

## Minutes for BC Meeting 10/9

In Attendance:

Hao Liu (Treasurer)  
Katarina Cruz  
Karen Blake  
Marie Lambert  
Richard Park  
RJ Kermes  
Tierney Werner  
Manny Morales  
Vivian Yee (minutetaker)

### **1. Men's Ultimate Frisbee (rep by Lucas)**

- Supplement to coach's salary – want to raise it to the cap because the team has grown in size and commitment
- The team has more split practices in the fall (usually have less in the fall, so would request more in the spring)
- Now have an a team and b team in the fall, so the coach has increased commitment for the fall up to spring level
- Motion to recommend increase – 3,0,0

### **2. Team Mead (rep by Siyu)**

- Have spoken with other sources (Dean Brill, etc)
- Can revise amounts now
- Will ask CAB for collaboration for 1910s night
- Other event will happen before can meet CAB, so will request for this event instead (on top of what was allocated last time)
- Weekend event (meet at the mead) – 100 for food, 15 publicity, 500 for craft items (face painting, cabinets, curiosity jars, sketching stations)
  - Will be a 3-4hr event, usually not heavily publicized to students, so want to do that this time
  - RJ - Give aways or part of the event?
  - Have never aimed at students before so trying to reform
  - RJ – seems dangerous that admin is planning things and looking for AAS to get budget
  - Mead does not get a budget for this since Team Mead is a student group
  - Karen – face paint may not be relevant, can't really fund
  - RJ – others beside face paint seem more related to the event
- Motion to fund – 4,0,0

### **3. ACSU (rep by Darienne)**

- Nelson Mandela's grandson coming to the school, headed by the MRC
  - Asked to get 4k for event

- Talk about education and empowering youth
- Will prob be 10k total for honorarium
- RJ – should halve
- Richard – should go to other organizations to ask for more from them first
- Karen – MRC is putting on an event, now soliciting AAS to try to put on this event, so is this ok?
- Hao – MRC has their own budget, and they are trying to seek money from our budget
- Motion to fund 2k – 5,0,0
- Motion to zero – 5,0,0
- La Causa doing an event, voices of the voiceless (will have 7 poets)
  - Cosponsoring this, want to get 1k for honorarium for 1
  - Kat – is this in their club budgets?
  - Already funded this in club budgets in full for 8 poets for 8k
  - Richard – should table this to touch bases with them to see if what we covered is correct
  - Saw their budget, seemed to be for 7 poets for more than 8k
  - RJ – value of events, already budgeted 8k for the honorarium for this event
  - Event will be dec 6
  - Richard – why did they reach out to your club specifically
    - Were looking for ways to do events together, but were unable to plan that, so were looking for ways to help get involved
  - Motion to zero – 5,0,0
- ACSU having an event nov 16 – have a speaker (Janelle Scott) coming in
  - Need 500 honorarium, 5 college event publicity, accommodation
  - Motion to fund – 5,0,0

#### 4. BSU (rep by Claire)

- Harlem Ren decorations – allotted 50 in club budgets (requested 200) but that's not enough
  - Want 450 to round this out to 500
  - Karen – have a hard cap of 50 for decorations
  - RJ – can try asking CAB
- Mandela's grandson – QRC and WGRC has reduced the amount given and price tag has increased because of the change in date, now want 5k
  - Was told that the total would be 16k, but this was before the date change
  - Event will be oct 16
  - Already set to come, but funds aren't sure
  - RJ – is this ex post facto? Administration knows the policy, so this is problematic
  - Karen – other people have done this before
    - Usually is students, not administration
  - Funds coming from provost, MRC, black studies, another student group
  - Richard – good that there's a diverse spread, but the problem is that they assumed that we would pay 10k without contacting us

