

# Minutes for Budget Committee Discretionary

## Meeting 9/11/23

7:00-8:30 pm

Converse

**In Attendance:**

Minji Kim- MK (Treasurer)

Hannah Kim- HK

Jackson Lee- JL

Zane Khiry- ZK

Jesus Ramirez- JR

Chloe Yim - CY

Siri Palreddy- SP

**Late:**

None

**Absent:**

1 Senator, 1 at-large, 2 freshman yet to elected.

**Business**

Minji goes over what people need to present: who, what, when, where, why, how

**Requests**

1. ACSU provides supportive space for students of Caribbean descent so first meeting is significant; incorporating games and food improves attendance
  - a. Icebreaker, karaoke, \$100 for wings from Hanger and \$25 for publicity
  - b. Estimated attendance 40-50 people
  - c. Minji reiterated food cap is \$50 and publicity cap is \$25
  - d. First intro club no matter the club or attendance can only request \$50 for food and \$25 for publicity
  - e. Zane asked if ACSU could use their discussion foods for their intro meeting.
  - f. Minji says all clubs get four discussion foods and they can use those for the first introduction.
  - g. Hannah asked if intro food counts as a discussion food
  - h. Minji said intro food counts as a discussion food. Minji corrected herself that ACSU would be using two discussion foods if they wanted \$100 for food

- i. Hannah reiterated the discussion food policy \$50/\$2 per person
  - j. Minji said that even if food is essential to the event, all intro meeting foods are capped at \$50
  - k. Siri asked if intro meeting is funded as separate given last year's precedent
  - l. Minji told ACSU that they have three discussion foods left; asked when where why
  - m. Keefe-MRC; 6PM Wednesday September 20
  - n. BC voted majority
2. The Student
- a. 6 weeks of printing and delivery = \$3084 + \$702
  - b. Mailchimp (for sending digital edition through email) three months in advance?
  - c. Minji saw that The Student only spent \$617 last year for printing and delivery despite that they asked for 6 weeks of printing and delivery
  - d. Minji asked if she could fund two weeks worth instead
  - e. The Student agreed
  - f. Minji approved intro meeting snacks
  - g. Minji approved one month of Mailchimp and told them to come back for more
  - h. Minji reiterated that they do not fund events that occur before the first BC meeting; asked where their first meeting will be.
  - i. Intro meeting in Paino in Beneski on Wednesday September 20th
  - j. They expect *a lot* to come ("130? At least 40-50).
  - k. Minji asked about website setup cost, which is a more long term issue, with hopes that the Student would be more independent from BC funding with ad revenue. She asked them to meet with her sometime this week.
  - l. The Student stressed a certain level of immediacy to the website issue. Minji said the amount of money they're requesting is significant. She was wondering if The Student has talked about ad revenue and paying writers and wants that to be thoroughly discussed before she meets with them again.
  - m. The Student said that the money they're requesting directly tackles the issue of their website shutting down after one of their seniors graduates. They think it would be better if they weren't scrambling around to set up the website, but are prepared for this.
  - n. The Student stressed that this is a this-semester issue, not a long-term issue
  - o. JK asked how much they spent over the last semester.
  - p. SP asked regarding the setup fee for the website: what does it entail?
  - q. Student explained they would use SMworks, a nonprofit associated with Michigan State Univ; would ensure that the Students data is safe and up long term
  - r. SP asked if it is one time fee; Student answered \$780 setup fee and \$800 per semester

