

Minutes for BC Meeting 9/25

In Attendance:

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

1. QWAAC (rep by Karen)

- A group for queer women at Amherst, been around for awhile, but want to build more awareness
- Posters, food for intro meeting
- RJ – diff between this and pride?
 - Both overseen by angie
 - Pride is for all, more about education
 - Qwaac specifically for queer women (book club, walk, etc)
- Karen – can anyone come to the meetings? Do you have to identify so?
 - A safe space, so people can come
- Motion to recommend – 3,0,0

2. ISA (rep by Margo)

- Want a BSU-style party for international students
- International students want a low pressure way to get closer to the community
- At powerhouse, trying to book now
- Advertise to domestic and international students
- Budget based off past Caribbeanfest
- Not a full dinner, but want 700 for international foods
- Want to get a DJ
- Facilities and equipment rental
- Forming a committee, but haven't officially started planning
- Planning for oct 17 (fri), but can move depending on availability
- RJ – certain stipulation for parties, have gotten a def answer?
 - Will comply, want entire community, social space
 - Haven't gotten a def answer, but have backups also (lipton, seeyle..)
- Food – have 1.5k for cooking night, but is not, nor a benefit dinner
 - Can give 200 from 200 food group
 - Karen – this will be their entire budget for the semester though?
 - Tierney – 200 for any noneducation or noncooking night food
- Also seeking cosponsorship

- RJ – could fund 200, but could fund other things because they are under guidelines, so might be better to get food from cosponsorship
- Table facilities and equipment until know for sure what they need
- Table food to seek cosponsorship
- Motion to fund – 5,0,0

3. SCEF (rep by Cheryl)

- Fund running under CCE
- Allocate funding to other events, but must have CE components (like BC)
- Traditionally AAS gives 1k
- Motion to fund – 5,0,0

4. TEDx (rep by Terry)

- Want to change breakdown, but amount will stay the same
- 9,100 for video, tech and sound, av, stage (8000 for video, 900 for sound/av, 200 for stage)
- Instead of event set up and stage lettering, want to cover accommodations and transportation
- Hao – must break down amounts, are all the speakers confirmed?
- Confirming, will be for fri sat sun for 5 speakers
- Most are alum, so they may or may not waive travel fees
- Don't know breakdown of travel for each speaker since they haven't confirmed 2 speakers yet
- Hao – last year who paid for speaker accommodations?
 - A combination of presidents office, cce, aas, etc
 - Presidents office cutting back on funding for all student groups this year
- Want AAS to fund bigger chunk items instead of pieces so that it's more clear
- RJ – will probably not be able to fund everything after all the travel prices, is there anything that needs to be prioritized?
 - Not in particular, but would like the video, sound and stage to be covered since they're fixed costs
- Hao – what is the video for? Where does this fund go to?
 - Required by TEDx to film and post this online
 - Paying Amherst Media, must have video in a certain way
- RJ – can fund accommodation since it will be cheaper w AAS than elsewhere, so will recommend that
- Richard – where did you get funding last year? Have you already gotten cosponsorship
 - Dean of faculty, dean of students, presidents office, etc
 - Have commitment from offices but no firm numbers, will do what is necessary
 - Presidents office says that they cannot commit as much as last year (10k before)
- Richard – we gave 6.5k last year, cost 22.5k total, so how much did each office give you last year? Can you ask the provost?

- Expecting not to get same amount this year
- Provost wants to integrate TEDx into ask big questions, will fund if they are integrated
- RJ – have you looked at any other places for video and recording?
 - They did it last year, so they have the equipment and training already
 - Can fund at a level equal to last year, but may not be able to get much more
 - Concerned about the presidents office since that is where the majority of the funds came from last year
- Tierney – should go talk w Dean Brill as well
- Will recommend same as last year (6.5k) – funded 3.7k from last semester for video, can fund accommodation
 - Seemed to be 9.1k from AAS last year actually
- Think that the presidents office will not contribute much more than 6k and other offices do not have as much funds
- Tierney – should give 6.5k to see how much they can get from other offices
- Motion to fund 6.5k – 5,0,0
- Hao – should go to senate to seek cosponsorship
- Have gone everywhere they can go, have commitments, so will probably have to come up from 6.5
- Richard – not that don't want to fund, just need to hold a tight budget
- Is it possible to go up to 9.1k since that was the commitment from last year?
 - Hao – can you find the minutes for this from last year and go to senate on Monday to support
- From past minutes – funded 7.7k, so can bump up to 7.7k for now
 - CCE and Presidents office each committed 25k last year
- Motion to recommend 7.7k – 5,1,0

5. French House (rep by Terry)

- Annual crepe night, so need makers, ingredients, publicity
 - 200 for machine, 80 for utensils (tried to get from val but they wouldn't do it), 425 for ingredients
 - Tierney – can only fund 100 per semester for utensils
- Motion to fund – 6,0,0
- Kat – does French house not have fundings?
 - Do but not enough probably, had 125 people show up last year

6. APU (rep by Terry)

- Mona requesting for more honorarium (2k)
 - Have 2k from Asian civ
- A famous feminist speaker
- Tierney – is a contract getting signed? Is this the final amount?
 - Don't have final amount from Asian civ since don't have a cv from Mona
- Wants to come from NY, so for travel what would be the best way? Needs to go back to Michigan afterwards

- Hao – rent a car to drive here and then return here?
- Tierney – don't pay for return flights
- Hao – may exceed 10k if you add in the flight, may be up being 12k total for this person
- Kat – will have to go to referendum if over 10k
- Kat - could send her back to NY (round trip), ask and get back
- Will be Nov 19th
- Motion to fund – 6,0,0

7. Mindfulness Club (rep by Jayson)

- 2nd event this semester, 1st event was a walk in the bird sanctuary for a mindful walk
- This event will be similar but centered on food and eating food in a mindful way
- Not sure about how many, so decided to do dessert instead
- Want to do next sat at cadigan center
- Motion to fund – 6,0,0

8. ASK (Amherst Safe Space for Kinksters) (rep by Michael)

- A speak coming out from Colorado (w a colleague) to speak on the 1st sat of nov
- Not sure about exact amounts for travel and hotel
- Hao – will his colleague speak?
 - Yes, will have a presentation similar to the vagina monologues, and may also have an early workshop (if they do so may have to stay the fri night)
- RJ – do we want to fund travel without knowing the exact amounts?
 - Tierney – have some time to find exact amounts
- Tierney – cosponsorship?
 - Not yet, but will ask student affairs, dean brill, etc
- Can fund rooms for 2 since it is a fixed rate
- Motion to fund – 6,0,0
- ASK has an event they want to do next semester and prices are going up already
 - Kat – currently don't have that money yet, so policy would not really allow for us to fund this
- Also want table tents for first meeting next week
- Motion to fund 15 for publicity – 5,0,0

9. Debate Team (rep by David Zhang)

- Requested during senate, gave 1k for tournament fees for BC this weekend
- Need additional funds for Yale and Harvard tournaments for next month
 - Have been consistently sending 5 teams to tournaments, which cost about 700
- Motion to fund – 5,0,0

10. Andrew Kurzweil (rep by RJ)

- Need additional funding (double) since there is a coauthor (extra 20 for dinner and another room)

- Motion to fund – 5,0,0