- Karen – also another problem is that it wasn't a student group asking him, but was administration asking them
- RJ – has he signed a contract? Would have had to signed an AAS contract
- Richard – should zero all of this and go talk w Dean Vasquez first
- Motion to zero – 5,0,0
- Also for Voices for the Voiceless
  - 278 for hotel for speaker
  - Richard – how much is this for?
  - Looks like a significant amount has been requested in club budgets
  - Need additional fundings that they are short on – have 3.2k from various departments that they were short of, but still short 1.67k
  - Need for honorarium, lunch for poet, hotel, tshirt
  - RJ – do you have a break down?
  - Already have 1920 for rooms (should be for 8 rooms for 2 nights), so who are these additional funds for?
  - Hao – it would be best if one person come to request for this all when they have all the info together
  - Motion to table – 6,0,0
- Awareness campaign – will have a vigil next week (same event that they had given money for ribbon, etc last week about police brutality) – need to buy candles and chalk
  - Can only buy candles in bulk
  - RJ – a place to store for the future? Yes
  - Motion to fund – 6,0,0
- No longer need funds for Harvard event – not allowed to go to the event since it was overenrolled
- Dear White People movie tickets – offered a group price for this (will be for 60 people)
  - Motion to fund – 6,0,0

## 5. WAMH (rep by Tony)

- Heems event – were going to reallocate funds from a different artists, but still planning on bringing this other artist
- Have gone to other sources (Dean Brill – sound, rider items, lodging, etc) but want to get honorarium for them
- Will give a talk and performance – will be their nov event
- Also want to bring in Visitor – a dj they've brought before – only requesting for transportation
  - Possible to reallocate funds from open mike eagle (plans fell through w them) to this instead
  - Can reallocate the open mike eagle to honorarium for Heems
- RJ – if we fund this, there may be a chance we wont be able to fund a dec event
- Karen – almost 7k for this entire event
- Will end up spending 6,050
- Hao – what we have already allocated to them has been about 30k
- RJ – have you exhausted all other possible sources? Tried the music dept?

- Karen – when we were talking about the monthly thing, we were trying to space out the concerts, but now its put on this pressure to have a concert every month
- RJ – projecting for the next semester, may not be 1/month, but instead should just be less spaced out and perhaps less large concerts
- Can we removed the opener for heems and use visitor instead?
- Probably cannot fund for the rest of the semester
  - Yes understand given #s (already almost 21% of our total budget)
- Motion to fund 3.7k for heems – 6,0,0

#### **6. Equestion Club (rep by Sarah)**

- Need additional club fee (for the year) an additional member not accounted for before
- Will have a home horse show (already had 1 for past 15 years), basically every school is required to have a show
- Unable to get the funds through club funds before due to restrictions, but will come through discretionary funds
  - Need judge, emt (safety reg), horse use fees (in order to house horses, need to forfeit any money they could make otherwise with the horses), manager, portable toilet (will have more than 100 ppl at the show)
- Hao – reasonable, something we always fund
- Motion to fund – 7,0,0

#### **7. Drew House (rep by Austin and Amira)**

- Drew house project, required for them to put on every year
- About the black diaspora
- Have the peculiar kind, a documentary
- Will do a screening event, director of the film will come
- Will be a 5 college event
- RJ – know that marsh house has own budget within the house for their projects
  - Have a budget, but very small
  - Was funded last year as well
- Richard – how much did we fund for the project last year?
  - Had more people so requested more, also had more cosponsorship
- RJ – usually we halve and ask you to seek cosponsorship first – academic dept, admin dept, dean brill, etc
- Will happen in Nov
- Motion to fund – 7,0,0

#### **8. Glee Club (rep by Lawrence)**

- Holding a performance on the 17<sup>th</sup> – got 300 from CAB, need another 150 for food items
- Plan on having a reception after the performance – a way to foster conversation
- 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a good way to publicize to the school
- A way to start with fundraising for their tour
- Karen – we don't fund exclusive clubs