- s. Way more than what they request for printing
  - t. Minji asked if printing is going to disappear if the website gets set up. The Student hopes to find a sufficient coder. Minji wants to think about this long-term and maybe lessening the number prints.
  - u. BC approves.
3. WAMH
- a. Concerts on 22nd of september and 20th of october (family weekend)
  - b. Moxie from VT (lots of listeners on Spotify) in Powerhouse at 7; Expect 130 people, perhaps more after advertising
  - c. Club d'Elf (location still in talks with Madison); Expect high turn-out from various age groups at family weekend (130 students?)
  - d. Minji notes that BC funding is for number of expected students, not other people
  - e. Minji would be OK with funding Moxie, but cannot fund Club d'Elf until they have a verified location
  - f. Minji asked how this specific number is decided.
  - g. WAMH said there has been a long email chain with their directors about this price. Minji asked to be added to the email chain.
  - h. SP asked who is involved, e.g. OSA? Chris responded that OSA usually (last semester) helps with sound
  - i. Minji asked if they have an endowed fund/another place to get money. Minji thinks that it is going to be a heavy negative to fund a band every month.
  - j. WAMH said they do not
  - k. Minji did the math and thought they were requesting over their per-student cap. WAMH said more like 200 students would show up.
  - l. Minji reminded the room the please do the math before presenting >:C
  - m. SP motioned to recommend "everything that we just did"
  - n. Second, call
4. Film Club
- a. Intro meeting on Sunday 7PM in the Red Room; Snacks, publicity; Expecting 30 people
  - b. Motion, second call, passes
5. Skate Club
- a. Basketball courts this friday; 30 people; Publicity, posters
  - b. SP motion
  - c. Second, call, approved
6. Students for Democracy
- a. Intro meeting; Wed 101, 9-10 , food, poster; 35 people
  - b. JL asked "what is students for democracy"; Chris replied that it is "amherst students for democracy." Zhihan gave a more in-depth description.

- c. Tim Carroll said they are an RSO; ZK said he's on the e-board
  - d. Recommend, second, call, approved
7. Mock Trial
- a. publicity for club fair, intro meeting food
  - b. Wednesday 20th 5-6:30 lyceum 201, 30-35 people
  - c. Time sensitive registration need to get case materials and maintain good standing
  - d. Time sensitive supplies mock trial book integral to tournaments and includes tax and shipping fee
  - e. Minji asked about the registration fee
  - f. Mock Trial clarified that they are like our "dues" and how they cannot access the case without paying that fee
  - g. They handle storing of the books to be used in future semester
  - h. SP motioned to approve
  - i. Recommend, second, call, approved
8. Amherst Equestrian
- a. Yearly fee time sensitive usually with club budget but no club budgets yet so they're requesting now
  - b. Mailed as check so they're requesting now
  - c. Zipcar for lessons since many members do not drive
  - d. Has a member who needs a pair of boots (need specific pair to fit leg)
  - e. Storage in porter, available to other members as needed
  - f. Intro meeting snacks and club fair
  - g. Minji is hesitant on the \$400 boots. She understands that BC funds equestrian a good amount of money for boots and is asking if they utilize it
  - h. Equestrian did not use the money for boots allocated last semester
  - i. Hannah remembers giving them boots last semester and understands that this is a regular request because they get new members
  - j. Minji remembers giving them \$300 for two pairs of boots and Equestrian says it was not used
  - k. Boots may range from \$300-\$350 because of taxes/shipping. Minji wants a specific number because she says it's a lot of money and don't understand how boots last year were \$150 a pair but are \$400 a pair now.
  - l. Equestrian says the boots may have been on sale or a different type of shoe that is typically cheaper but unfit for Equestrian
  - m. Minji reiterated she is hesitant about funding this and feels like she is just giving them money to play with
  - n. SP said that they trust they'd use the money responsibly but wonders if these boots are just for one person or can be used for people in the future

