



Appropriations & Cultural Funding Board Agenda

November 17, 2023 at 1:30p.m.

Kirkhof Room 1142

1. Opening of Meeting

- a. Meeting Called to Order 1:38 p.m.
- b. Committee Introductions Richard, Andreas, James, Brendon, Braylond, Justin
- c. Organization Role Call Professional Society of Minorities in Honors,
Young Democratic Socialists of America, Dance Troupe, La Tertulia - Spanish Club

2. Hearing of Allocations Requests

- a. Professional Society for Minorities in Honors
 - i. Hosting a karaoke event to promote diversity and other organizations coming together. They also have different organizations and campus departments coming together to come together.
 1. James asked how big this event was to the organization.
 - a. Club states it is their biggest event of the year and they are trying to make this a yearly event.
 2. James asked if this event was funded last year.
 - a. Club states that this event was funded by the Honors College last year but this year they are trying to become a little more independent from them.
 3. James asked how this event ties to the organization's mission.
 - a. Club states that it is to bring students and organizations together to try and be a fun event.
 4. James asked if the National Board requires them to host certain events.
 - a. Club states that the National Board is relatively new and there are not any certain requirements and that each chapter at different colleges/universities.
 5. James asked what the ratio for faculty to students.
 - a. Club states that there were about 15/65 faculty members at the event last year and they hope the students are able to network with the faculty.
 6. Justin motions to approve.
 - a. Brendon seconds.
 - b. All yays.
- b. Young Democratic Socialists of America
 - i. Hosting an event for queer students looking to come together and meet each other and be able to have fun. They have had this event 2 other times in the past years and the last event they had 250 students attend. They expect this event to skyrocket in terms of attendance.
 1. James asked how the planning changed this semester.



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- a. Club states that they were able to book the Grand River Room and got ahead of things.
 2. James asked about the reason for requesting their resources.
 - a. Club states that they did not know exactly what they could request for or how much so they requested the bare minimum.
 3. James states that the club can request more in the future or ask for food in the future.
 - a. Club states that they were trying to get the bare minimum so they did not want the request to be too much. They also said they took off food to keep the costs down.
 4. Justin motions to defer for a later date.
 - a. Braylond seconds.
 - b. All yays.
- c. Real Estate Club
 - i. Absent
- d. Dance Troupe
 - i. Semester recital to show off their dance routines that they have been working on all semester. They show these off in front of students, parents, and staff of GVSU. They donate all of their ticket sales to a non-profit organization.
 1. James asked when they would contact the school they plan to perform at.
 - a. Club states that at the end of the Winter '23 semester they have reached out to them and booked for an entire school year.
 2. James asked if there is a way to know how many GV students actually attend these recitals.
 - a. Club states that they do not have the exact number and that they do not take stats on that but they are thinking the number is between 70-90 students from campus.
 - b. They promote the event through the Promotions Event and use these recitals to try and bring in new members and to give an insight into what they do during the semesters.
 3. James asked if the club had dues and if they did would that be something they could use to pay for the off campus events.
 - a. Club states that the \$25 per semester barely covers the costs to rehearse at the Allendale High School the week leading to the recital. If they did not receive funding they would have to raise dues per person in the organization. They only ask for funding for the recital days which is \$400 per show and they perform for 3 shows.



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4. James asked if there is any way the organization could collaborate with other organizations on campus.
 - a. Club states that each dance group on campus is slightly different in the way they function as an organization and they try to make everyone able to participate.
 5. Brendon motions to approve with adjustment of \$773.36.
 - a. Justin seconds.
 - b. All yays.
3. Hearing of Cultural Requests
- a. La Tertulia – Spanish Club
 - i. Looking to host a Spanish study huddle/craft night. Looking for funding for food for the night. Looking for some final prep space or some de-stress time.
 1. James asked about the turnout of this event.
 - a. Club states they are hoping for about 25-50 people to show up. They will be practicing Spanish with students to prepare for finals.
 2. James asked how well this organization is connected with other organizations.
 - a. Club states that they are more aligned with language clubs so they have reached out to the french club and italian club in the past.
 3. Justin asked how many people come to a normal club meeting.
 - a. Club states that the normal meetings are usually made up of 8-12 people.
 4. Brendon suggests that if they make the event a little longer and maybe add some more food that there may be a larger turnout to the event.
 5. James asked what the reason is for reaching out to other language organizations.
 - a. Club states that they are trying to get their members to know more about the other languages while practicing the Spanish language.
 6. James asked if they have been in contact with the Language Resource Center.
 - a. Club states that they have reached out to them for future events.
 7. Justin motions approval pending an adjustment to add more food to their request.
 - a. Andreas seconds



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4. Adjournment **2:26 p.m.** b. All yays.

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