- A public event, but is hosted by an exclusive club
- Motion to zero – 7,0,0

### **9. League of Legend Club (rep by Lawrence)**

- A gaming club, looking to purchase a figurine to have on display during the meetings as a way to interest people to come to the meetings
- Group is having community come together to play or watch people play
- Tierney – typically only fund things that are essential to the operation of the club, but in this case we can fund physical games but not necessarily figurines
- RJ – unless this is required to play the game, we can't really fund this
- Motion to zero – 7,0,0

### **10. Debate Society (rep by Julia)**

- Need registration fees – 2,400 for world reg fees
- A worlds debate tournament in Malaysia – only requesting the reg fees (historically have been funded for this)
- Hao – do we normally fund international events?
- Usually get more in club funds, but this year got cut from 5k to 2k, so perhaps it would have come from there in the past
- Richard – the problem is that did we know that we were funding this in the past
- RJ – when is this?
  - Is over Christmas, will be during the break
  - Hao – can we fund this over the break?
  - Has happened before, believe that we have turned this down before
- Have been funded before in the pool 'registration fees' in club funds in the past
- Richard – the problem is do you value precedent over fairness, etc
- RJ – the issue is the price tag fro this event
- Hao – how many people is this for?
  - For 5 people
- Marie – can the debate endowment be used for this?
  - No, the funds are used for travel to the tournaments
- Tierney – the only reason this was revealed was because their budget was decreased from 5k to 2k
  - Richard – this just sheds light on the fact that we shouldn't have lump sums
  - RJ – just because of precedence, doesn't mean the BC can't make mistakes
- Tierney – who has contributed to this before? Have you ever gone to the presidents office or other places?
  - Have been discussed in the past, but because AAS has funded this historically, they have come back
  - If we no longer fund this, we can go explain why we will not fund this anymore to other sources
- Motion to zero – 7,0,0
- Brandeis reg fee for 500 funded

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

- State senator raskin coming family weekend – need \$15 for publicity for emergency funded
- Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**12. AMMO (rep by Tierney)**

- Has been brought to their attention that it may be dangerous to keep sending students to the BJJ instructor
- Previously, have split instructor fees between 2 coaches for BJJ and Isshinryu Karate, but the Isshinryu coach will now take over the BJJ duties
- Can they reallocate funds to the other coach instead of the BJJ coach and
- RJ – make sure we don't pay the BJJ coach as well because of the breach of contract?
- 800 for BJJ hasn't been requested yet, so can just go ahead and allocate that to the other coach instead
- Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**13. Badminton Club (rep by Karen)**

- Autumn tournament in NJ – 4 hrs away, for 12 people w 3 hotel rooms
- Funds to register for tournament – needs to be emergency funded cause need by oct 17
- USA badminton collegiate membership fees
- Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**14. Alphorn Club (rep by Marie)**

- 40 for music
- Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**15. Charles Drew (rep by Kat)**

- Need 15 for publicity for bringing 5 college staff to talk about a 5college certificate you cant get
- Motion to fund – 7,0,0

**16. Project Salud (rep by Kat)**

- Want 70 for food for next week for their runners for the 5k event
- Have not funded this in the past
- Motion to zero – 7,0,0

**17. Amherst Republicans - Robert Lucido (rep by RJ)**

- Has 5 people that he wanted to ask for, but so far all of them have fallen through
- The 13k funded before cannot go to these people
- Wants to bring Mosab Hassan Yousef, a son of Hamas founder
- Have already talked to amani and said that this person is not good
- Did win an award at the sun dance film festival for his film
- Richard – don't think that we should fund a hot topic like this

- RJ and Tierney – disagree with not hosting people for the possibility of offending people, need to acknowledge opposing views as well
  - Richard – it's great to get both sides of the stories, but there are certain topics that we should not touch
- Senate did not specifically allocate these funds to this, so would need to get a majority approval
- Tierney – there should be equal opportunity to get money
- Karen – should get a better sense of the views on this topic
- RJ – diff btw sending to referendum and having senate vote on it, should not just demure to the student body all the time, we are elected as senators to make these decisions
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