- o. Equestrian said they need a pair of boots that fit them because this person does not have boots and they are an active member who competes
  - p. Minji asked about how many miles they'd be using for zipcar
  - q. Estimated 70-80 miles for zipcar, says it depends on hourly rate, police training fee/new student fee
  - r. Needs to know how many cars and miles they're going back and forth
  - s. Equestrian said it was funded in the past
  - t. Minji asked if she was going to see more transportation requests and Equestrian said these were for the three trips for lessons
  - u. Minji asked for the miles they're traveling policy wise
  - v. Equestrian said they can google maps the mileage but it would take a while
  - w. Minji said she can emergency fund this later but she wants the numbers. Equestrian asked about the extra fees on top of the hourly rate. BC can't fund extra fees and said they should rely on Student Engagement
  - x. HK asked if the mileage number is only necessary for gas reimbursement
  - y. JR said they should wait for a specific amount
  - z. SP said Equestrian can email about the emergency fund
  - aa. ZK said the policy said the mileage only applies to personal vehicles and the AAS vans so it won't be unfair to fund Zipcar without mileage info.
  - bb. Recommend, second, call, approved
9. Ace/Aro/ Grey Space
- a. Thursday 28th in qrc
  - b. 15 people
  - c. Max of \$30 for 15 people and cap is \$50 so can only fund \$30
  - d. Minji reiterated the \$2/person and \$50 cap
  - e. SP asked how long they were an RSO
  - f. Ace said this was their third semester of being an RSO
  - g. They used to be an RSO before COVID but went on hiatus/died
  - h. Recommend, second, call, approved
10. Bridge Club
- a. Northampton bridge club hosting bridge tournament; Powerhouse sunday 17th 2-5pm
  - b. Entry fee is \$3 and 12 people going so \$36
  - c. Purchasing 6? tables necessary for tournaments
  - d. Storing tables in powerhouse and contacting monica about that
  - e. Minji said to talk to Rachel since monica is gone
  - f. Recommend, second, call, approved
11. Orchestra Club
- a. \$20 publicity and \$50 food

- b. 30 people
  - c. 10 pm thursday 14th keefe bonfire
  - d. Recommend, second, call, approved
12. Bi Semester Christian Worship Series
- a. Two services each semester
  - b. First semester sept 17 in chapin chapel and later in Pemberton 2pm-4/5 pm
  - c. Requesting food for reception, expecting 30-35 people
  - d. Linen
  - e. Cap down from \$10 to \$8 per person for food integral to religious events
  - f. Said 35 people so
  - g. Recommend, second, call, approved
13. WiCS
- a. Intro meeting food and publicity
  - b. Sept 19 science center 131
  - c. 30 students
  - d. Recommend, second, call, approved
14. ACES
- a. Intro meeting sept 18 beneski
  - b. 35 people
  - c. Recommend, second, call, approved
15. Japanese Culture Club
- a. Intro meeting beneski sept 19; 25 people expected; food, publicity
  - b. Sept 29 festival (otsukimi) for autumn equinox
  - c. Specific udon for that festival
  - d. Expecting 30-40 people in greenway ford event space
  - e. Minji asked how they were publicizing; they asked for another \$20 for publicity and they said they'd advertise via GroupMe
  - f. SP asked if japanese culture club was running last semester
  - g. Taichi said they didn't; they had an intro meeting but that was it because two e-board members were studying abroad.
  - h. Minji asked if they were still an RSO; japanese culture club said they've been one for five semesters
  - i. Recommend, second, call, approved
16. Sailing Club
- a. Seven seat van rent because 3 practices a week and travels to them during season; van helps when sailors don't have a car; tried to get aas vans but not reliable when they travel so frequently
  - b. 20 cents per mile, has breakdowns for each school if minji wants (Quote from fort marriot)

- c. Store boats at different place than practice; uhaul boat moving day \$90 but per mile so added \$10 to cover uncertain miles
- d. Has gas breakdown; covers this week, next week, and traveling to tufts this weekend
- e. Minji asked for the gas breakdown later
- f. Lake rental and league dues
- g. Expecting 30 people in scee for intro meeting 8:30pm this friday
- h. Minji said she is comfortable funding these league dues, asked for a gas breakdown later.
- i. Regarding league dues: Pay them every year and wanted to pay them before BC closed last semester but BC was busy and then they didn't have funding over the summer
- j. SP trusts number on van but said they spent \$1000 less on van last semester
- k. They got a 12 seat van last semester but it was too expensive and it was unnecessary
- l. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 17. Figure Skating Club

- a. \$36+1 for register with USA figure skating so they can compete
- b. Ice time at new england west skating club (about 20 minutes away) while orr rink is closed (doesn't open until october); 20 tickets to last them until then
- c. Minji asked about transportation; they said they have a member with a car
- d. 3-5 people go once a week, decided by sign-up, requires personal membership with USA skate as well as shoes
- e. 1 learn to skate membership
- f. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 18. Model UN

