Minutes for BC Meeting 5/1/15

In Attendance:

Paul Gramieri (treasurer)

Karen Blake (absent)

Tierney Werner

Will Jackson

Fawzi Itani

Manny Morales

Marie Lambert (absent)

Richard Park

RJ Kermes

Joe Hussen

Vivian Yee (minutetaker)

**Master General (rep by Hao)**

* Similar to this sem – slight decrease in master general fundings
  + Reduced supplies and bills
* Increase in 2k of auditor fees
* Special project – readership project decrease a bit
* Many bills regarding crashed vehicles this sem along w maintenance fees
* Look into reducing olio funds
* CAB also have left over funds every year, so have been building up reserves
  + May decrease by a couple thousand
* Raise 5 college fees by 1k
* Paying for pride tshirts in master general this time around
  + Pay for this every single year
  + Is a giveaway so cant fund in other means other than senate project so would make the most sense to move to here
  + Fawzi – ask QRC to fund this in full and maybe BC fund other items
  + RJ and Richard - Unequal access to clubs. Admin too involved
  + Paul – split to both semesters so that funds would be more spread out
  + Will – senate should have more leeway in funding?
  + RJ – someone should hopefully go to admin to talk about them funding this. In short term, makes sense funding through this
  + Presidents office funding less for tshirts this year compared to last
* Powerhouse getting much more money allocated to it this year

**1. EDU (rep by Fawzi)**

* Don’t know who speaker will be yet
* ‘Food for discussion’ on event panel – 50, zero rest
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**2. Military Support Corps (rep by Manny)**

* Benefit dinner funding – fund if there’s a speaker
* Must be a speaker from the organization that is representative of the organization?
* Fawzi – might not be best to get speaker from organization
* Manny – might also be hard to get one from that
* Richard – can research the speaker, so wouldn’t have to be afraid of them bringing a random person
* Benefit concert – 5k
* RJ – trying to add more reason to what we fund – want to see whether the food that they bring would bring in more money than funded
* Fawzi – if theres enough information and some proof of how much money was raised and where it was brought to, then it should be sufficient
* Should this apply to all events then – such as attendance and others
* Need to halve honorarium?
* ***Richard – should cap 750 for benefit dinners per semester***
* Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**3. TWLOHA (rep by Tierney)**

* Dog days the same as usual
  + Popsicles? Not integral to event
* Food for events
* Speaker meeting – food for discussion (50)
* For postsecret event – incentivize people by giving a cookie
  + RJ – similar to giving food for money
* Flag day event – write tales of depression and hang them
* Movie and popcorn not integral for movie screening
* Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**4. APU (rep by Tierney)**

* Having 5 speakers – same as last sem, 1 per month
* For weekly discussions, food not essential, so only fund 50
* Don’t know who theyre getting yet, so no honorarium amount yet
* Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**5. Project Salud (rep by Richard)**

* Food not necessary to poster making – should use the 50 for ‘discussion’
* RJ - Food and water for runners seem essential – should fund from 200
* Richard – similar to Powerhouse?
  + Paul – already get funding through senate fund
* 750 for benefit dinner for chipotle – no speakers
  + RJ - should table and ask them to justify this
  + Will zero this but can justify this
* Richard – can just bring their own water bottles
  + Zero food and water for benefit run
* Motion to fund – 6,1,0 – 1 opposes

**6. Amherst College Republicans (rep by RJ)**

* Search for controversial of these
* Robert Spenser might be a problem
  + Banned from the UK, runs Jihad Watch
* Should we care about controversial speakers? Might attract attention, but is it worth the money
* Will – difference from bringing him and supporting his views and bringing him to promulgate discussion
* Fawzi – should table this and ask them to justify
* Will – could bring another person
* What does he contribute to the conversation in the community
* Motion to fund all and table Robert Spenser – 7,0,0

**7. Amherst College Public Health Collaborative (rep by RJ)**

* Plan to invite speaker for the world AIDS day
  + Food under benefit dinner
* Collaborative wide meeting is a committee meeting – 50 food rule
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**8. GAP (rep by RJ)**

