II. Discussion of Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: **Latino Student Union**

1. Title of Request: Noche de los Muertos
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Giovanni Delgado, Jose Contreras
3. Amount Requested: \$650.00
4. Description of Request: Latino Student Union is co-sponsoring the Noche de los Muertos event being hosted by the LAS department. Our portion of the sponsorship includes the food costs. This event educates and celebrates the history of Dia de los Muertos, which is a holiday in Latino/Hispanic culture.
5. Discussion:

Happens every year. Holiday that is another way of coming together regardless of religion. It is important to us as Mexicans and not just Latinos. Death is not looked at a destination, it is looked at as an afterlife. This is day for us to visit the tombs and honor the dead. We want to pay our respects because family is the cornerstone of Latin American culture. Planning on doing it in Niemeyer. This year we are expecting more students. Our club has grown a lot. Also including Laker Familia. Last year it was around \$550. We are working on getting a waiver from campus dining for food. We need to change the date to Nov 1.

VP Crawford: Your events have always been really well attended. I support this.

Gavin Hunter: The events have been really popular and well put together.

VP Crawford: Head cost is \$3.61. Perfectly in line with what we fund.

Must be tabled because of off campus food waiver.
6. Final Motion to: Table this request with a recommendation to approve in full once food waiver has been submitted

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$650.00

Requesting Organization: **Senior Citizen's Club**

1. Title of Request: Fall Dance
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): David Means
3. Amount Requested: \$1,427.00
4. Description of Request: We invite senior citizens from the local area to Grand Valley for a fall festival dance and a dinner. Senior citizens love visiting campus, swing dancing out on the dance floor, and interacting with each other and the students. Students gain valuable experience working with the older generation, enjoy dances with elders, and earn important volunteering hours. It's a great event for the community, and students involved.
5. Discussion:

We would like money for our fall dance. We had a lot more people join this year. We invite senior citizens from our community to join. This event gives our members a chance to interact with seniors from our community. We are requesting \$886 for food (GVSU catering, \$9 per person, 80 people showing up (the senior citizens), coffee for people to drink, table linens, band to perform( everyone in the band is over 90 years old), \$45 per person for the performance, general supplies, dance floor, and popcorn.

VP Crawford: Why the chicken dinner this year?

David Means: The senior citizens thought the dinner was too little in the past. They enjoyed the hot food over just sandwiches.

VP Crawford: How many members does your club have?

David Means: Around 40-50

VP Crawford: Is 80 just the senior citizens?

David Means: Yes, just the seniors.

VP Crawford: Do members from your club eat the catering?

David Means: Yes, we let the seniors eat first then we eat. Usually we have around 20 of our members volunteer to come. Right now we have 19 signed up. Probably will be around 30 members.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$1,427.00

Requesting Organization: **Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization**

1. Title of Request: CEO Idea Pitch
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Ben Parsell
3. Amount Requested: \$465.00
4. Description of Request: Idea Pitch is an annual event allowing any and all students at GVSU a chance to pitch a product or service for 90-seconds to win part of a \$2,250 prize pool towards their idea. We have come to Student Life in

the past to cover our catering costs, promotions, and judge gifts (local entrepreneurs or business professionals volunteering as judges) for the evening.

5. Discussion:

Overall the event is aimed at giving students the opportunity to pitch service ideas they have. It's to impact their community. Held in the Seidman forum. We have done this 14 years in a row. We usually ask for promotions and catering. We typically see 40-50 people there. 20-25 students are actively participating. Promotions package is for \$190 but because of the timing the full package doesn't really make sense. It is a \$10 fee for just posting. Need to be aware of promotions timeline.

VP Crawford: \$225 for catering and \$190 for promotions?

Ben Parsell: We would be willing to cover the promotions as an organization because of the timing. Speaker gifts are for the panel of judges. They are coffee mugs. \$10 a piece

VP Crawford: As it stands it is \$5.62 per head for catering

Valerie Guzman: Social media and events calendar would be good for promotion.

Ben Parsell: We talked to faculty in Seidman and have been reaching out the classes as well.

VP Crawford: When you distribute money to people as prizes, the money we fund you doesn't go towards that, correct?

Ben Parsell: That comes out of CEO's fund and not the SLF.

VP Crawford: Clarify amounts of \$190 promotions, \$225 for catering, \$50 judge gifts

6. Final Motion to: Adjust promotion to \$0 and approve the rest in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$275.00

III. Discussion of Non-Presenting Requests

Requesting Organization: **Student Veterans of America**

1. Title of Request: SVA National Conference
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Stephanie Owen, Jason Major, Travis Gort, Sarah Anderson, Madeline Casey
3. Amount Requested: \$500.00
4. Description of Request: The National chapter of Student Veterans of America will be holding a conference for all affiliated school chapters to engage their affiliates in networking and peer to peer advising. The GVSU chapter would like to attend.
5. Discussion:  
VP Crawford: They have done all the necessary steps. In total we would be funding \$2,500 (\$500 for 5 students). They are maxing out their travel funds.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full for all 5 requests

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$2,500.00

Requesting Organization: **Criminal Justice Student Association**

1. Title of Request: SVA National Conference
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Jacey Tyll
3. Amount Requested: \$356.40
4. Description of Request: I need to make a personal travel request for the American Society of Criminology Conference. This will be for four individuals of the Criminal Justice Student Association to attend our annual conference. The conference is in Georgia this year from November 13-17th. Each of us would need cost covered for the flight, the admission into the conference, and the stay. This cost adds up to roughly \$556.40.
5. Discussion:  
VP Crawford: They have done all the necessary steps. This is for one student.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$356.40

Requesting Organization: **Students for Liberty**

1. Title of Request: SFL: Midwest Regional Conference 9/13
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Kyle Giusti, Christina DeKoekkoek, Andrew Nance
3. Amount Requested: \$281.00
4. Description of Request: Students for Liberty, our parent organization, hosts regional conferences once a school year for students to attend. It is absolutely crucial that our E-board to attend, as this is where we are able to connect professionally with other students, as well as businesses, non-profits, etc.
5. Discussion:  
VP Crawford: Request for 3 students. They have all done the necessary documentation.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in full for all 3 requests

7 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$843.00