- a. 2 conference: Georgetown this november 2-5, chicago next march (late reg fees throw on)
- b. Projecting 7 attendees per conference, expects more after club fair
- c. Hotel cost maxed because they will get rest of hotel covered by student engagement
- d. Minji asked about the math: 100\$ per convention max per person
- e. The way that the fees work for model un is that there is a fixed fee and then \$100 per person
- f. Minji asked if she can just fund \$700; Lucas counters by asking if he can split the delegation fee from the team sign up fee (i.e. 100 + 700). Minji, for the sake of her own conscience, says no.
- g. Why do you need four rooms for seven people; two beds and fire safety
- h. Aware of aas policy but hotels dont allow them

- i. Can try to look for a different hotel but non-conference sponsored hotel will incur extra \$150 a night per person
- j. SP asked if conference charges extra for not using their hotel and lucas said yeah they have deal with hotels for fixed rate
- k. March 28th-apr 1 minji asked if they can just fund next semester
- l. Lucas said sure but if they request in february, Registration fees and hotels and transportation will be higher
- m. Minji can't give \$2100 in good conscience when it is not aas policy for hotels. Can give \$1050 max
- n. Transport to Bradley airport No aas vans; used past quote for round trip to airport
- o. Minji said she takes ubers from airport and said it's \$80 max so lucas Amended \$800 airport transportation to \$320
- p. Minji would like to zero fees for chicago conference
- q. Recommend with amendments, second, call, approved

#### 19. Investment Club

- a. Flyers for club fair; candy for table (coming out of intro fund)
- b. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 20. Muslim Student Association

- a. Intro meeting 9/17 in prayer room morrow basement 5 pm; 40+ members
- b. Snacks, 50\$; tower fan, which will be available to people on the floor to be used communally; stored in prayer room
- c. HK asked about making the tower fan a public item; Laith agreed.
- d. Minji asked for a link to the tower fan and said she would prefer to zero and emergency fund it later; reduced banner/publicity to 20\$
- e. Print shop quoted banner
- f. Need CPM printings on walls in prayer room; clarified that CPM printing is not publicity. Long-term
- g. Can only give \$20 for banner
- h. Lawn games event on September 23rd book and plow, 20 members
- i. Jummah lunch for fridays, same last before; 40 people regularly attend
- j. Trivia night: prizes (gift card 20? 30? 40?) + Islamic flashcards which can be used afterwards as well.
- k. Women's collective soap crafting event; greenway kitchen; 9/21; 15 expected
- l. SP said to ensure they publicize it given how many events are happening in such a short time pan.
- m. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 21. AAWG

- a. First meeting 9/18, expecting 30 people meeting in Chapin 205; publicity and food?



- b. Mid autumn contest 9/29, open to all kinds of works: three 25 gift cards
- c. 9/25 destresser and get to know first year community event; 30 expected; 5 jars of slime; Chapin 205
- d. Letter writing event, October; tabled until later
- e. Minji asked if they can come back next week for community building; Erxi said that slime is ordered from small businesses which have longer shipping + publicity issues, want to ensure they'll have time to publicize.
- f. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 22. APAAC

- a. Intro snacks + publicity for intro meeting, morrow commonr oom; 30 people expected, 9/17
- b. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 23. NISA

- a. Get involved fair snacks and tabling supplies
- b. Intro meeting and cooking event 9/3 in ford event space, at noon, 45 people estimated coming
- c. Minji said that groceries are within food so intro meeting cooking she can only give 50\$
- d. NISA clarified that they'll have a separate intro meeting from the cooking event. Minji said she can give up to 300\$ for cooking event
- e. They clarified that flatware means plates, dishes, and utensils (limit of 30\$)
- f. Orange shirt day tabling event in val 9/30
- g. Minji asked for clarification regarding what "orange shirt" printing means. NISA clarified that the supplies are separate from publicity and from the succulents for fundraising.
- h. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 24. Law Review

