

Student Senate Cultural Funding Board

Meeting Minutes

1/10/2020 1:00 PM

Kirkof 2201

Chair: Madeleine Samuels

Advisor: Eric Stevens

Agenda

1. Native American Student Association (1)
2. Native American Student Association (2)

Student Senators Present: Eric Siegrist Anthony Paquet Alexandra Murarescu  
Cultural Funding Board Members: Christain Graham

Requesting Organization: Native American Student Association

1. Title of Request: Beading
2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Natasha Stewart
3. Amount Requested: \$300.00
4. Description of Request: The Native American Student Association will be hosting four beading events throughout the winter 2020 semester. Beading is quite popular amongst Indigenous people and is seen on most regalia and jewelry. It used as a bonding experience for all people to relax their minds and socialize. The beading gatherings will be taught by Beck Matthews and in the past, she has taught a zigzag stitch, daisy stitch, blanket stitch (edging), old school dangle, and two quill drop for two-spirit/LGBTQI+. This winter semester she will be focusing on tubular peyote, ladder stitch, brick stitch, and applique beading. All beading gatherings will be two hours long and will occasionally contain traditional stories, songs, and teachings. There is no experience needed and she is able to offer one-on-one help. Anyone is allowed to join and all are welcome.
5. Discussion: This event brings in a beader to demonstrate both traditional and modern forms of stitching. She also brings two helpers who provide traditional performances. VP Samuels asks about the turn-out for the beading workshop last semester. Natasha says that in previous semesters the event was only for the club, but this semester classes will be open to the community, so she can't fully estimate attendance. She expects around 15-20 students to attend each meeting. NASA has also reached out to the African student council to attend, which should increase attendance.
6. Final Motion to: Approve in Full

4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated:

Requesting Organization: Native American Student Association

1. Title of Request: 2020 Celebrating All Walks of Life Pow Wow

2. Name(s) of Requester(s): Natasha Stewart

3. Amount Requested: \$15,530.00

4. Description of Request: A Traditional Pow Wow is a gathering and celebration of Native American culture through ceremony, song, dance, feasting, and socializing. Traditional Pow Wows include dancers, drum groups, invited Elders, Veterans and other honored guests to perform and participate in the celebration. For the past eight years, NASA has worked in strong collaboration with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Division of Inclusion and Equity to plan and coordinate this large scale. In addition, NASA has strong support from the local West Michigan Native American community in ensuring that the event is successful and follows traditional Native culture and traditions. The number of student participants has been steadily increasing every year. In addition, NASA has worked hard to increase awareness of Native American students on campus.

5. Discussion:

Powwow has been ongoing for more than 20 years. The event invites members of the national and local community to attend. It is open to everyone and is a very important event for Native American students, staff, and faculty.

VP Samuels asked that as this year is more costly than previous years, can you explain the increase in costs? Natasha explains that there are more performers than previous years being paid at a higher rate. Additionally, I&E is not covering food costs, as they have done in past years. VP Samuels asks what, if any, forms of promotions are being done this year. NASA is using a website, reaching out to tribes, local media, and preliminary events. A senator asks if there a feast happening on multiple days. Natasha replies that no, the feast is happening on just one day. A senator asks about the estimated headcount for the event. Since the event is multi-day, and participants will likely be coming and going multiple times, it's not possible to accurately record attendance. There was a discussion over adjusting the costs of food to fit the general funding guidelines. Initially, food costs were at a rate of 16 dollars per head. The cultural funding board voted to adjust food costs to 4800, 12 per head for 400 students

6. Final Motion to: Motion to Approve at \$13,930.00, Pending student senate general assembly Approval.

4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN

Final Amount Allocated: \$13,930.00

Meeting adjourned at 1:21 PM