* Educational event – promote local sustainability issues
* 5 college open mic
  + food doesn’t seem integral to this, 50 for discussion instead
* Richard – educational event – diffence between posters and materials?
  + Sent to investors, etc
* Food not essential for screening – zeroed
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**9. Splash**

* Splash day – is 200 integral to the event for food for teachers
  + Paying for teachers who will teach all day to eat – seems necessary
  + 200 food rule
* Tie dye class, etc, need materials
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**10. 3D (rep by Manny)**

* Work with disabled senior citizens in town
* Do two events with the people that they work with – includes activies, etc
* RJ – what are the party necessities
* Come back to them
* Easter party is for easter decorations and easter activities
* Will – easter is in the spring, will be in the spring?
* End of the year party is a Halloween party – for decorations and food
* Should have an intro meeting as well
* RJ – should table this and come back to appeal
* Fund intro meeting food and publicity
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**11. Team Mead (rep by Manny)**

* Each event has different activities that need supplies
* Cant fund events happening in the spring – will zero these
* Posters probability for publicity
* Shipping – supplies come from online so need to pay for shipping
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0
* Same issue for Team Mead as with QRC
* Might also want to have a conversation about this

**12. Transfer Student Association (rep by Manny)**

* Intro meeting – must be 50 for food
* Will - Skating trip must be open to entire campus
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**13. Anime Club (rep by Manny)**

* Go to comicon every year, admissions open to everyone and must do a lottery
* Will – how do we know that when we tell people to do a lottery they actually do it
* Should make sure they do this – similar to the issue with the publicity/table tents? Get someone to check on events possibly?
  + Pay structure for communications director – should be same pay structure as budgetary clerks
* How to make sure that there is publicity
* Want to build cosplay costumes together as an activity bi monthly
  + What are notions?
  + Manny – this isn’t similar to Amherst dance since they aren’t putting on a performance
  + Paul – would be like a giveaway
  + Cant fund
* Having a bento lunch event, pocky day, Japanese cooking night – why fall under auspices of this club? Japanese cluture?
* Manny and Richard – are these events essential to the club?
* Zero pocky day
* Is cooking night a cultural event? Is this the Japanese club?
* Bento lunch – bento ingredients out of essential for the event?
* Japanese Cooking night – cultural event
* Motion to fund – 3,2,0 – 2 oppose
* Takoyaki pan – make sure that someone doesn’t just keep the pan for themselves

**14. Muslim Student Association (rep by Richard)**

* Eid event – cultural cooking event
  + Cultural cooking
  + Cap on utensils of 30
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**15. BSU (rep by Fawzi)**

* Harlem renaissance
  + Cultural food for harlem renaissance – 750
  + A large event – 5 college event
* Kwanzaa
  + Already used cultural food, cant fund this time
* Black Solidarity Conference – issues last semester
  + Manny – no numbers, no ideas on how many tickets this will get
  + Tierney - Should table this since we don’t know the numbers
* Paul – credit rating
* Will – difficult to differentiate, will have different leadership so wouldn’t always be the same
* RJ – havent been using the credit system consistently, so would be uncomfortable using it
* Motion to fund all and table black solidarity – 5,0,0
* Fawzi – the black solidarity will get 40 tickets
* How many nights staying at the hotel?
* Paul – for 3 nights
* Can only fund 100 per person for conference – fund 4000 for tickets
* New haven is 1 hr away, so don’t need to stay for 3 days
* Should give them 2 nights instead
* Happens in the spring but buying tickets in the fall – should table? Zero it?
* Happens in the early spring this year, so should be in club budget
* Zero tickets and hotel

**16. ACSU (rep by Tierney)**

* Intro meeting food must be 50
* Cooking event – this would be cultural event, so under 1500 rule
* Food for benefit dinner needs to be cut down to 750 (explo-losion)
* Harvard Africa Business Conference is in Feb
  + If busy early bird ticket, would be 100 each, but is wait until feb, will be costing 120
  + Last sem, spent 160 per ticket even though it was capped at 100
  + Will we fund this so to save 20?
  + Will – with the disorientation pamphlet, seems that we already have funded cross semesters
* RJ – rules about cross semester funding?
  + RJ – rules about cross semester funding only for RSOs?
  + Paul – must fund for all students though
  + RJ – certain privileges for clubs because of good track records?
  + Paul - Should we have a certain policy/fundings for first week of school for people who wanted to fund cross semester?
* Manny – should add to budgets for next semester
* Tierney - fund in December and approved to spend then. Should table the conference
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**17. Outing Club (rep by RJ)**