- a. Into meeting Sept 17 6:30 in octagon; 35 members
- b. Past president couldn't print last issue so need to print this week asap to give to ljust, hist, and poli sci departments; 42 page issue, need spiral binding, 3 cents per page, 20 copies
- c. Recommend, second, call, approved

#### 25. Amherst STEM network

- a. 9/18, \$160 for kickoff celebration, 25 expected based on previous numbers, 5pm scce
- b. Minji asked if its an intro meeting; they responded that it was not necessarily an intro meeting. They are starting a new print issue

- c. SP asked if food is integral. They said there is no cooking. SP said that even if it's not an intro meeting per say, if food isn't integral it is still subject to the 50\$ cap. They said they'll take the 50.
  - d. Printing costs for tabling/paneling/etc for rest of the semester
  - e. Recommend, second, call, approved
26. Mycology
- a. Refreshments for club fair and part 1 meeting 9/16 scce 25 people
  - b. Publicity: poster, vinyl, flyers
  - c. Recommend, second, call, approved
27. Green Room
- a. 20\$ for publicity: posters flyers
  - b. 50\$ for food for fair, candy, and for intro meeting 9/19, red room, 7pm
  - c. Recommend, second, call, approved
28. Plato's cave
- a. New RSO
  - b. 20\$ publicity
  - c. Food for club fair and intro meeting, 9/17 fayerweather 117 4pm, 25 exepcted
  - d. Recommend, second, call, approved
29. Anime club
- a. Trip to Anime NYC trip, 12 single day tickets, 85\$ each,
  - b. Hotel 4 rooms 2 nights for 12 people
  - c. Zipcar, 340 miles ish
  - d. Food for intro meeting, next friday 9/22, Paino in beneski, 35-40 expected
  - e. Recommend, second, call, approved
  - f. CY says hotel is over cap as is number of rooms for the number of people; they asked if mixed gender room can be accounted for; BC says no.
  - g. Minji asked if she can zero transpo for now. They said ok as long as tickets can be purchased ASAP
  - h. Recommend with amendments, second, call, approved
30. Men's Ultimate frisbee
- a. Hotels 10/12-14: 6 rooms for 2 nights; 23 currently signed up; portland, maine
  - b. Publicity: poster for club fair
  - c. Intro meeting snacks 9/17 SCCE
  - d. Skytraining: training tool (physical)
  - e. Minji asked for them to send a link and where it's being stored; told them to come back after they confirm where it's being stored.
  - f. Minji asked if it's a public item; Zhihan said no, but it will be shared with the women's frisbee team.
  - g. Recommend with amendments, second, call, approved

31. Archery

- a. 2500\$ for coaching fees for the year for Kyle; outside archery program they've been using for a while
- b. Gas reimbursement and parking: should cover for the semester
- c. Membership for USA archery
- d. Minji says as long as these are for the whole semester she is ok with these.
- e. Recommend, second, call, approved

32. Outing

- a. Discussion food for first meeting in sterns common room, 50+ people expected, 9/18
- b. Money for september trips (

9/17 Rafting trip (24 people) (132.5 per person)
9/23 Kayaking (20 people)
9/23 Caving (13 people)
9/30 Mountain Biking (25 people)

- c. Minji asks about the money from last spring; they say those were deposits and that some of these trips are partially paid for, they just need the rest of the money. Minji asks how those who go are chosen. They say it's random through google form. Those who drop are blacklisted for the rest of the semester.
- d. Minji asked for them to talk about it after to save everybody's time.

33. Running

- a. Race entry fees at the ABC house 5K for 12 participants, 10/14
- b. Food for intro meeting, 15 people expected, outside frost, 9/14
- c. Recommend, second, call, approved

34. Indicator

- a. publicity and Intro meeting food, 9/18, lyceum, 50 people expected
- b. Recommend, second, call, approved

35. AI club

- a. Intro meeting food and publicity, 7-8 9/19 scce a131, 30-40 expected
- b. Recommend, second, call, approved

36. Spectra

- a. 9/23, scce, intro meeting food, 25-30 expected
- b. Recommend, second, call, approved

