Minutes for BC Meeting 3/5/15

In Attendance:

Hao Liu (treasurer)

Tierney Werner

Will Jackson

Fawzi Itani

Manny Morales (absent)

Marie Lambert

Richard Park (absent)

RJ Kermes

Vivian Yee (minutetaker)

**1. BSU**

* Need 160 for Black Alumni Weekend
* Speaker is Sonya Sanchez is quite old so should come in one day earlier for another day in hotel
* Was 1st chair of black studies dept here
* RJ – can she not walk? What does she need this for?
  + Mobility challenges
* Hao – where is she coming from?
  + Not sure
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**2. ACF**

* Serve Up service trip to New Orleans for 16 students over spring break
* Was tabled last time
* Going w other schools from western ma as well
* Help build housing, deal w other issues
* Looked for cosponsorship – 500 from CCE and 500 from Presidents Office
* RJ – off campus events need to be less than 100 per person
  + Registration fee is 100 each, but also have room and board and material costs etc
* Fawzi – how many nights
  + For entire spring break (13th – 22nd)
* Hao – how was this advertised?
  + Tabled in val and did a random lottery
* Did fund Newman Club, question is the materials
* RJ – what are the materials for?
  + Collaborating w habitat for humanity, etc and this is for the lumber and other materials to build
  + RJ – sounds like a donation, which we would not normally fund
* Hao – where do the materials go to?
  + Go directly to the students building for the organization
* RJ – are the materials a donation or funding for student activities
  + Hao – in the past, did fund for a small project for Habitat
* Hao – this sum was given by the organization, so would the money be given to the organization? Not a fixed sum for materials
  + Have 1000 of cosponsorship, so that could be applied to this
* Marie – shouldn’t fund materials in this case bc already funding 100 per student for activity off campus, especially since does seem to be similar to a donation and does have cosponsorship
* Motion to fund all except for materials – 5,0,0
* Hao – when is this paid?
  + Paid afterwards

**3. Hip Hop Club (rep by Tierney)**

* Have 1000 for art steel, but is actually 2000, so need additional 1000
* Group wants 500 lump sum for van rental and gas
  + Need break down, but have not received
* Also want 90 for food for people on panel and police
* RJ – nothing we can do more without knowing more
* This is for this weekend, need to emergency fund
* Hao – where are they coming from?
* RJ – cant extrapolate from things we don’t know
* Tierney – do we reimburse for traveling gas money?
  + Do for apu, assuming that they already got funded?
  + Did this happen for speaker before?
* Motion to emergency fund 1000 for art steel – 5,0,0

**4. Amherst College Poker Club**

* Want to host weekly poker meeting, hopefully in a freshman common room
* Have 15 people committed to it so far
* Want to get materials for poker (chips, etc)
* Hao – publicity?
  + Posted in freshman class page
  + Hao – should get table tents
* RJ – where will this be kept?
  + Probably in room
  + RJ – need some way to keep in on campus storage
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**5. EDU**

* Need publicity for movie next week
* Speaker coming in apr 9 about learning and teaching history, esp at the undergrad level
* Need lodging for this one speaker
* Fawzi – do you need screening rights for the movie?
  + Not sure, will check
* Motion to fund – 5,0,0

**6. Christina**

* 2 students (Abigail and Christina) want to get funding to go to conference – insight, color of violence
* Is march 26-29 (3 nights)
* Already have 800 from various academic departments
* If they go, will do conference and presentation
* Rooms have already been reserved, but not paid yet
* Fawzi – cannot cover transportation costs
* Hao – how was this publicized?
  + Posters for this event in Val
* RJ – this trip would have to be open to all Amherst students, need to allow anyone who wants to go through lottery system
* Learned about this conference through prof in Amstud dept
* Hao – should make table tents and advertise
* Motion to fund publicity and table the rest – 5,0,0

**7. EDU**

* Need funding for education conference in new york (NY CoRE)
* Need funding for transportation, lodging for 1 nights, registration fees
* Is a 1 day event – about a 12 hours event (8:30 – 8:30)
* 7 people are going – 3 people live in NY so don’t need transportation or hotel, but 4 coming from Amherst so need transportation (2 girls 2 boys)
* Need 2 nights because no transportation to get them in early enough, so need night before and would miss last bus
* Karen – cant fund transportation, so should try for AAS van
* Motion to fund registration and hotel – 6,0,0
* Hao – how was this publicized?
  + Publicized in group meeting, then reached number of 7
  + If more people want to go, should do lottery
* Already have people committed and promised to go, so don’t feel its right to take this away from them
  + Karen – this is a policy, plus people may not be able to attend, etc. Want students to have equal access to opportunities
* Motion to add publicity – 6,0,0

**8. Juggling Club**

* Reviving juggling club from 2006
* Need 2 yoyos, yoyo lubricant, 6 unicycles, 6 juggling clubs, 43 juggling balls, 4 hackey sacks
* Have a list of companies – picked high quality items so that they would not need to replace them soon
* RJ – how much demonstrated interest is there?
  + Mentioned to many people, several seemed interested
  + Know at least 5 real jugglers here
* RJ – does it make sense to go for the unicycles at this point
  + Many have expressed interest, but could always wait and see
* Hao – where will the items be stored?
  + Not sure, would put in room
  + Karen – could talk to dean brill
* Fawzi – are there left over supplies from the juggling club in the past?
  + Asked dean brill, said shes not sure and could look through the james basement but not likely
* Motion to fund all except unicycle – 6,0,0
* Emergency fund publicity

**9. Hip Hop Club (rep by Cali)**

* The food will serve similar purpose as what it did for the lil b screening
* Can fund food for panel and discussion? Understand that they cant fund for the security – want 50 for food for workshop to foster discussion
* Hao – breakdown for transportation
  + Wont rent the van until the night of since they don’t want to pay for additional days that they don’t use it
  + Hao – need to know the amount breakdowns
* Karen – can ask Lekya
* Need receipt to write the check for transportation
* Motion to fund food – 6,0,0

**10. Outing Club Ski Club (rep by RJ)**

* Running a trip on Sat and got many requests from people who need rental equipment this time
* Cut the funding for rentals in budgets before, but if got additional funding for this, could add 10 more people to this trip
* Hao – how many are repeats?
  + The only people who are going this time who went last time are people w cars because they didn’t have enough vans
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0
* Motion to emergency fund

**11. Colleges Against Cancer (rep by Karen)**

* Publicity for St. Baldrics event and Relay for Life event
* Funding for food for support group meeting
  + Support group meets in prof sandersons house and talk and exchange personal stories and troubles concerning the issue
  + Similar to discussion based meetings for APU, so could fund 200 for food to allow them to break it up weekly
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

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

* Need 15 for publicity for Alec Ross event
* Motion to fund – 6,0,0

**13. Amnesty International (rep by Marie)**

* Mar 20 -22 – conference on human rights that they usually attend every year
* Publicized to entire group, only 2 people interested
* Hotel fees are so high because the 2 people going are 1 male 1 female and want separate rooms
* Will be in Brooklyn, ny
* Know the rule about 100/person for conference fee, so will find rest of funding elsewhere
* Cant fund transportation
* Motion to fund 100/per person for registration, hotel fee, publicity – 6,0,0

AC Republicans

* Want to reallocate funds for speakers since negotiations have fell through – might want to bring in Ray Kelly
* Will people find him insulting, especially considering stop and frisk?