* Outdoor coordinator same as funded in the past
* Transportation for rock climbing
* Will – trip food should be 50?
  + RJ – food is for hiking trips. Like a material for the trip (going out trip for multiple days)
  + Should be funded from essential food?
  + Food needs to be canned etc
  + Should fund as materials
* Fall festival – done on homecoming every year
  + Pumpkin carving, etc
  + Pumpkin knives break, so prob need new ones
* Climbing indoors used by only a few people – possibly that there is problem w publicity or limited number of people
  + Manny – problem w partiality?
  + Will request during discretionary anyways
* Need specific shoes for snow gear – kept in the club
* Already funded a rope bag last semester?
  + Didn’t pay for rope bag, but did fund ropes
  + RJ – ropes need to be switched out, safety issue
* Manny – trips do have lottery and many people drop out the day of
  + Attendance of last event CRG Lock-In was low
  + Should zero for now
* Currently have 6 pairs of cross country skiis but don’t have right number of poles and have greater interest now, so want another pair
* RJ – should fund trips where there are 2 of them since they tend to have the most people
* Paintball not an outing club activity – shouldn’t fund
* Prioritize based on attendance and popularity
* Tierney – cant fund gliding – dangerous and liability
* Will – maybe shouldn’t fund all of the clinics
  + Zero tree climbing clinic
* Paul – why are we paying for camp ground license? Should go through college?
  + Have always been funding this
* Recommended 15k last fall and 20k in the spring
* Not funding overnight canoe trip – on the conneticut river, so shouldn’t need to stay overnight?
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**18. Debate Club (rep by Tierney)**

* Recommend to fund all
* Do they go on weekly events?
  + Tierney – go on weekly tournaments
  + Richard – not a large attendance all the time
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**19. HEMAC (rep by Richard)**

* Cant cut coach salaries, so need to fund
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0
* Manny – havent heard much about HEMAC events & practice – publicity?

**20. WAMH (rep by Tierney)**

* Telephone broke so need new telephone
* New music – licensing fees – get this every semester
  + Manny – music usually comes from a record label and most djs use spotify anyways
  + Should table this and see what this is spent on
* Richard – vague equipment management
* WAMH fest
  + Food not essential – only 50
  + Tshirts would be a giveaway, so cant fund
  + Don’t know what this is so table this
* Motion to fund all except wamh fest – 5,0,0

**21. Swing, Salsa, and Ballroom (rep by Tierney)**

* Instructor comes everyday
* Not sure what publicity is for – should table
* Do lessons and event every semester
* Motion to fund and table publicity – 5,0,0

**22. Rhythm and Shoes**

* Have always funded these items
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**Bisemester is not an RSO, should be under the Gospel Choir – should merge them. Have different leadership sets though?**

**23. Gospel Choir (rep by Will)**

* Need musician for practices and performances – not a student
  + Is this necessary for this pianist to be given this amount for playing at practices – choir here doesn’t get given this amount
  + RJ – always hire for rhythm and shoes though
  + Manny – but that’s for a performance
* Need to halve honorarium to seek cosponsorship
* Musical instruments are in all music rooms, don’t need to get own keyboard
  + Will – practice in chapin though
  + Paul – have an organ and piano in chapin
  + RJ – not necessarily the same as a piano
* Gospel choir winter concert food is food for discussion, so 50
* Drum set – should table until find a storage place for this
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**24. Amherst Christian Fellowship (rep by Will)**

* Fire side worship service – food nonessential, so would be 50 food rule
* Always do spotlight speaker series
* No food for heartbeat coffee house, already spent 50 food rule
* Have always been paying advisor – like a club coach
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**25. Hillel**