37. Poetry Club

- a. Zero for not being present :c

38. Men's Rugby

- a. Rugby cleats, 15 pairs, 110\$ each
- b. Scrum sled; the one they had is 4-5 years old and pretty much unusable

- c. Mouth guard, x30
  - d. Food for club fair
  - e. Minji asked how long these mouth guards will last; Rugby said they will probably last until next fall.
  - f. Minji knocked the mouth guards from 17\$ to 15\$
  - g. Minji asked about storage; they said they have storage in Porter/Plimpton basement.
  - h. Recommend, second, call, approved
39. Hillel
- a. First two line items taken off for being retroactive
  - b. Mezuzah making during shabbat 9/22 in friedman, 60 expected
  - c. Rosh hashanah honey sticks and apples 9/16
  - d. Recommend, second, call, approved
40. KSA
- a. Intro meeting food 9/21 in pemberton, 30 expected
  - b. Publicity for club fair
  - c. Recommend, second, call, approved
41. Rock climbers
- a. Not an RSO yet, currently trying to divorce outing club so cannot be funded
42. Women's club soccer
- a. Soccer balls x10
  - b. Gloves x3
  - c. Stored in gym during summer
  - d. Minji worries about the storage situation; wants them to have a specific location.
  - e. HK asked if they knew what men's club soccer does. They say they don't know.
  - f. Minji tells them to try to come to agreement with someplace on campus for a long term storage location
  - g. Recommend, second, call, approved
43. Food justice alliance
- a. Food for intro meeting, 9/20 8pm chapin 204, expecting 25, publicity for this as well
  - b. Recommend, second, call, approved
44. La causa
- a. Zero'd not present
  - b. Recommend, second, call, approved
45. Badminton team
- a. Storage cart; previous storage boxes in alumni gym destroyed by volleyball team, so they're asking for better storage.
  - b. Rackets x8 shuttlecock tubes x10

- c. 9/17 first meeting food, in alumni gym
  - d. Minji asks for links to rackets and shuttlecocks; badminton says their equipment was used during the summer without their knowledge.
  - e. They say they'll come back for restringing next week. Minji asks how many rackets need to be re-stringed. They say 2-3. They clarify some members have their own rackets but more casual students need equipment.
  - f. Recommend, second, call, approved
46. CSA
- a. 91 expected for mid autumn festival; food request
  - b. Minji asks them to wait on this and for the Asian cultural clubs to get into contact; Minji says she'll zero this but give them publicity
  - c. Recommend with amendments, second, call, approved
47. Board game club
- a. Buying board games; 9-10 games, stored in SCCE
  - b. HK asks how many they already have; they say they have 3 boxes
  - c. Agreement that they will provide itemized list and this will be emergency funded
48. Amherst contra
- a. 6 issues, \$100 per issue, 250 copies per issue for whole semester
  - b. Minji says she'll give printing for 2, and tells them to comeback
  - c. 50\$ a year for website domain
  - d. Recommend with amendments, second, call, approved
49. Philosophy
- a. Intro meeting food, wednesday 9/20 cooper house, 7-8
  - b. Recommend, second, call, approved
50. ACPHC
- a. 20\$ for publicity for major fair
51. ASA
- a. 20\$ for publicity for major fair
52. ADS
- a. 20\$ for publicity for major fair
  - b. Annual Registration fee for APDA \$100
  - c. Recommend philosophy through ADS, second, call approved
53. Back to Outing and climbing

9/17 Rafting trip (24 people) (132.5 per person)	\$3,180.00
9/23 Kayaking (20 people)	\$900.00
9/23 Caving (13 people)	\$2,210.00
9/30 Mountain Biking (25 people)	\$2,887.00

- a. All of these numbers include transportation

- b. Minji says that she will fund the rafting, kayaking, and biking, especially because they have already paid the deposit but is uncomfortable funding caving.
- c. Outing said they would be open to moving caving to October
- d. Climbing requests under outing until they become separate RSO
- e. Climbig request publicity which will be used for Outing cub as a whole

30 climbing day passes (\$18 per person)	\$540.00
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- f. Recommend outing and climbing stuff with amendments, second, call, approved