

7:30pm-8:15pm

Minutes for Budgetary Committee Discretionary Meeting 02/01/2018

In Attendance:

Jacob Silverman (Treasurer)
Sade Green
Natalia Khoudian
Isiaha Price
Jordan Edwards
William Zaubler
Cornell Brooks (late)
Yuko Nakano (Minute taker and voting member)

Apologies:

Olivia Mastrangelo
Nehemiah McGowan
Ioannis Kalogiannis

Requests

1. **Chai Society** requesting funding for an event

- Rep: party for the Jewish holiday, Purim, 2/28 (Wed.), requesting money for external DJ for lighting equipment, religious food, decorations and rabbi honorarium (as itemized)
- Rep confirms party is open to all students
- *BC members question the rabbi's role in the party*
 - Rep: Rabbi will be at the party for the duration of the party
- Isiaha: who's the DJ?
 - Rep: idk but not a student
- Jacob: asks to breakdown the first line item
 - Rep: it's all one person who's doing three things (party planning, DJ, lighting)
- Natalia: I think \$1000 is a lot if just DJing, but if he's providing the lighting that's a big cost so I think that's a reasonable amount
 - N: I think we could stick with \$800 and you can negotiate with the person, worst comes to worst you could come back and ask for the rest of the money
- *everyone seems to be in agreement for \$800*
- N: **motion to amend 1a to \$800 and recommend 1a,b,c,d (6, 0, 0), approved**

2. **Argentine Tango Club** requesting funding for coach

- J: walk through logistics like weekly attendance, number of Amherst students specifically
 - Rep: we haven't met yet for this semester but last semester we had about 10 students regularly, I'm not totally sure how many were Amherst and how many weren't but probably around 8
 - Rep: and we meet once a week for two hours
- I: did we fund them during club budgets last semester?
 - I: I thought the idea would be we would fund them this semester as long as they had more attendees
 - J: makes sense
 - Will: but we don't have the data on how many people are going now
- N: 10 is the usual number?
 - Rep: from Amherst I think it was fairly consistently 8
- N: I think if we fund it we should add publicity, to maximize interest in the club on campus

- Rep: we used to have a large club budget with enough money for an event that drew students to our club but we lost that budget so
- W: before we vote, I don't think we shouldn't fund it but critical to say that our discretionary budget is smaller and we can't keep handing out thousands of dollars
- N: **motion to recommend 2a,b (5, 0, 1), approved**

3. **Christian Wright** requesting funding for an event

- *Rep is not requesting funding through organization*
- Rep: Mari is an artist from New York, has worked with renowned producers and is well established, wanting to bring him 2/10 (Sat.), event would be open to everyone, music is diverse sound, caters to a lot of different audiences, add to social dynamic of the campus
- Rep: Powerhouse is already reserved
- J: association with a club is important for attendance
 - J: how would you get attendants
 - Rep: I'm connected with a lot of student groups on campus and five colleges, I think with my personal reach on campus there will be around 200-300 people, opens myself and UMass
- J: get on mailing lists for music clubs and Daily Mail, make sure it's well publicized
- N: **motion to recommend 3a,b (6, 0, 0), approved**

4. **Green Room** requesting funding for an event

- Rep: third production into semester's plans, so we're putting on a musical, need money for costumes and props
- J: because we're kind of tight in discretionary funds I'd ask that you spend your show 1 and show 2 funds first before this other play, and if you need more funds you can potentially come back
 - Rep: ok, I think this show requires \$800 for the rights
- *BC reps have a thing with costumes, should be a little less*
- N: I think we tend to allocate overestimates which isn't good for other requests because that money is lost, which is why we want specifics for line items, I don't think we need to fund anything else as long as you use all the funding you have
- J: so are the rights actually \$800?
 - Rep: so the \$800, part of it is a \$500 deposit
 - J: ok so why don't you spend money on all the other line items except rights and costumes, we don't fund deposits
- *BC agrees to decide on the matter after they have more information*

5. **AMMO** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: so as far as I know, as long as BJJ has been officially recognized as a club, they haven't gotten mats, both clubs are sharing mats so right now we're short on mats
- Rep: we'd have 6 mats ideally, connect them all and create a big mat
- N: **motion to recommend 4a (6, 0, 0), approved**

6. **WAMH** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: people want to have our show through iTunes (SoundCloud allows that to happen)
 - because WAMH isn't active the entire year, we're going to have some months where we pay monthly
- *there's a little confusion about the price and original request as \$135, resolved as \$135 final price*
- J: **motion to zero 5a (1, 5, 0), denied**
- N: **motion to recommend 5a (6, 0, 1), approved**

7. **AC Electronics** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: we need \$325 for a 3D Printer upgrade, it was nonoperational this past year because of a jam, we spent over 10 hours getting it to work, some of the components are not durable enough so we need to replace parts to better model
 - Rep: we'll retrofit
- N: **motion to recommend 6a (7, 0, 0), approved**

8. **Video Games Club** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: this would be Steam Games, with 30-40 people attending the club meetings
- N: is this going on the Amherst account?
 - Rep: yes
- W: **motion to recommend 7a (7, 0, 0), approved**

9. **Flight Club** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: we would like a better flight simulator at \$250
 - Rep: this would include flight models, \$100-150 software purchase
 - for simulators for xplane
 - Rep: would also include instrument panels (for tangible feel)
- J confirms that IT will store this equipment
- Rep: also \$200 for remote control plane
 - I: open to all the students?
 - Rep: yeah, hopefully this will inspire more interest in the club
- Rep: we'll be doing a workshop series
 - Rep: tabling at val soon, someone can put these workshops towards a certificate, for ground school
- N: **motion to recommend 8a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

10. **The Amherst Student** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep (BC Member Jacob): this is the monthly debt thing as well as stamps to send issues to alumni
- W: **motion to recommend 9a,b (6, 0, 1), approved**