* Tierney – all is cultural food and kosher food
* Shabbat dinner – what is eaten every Friday, etc
* Tierney – their religion binds what they eat
* Paul – similar to Muslim students
* Fawzi – Purim celebration should be for food for 200 food rule since essential to event
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**26. Newman Club**

* Bernardo Rios – student last year, now trying to become a prient
* Motion to fund and reduce his fund to 50 – 6,0,0

**27. Bisemester (rep by RJ)**

* Not an RSO, under Gospel Choir
* Will – should zero and come through discretionary instead
* Motion to zero – 6,0,0

**28. Fencing**

* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**29. Wrestling Club (rep by Manny)**

* Having an event this semester
* Cant fund transportation – zero this
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**30. Men’s Club Salary**

* Getting a coach starting this semester
* Cap for salary for now until theres a tiered system is 4500
  + Fund 3500 – a new coach
* A popular activity – 50-80 people
* Fawzi – probably things that they wont need every semester anyways
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**31. Women’s Ultimate Frisbee**

* Go practice every week and coach comes almost everyday
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**32. AMMO**

* Promotion fees – for getting the belts
* Coach for 2 things – now have 2
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**33. Amherst College Rowing Association (rep by Richard)**

* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**34. Riding Club (rep by RJ)**

* Less people in this group than in crew
* Spent less on fin aid this semester, so could cut this amount a little probably
* Only spent 1.3k this semester, so can cut transportation down to 2k
* Show guidelines request that each school bring a portable toilet for horse shows
* 2 people graduating, currently have 25 people on the team (some in shows, people of various levels)
* Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**35. Circus (rep by Fawzi)**

* Launch party – 50 food rule
* Keep magazine for the future also
* Print a lot more than they need?
* Paul – can they do to tiger press and get this for cheaper instead?
* Manny – cut peoples publications amount last semester?
* Halve the amount
* Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**36. GlobeMed (rep by Tierney)**

* 6 instead of campaigns – need 6 publicity for that
* human rights dinner – a benefit dinner?
* Speaker event is a benefit dinner – have professors come and talk
  + In oconnors common, get food and listen to professors
  + Food for discussion – 50
* Pastoral engagement event
  + Part of a parent organization that is in el Salvador
  + Make jewelry beads
  + Paul – similar to anime costumes
  + Table this
* Always do this I believe, homecoming weekend, public health awareness
* This I believe
  + Can reuse Christmas lights from last year?
* RJ – what are the poster board?
* Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**37. Habitat for Humanity**

* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**38. Pride Alliance**

* Have funded 2 gaps in the past, so can fund 2 this time
* National coming out day – food not essential – 50 food rule
* Said don’t really need speaker for benefit dinner, would move one of the other speakers to the benefit dinner
  + Zero the honorarium, hotel, travel
  + Food for benefit dinner 750
* Dean Spade, Jamie Washington, Susan Styker, Sara Ahmed
  + Don’t fund international travel, cant fund Ahmed
  + Can pay for valley transport if needed for Ahmed
  + All seem ok, don’t have a way to systematically cut
* Motion to fund – 7,0,0

- Should halve all honorariums over a thousand

- Cut down APU to first 3 events – can get the rest through discretionary

- Art Steele can be cut down – 1400 every time

- Is riding club daily or weekly?

Cut to less for transportation?

1500 for transportation

Is very far away though

- Paul should look at transportation for speakers

- Need to cut equally from everyone

Should look at largest amounts to cut proportionally from everyone

- Outing club clinics are 10 to 12 each, so cut the overnight backpacking clinic

- Club soccer – ball amoutns?

- reduce amount to 1k

- Bento box – non essential event? – cut

- This sem cut anime boston costs, could cut for this coming semester

- Should move things over to discretionary things that are easily funded through that

- Cut publications?

- Should halve all from art steele or cut it all down to one set amount?

- Manny and Paul: art steele seems to charge around set amount but students request more

- Tierney and RJ: events have different needs, may cost different, should just halve

- Cut benefit dinners? Question of value

- 500 cap for cultural food?

- 1 party per group a semester