

Student Senate Cultural Funding Board  
Meeting Minutes  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 1:00 PM  
2201 Kirkhof Center

Chair: Amanda Crawford

Advisor: Valerie Guzman

Student Senators Present: Nyia Slade, Amrutha Patil, Rachel Ibarra, Kelly Dowker, Darwin Harris, Richard DeBerry, Madeline Samuels, Christian Rush

I. Agenda

- a. Vietnamese Cultural Association
- b. Black Student Union

II. Hearing Of Requests

Requesting Organization: **Vietnamese Cultural Association**

- a. Title of Request: VCA Gala
- b. Name(s) of Presenter(s): Matthew Doan
- c. Amount Requested: \$7,973.00
- d. Description of Request: An event to show case performances and talents that are found and admired in Vietnamese culture. We want to spread diverse to GVSU community about Vietnamese heritage. Our goal is to interest students to build strong communities and meaningful connections under a common cultural heritage and shared experience.
- e. Discussion: The organization is estimating approximately 300-350 attendees. They are contracting a few performers and catering which is around \$4000. The food is one of the biggest draws of their events. The DJ is \$450 and he knows their culture and the way the event should portray and play through. He will be able to play the right music and is important to them. The performers are line dancers (brings happiness, good luck, and fortune), the Vietnamese catholic church (younger generation of dancers), control 8 (modern dancing), a martial artist (teach audience different techniques), and the big headliner (a YouTuber and singer from Alaska). The headliner will bring in the most people to their event. VP Crawford commends the organization on their passion for their organization. She has concerns that there is another annual event so close to the timeline of their event. Since they are a new organization with only 30-40 people it might be difficult to get a lot of attendance. The organization did do fundraising earlier in the year. The organization looked at other dates for the event but all the dates conflicted with other performers are rooms were already taken. The board is very interested in this event. VP Ibarra has wanted to see a Vietnamese event on this campus for a while. She asked if they negotiated prices with their speakers. They did negotiate and they brought their headliner down to \$2500 from \$5000. They also brought the other smaller performers down smaller amounts. They were looking at around \$100/hr for the DJ and would be willing to

bring that cost down. The board commends the organization on the mission of their event. The board suggests limiting the performances in order to cut down costs some or cutting some of the food costs. VP Crawford discusses cutting the amount of food down to approximately 200-225 people instead of 350. The organization has gotten some donations from different sources – OMA and the Vietnamese community in west Michigan. The board debates between cutting catering versus performers.

Final Motion to: Adjust catering to \$2,250, strike promotions, strike supplies

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Final Amount Allocated: \$5,850.00

Requesting Organization: **Black Student Union**

- a. Title of Request: Black Love and Logic feat. Jasmine Mans
- b. Name(s) of Presenter(s): Nicki Maclin
- c. Amount Requested: \$8,425.00
- d. Description of Request: This event is the Black Student Union's education portion in our annual BSU week that is held every semester. Jasmine Mans is an author, poet, teacher, but all those titles tie into her being an artist. She teaches through poetry and prides herself on being a "learning service through poetry". Jasmine Mans would do an hour presentation of poetry and dialogue that complimented our theme for BSU week which is FDT (Faith, Discipline, and Transformation). Following her presentation we will have a Q&A session as well as a chance for her to take pictures with the e-board and students.
- e. Discussion: This semester their BSU week falls in Black History month. They would like to bring in Jasmine Mans. Her whole presentation will be representative of Black History month. The organization is estimating around 250 people for this event. The food is a taco bar or deli sandwiches but they would like food at the event. VP Crawford likes the speaker and her work. She mentions that this year they have been halving any speaker that is of a very high amount (like around \$5,000). The board is excited about this event. The organization has not sought outside sponsorships. The board discusses to either cut food or the speaker amount. The board is looking to fund half of the speaker cost but the organization can decide where to put it. The organization would not mind cutting the catering. Speaker fee would be funded at \$5,125.

Final Motion to: Strike catering, fund promotions in full, and fund speaker for \$5,175.

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Final Amount Allocated: \$5,300.00

*Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM*