

7:30pm-8:30pm

Minutes for Budgetary Committee Discretionary Meeting 02/15/2018

**In Attendance:**

Jacob Silverman (Treasurer)  
Natalia Khoudian  
William Zaubler  
Ioannis Kalogiannis  
Cornell Brooks  
Jordan Edwards  
Yuko

**Apologies:**

Nehemiah McGowan  
Isiaha Price  
Sade Green  
Olivia Mastrangelo

**Requests**

1. **Debate Society** requesting funding for competition

- Rep: need housing for an Amsterdam competition, two nights at \$150 a night
  - 5 people, one room
- *cannot motion on request due to lack of quorum, refer to further on in document for result*

2. **La Causa** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we have an event coming up alumni event we bring alumni to speak on a panel, want to get shirts for them
  - Jacob: unfortunately we have a no giveaway policy so we won't be able to fund this, but Paul Gallegos, head of Student Activities, has told us that you can go through senate funding or other offices with funding, like the MRC or Student Affairs
- *cannot motion on request due to lack of quorum, refer to further on in document for result*

3. **Long You** requesting funding for event

- Rep: idea is to bring in a comedian with fellow student Lauren Weiss, to entertain students
  - and have pizza for food
- Rep: the cost is an all-inclusive honorarium
- J: where, how many people?
  - Rep: 2/23 (Fri.) at the Powerhouse, expecting about 50-80
- William: have you publicized this?
  - Rep: no but will do so
- N: **motion to recommend 2a and 6a,b,c and zero 3a (4, 0, 1), approved**

4. **Hip Hop Club** requesting funding for event

- Rep: three acts listed on budget request, one of the artists used to go to Hampshire so I think a lot of people will end up coming, and the cost covers all of their honoraria
  - Rep: production person gives kind of crazy quotes but this is the lowest he would give
  - Rep: artists expect certain quality of sound so
- J: it's a little interesting that the production is more expensive than the per person honorarium
  - W: I think one of the artists is probably more valued than the other

- Rep: yeah, the first one is \$2500
- Rep: 40 to 50 people expected to come
  - *BC members have problem with this because the honorarium cost exceeds the per person honorarium cost policy*
- Ioannis: would the event change if you cut one of the artists?
  - Rep: one of the artists, she may not show up, so cost could go down by \$1000
    - Rep: the cost is already negotiated down, but one of them has a lot of personal issues so I'm not able to get in contact with her easily, I spoke to her last semester but haven't since then so not entirely sure what her current quote is
      - N: we don't want to fund anything if it's not certain
- J: so just to summarize the problems we might have with the request, firstly, the honorarium fee is way beyond what our policy is per person, also, for the production aspect, it seems pretty high relative to the cost of the honorarium, and thirdly you could potentially negotiate down to a lower price for the honorarium
  - Rep: I'm planning to talk to Paul G. about funding soon so I can come back base on what he says next week
  - J: ok, please come back and talk to us after meeting with Paul
- Jordan E.: **motion to table 7a,b,c,d,e (6, 0, 0), approved**

5. **Circus** requesting funding for event

- Rep: having an exhibition as part of LitFest, 20-30 pieces of work at the event
- N: **motion to recommend 8a (6, 0, 0), approved**

6. **ISA** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we want to organize an ice skating event at UMass, they gave us some dates around spring break but not entirely sure what date yet, will cost about \$400 total, not enough ice skates at the Amherst College ice rink to hold it here but same idea
- Cornell: **motion to recommend 9a (6, 0, 0), approved**

7. **Theatrical Choreography Club** requesting funding for equipment

- J: didn't we fund this request recently?
  - *after an extensive search through budgets, seems like we haven't funded lightsabers recently to any club*
- Rep: we would like 4 lightsabers, we're working on documenting a bunch of fighting styles
  - Rep: they need to be quality
  - Rep: can't be any of the cheap stuff
- JE: **motion to recommend 10a (6, 0, 0), approved**

8. **Green Room** requesting funding for equipment

- J: did you get the finalized itinerary for the shows? (*refer to 02/01/2018 Discretionary minutes*)
  - Rep: so we're putting on two productions at the same time, so this is the combined cost, \$150 and \$225 for the other show, we've calculated based on what's available from the Theater Dept. and from other clubs
- JE: **motion to recommend 11a (5, 0, 1), approved**

9. **Entrepreneurs Club** requesting funding for event

- Rep: this is for an event with a speaker, and we would like 4 large pizzas at \$20 each, also posters
- N: do they have food from earlier on in the semester?
  - Yuko: no
  - J: can merge intro and discussion for more money
- JE: what business did this woman start?

- Rep: don't really go to the meeting I'm just the treasurer
- JE: **motion to recommend 1a,b (6, 0, 0), approved**

10. **WAMH** requesting funding for event

- Rep: Yaeji may not come but tomorrow we're finding out
- N: on Monday we spoke with Eli, and we agreed to wait until that decision was made
- Rep: spoke to Paul G. and solidified that she's coming on the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>, so in general it IS difficult to get her, but we got confirmation from her manager/agent
- Rep: also requesting money for a second show on 4/19 (Thurs.)
  - adding opener cost (\$250 for an up and coming rapper Gosha Guppy, another house DJ Fordi3)
- Rep: another event on 4/19 (Thurs.) event in the Powerhouse, which will be four separate acts
  - Salmon Shorts @ \$100
  - Ritual Talk @ \$500
  - Ginger Libation @ \$500
  - LuxeDeluxe @ \$500
  - and hospitality riders \$100 that could probably be deleted
- N: all of this is way over 10% of our entire budget and all of these events are serving a similar purpose
- Rep: we're trying to offset the cost with the Powerhouse Committee and other sources
  - Rep: we understand if you can't fund anything after the Salmon Shorts, but the requests seem pretty reasonable
  - N: it doesn't matter if it's reasonable as individual costs, I think we should talk over whether we feel comfortable funding this and setting precedent
- Rep: some of these are different artists on the punk, experimental side of music, which is different from our big pop events
  - 60-80 people expected at the 4/19 (Thurs.) event
  - N: I understand, but you still have 10% of our budget which is too much
- J: the first concert on 3/3 is fine I think
- C: I feel like we have to fund the openers at least
- C: **motion to recommend 12a,b,c,d,e, emergency fund 12f, and zero 12g,h,i,j,k,l (5, 0, 1), approved**

11. **La Causa** requesting funding for a conference

- Rep: we're asking for hotel rooms to send 12 students to a conference at Harvard for two nights
- W: publicized?
  - Rep: no
- Rep: we're taking 3 eBoard people and we're planning on seeing who else wants to come, but not sure if it'll be 12 people yet
- Rep: update that we have 12 people who want to go (*received new information via SMS*)
- *There is a little bit of debate over how many people will actually end up going and how they should choose the people but resolved as- two rooms should be enough to house 8-10 students*
- W: **motion to recommend 3b (6, 0, 0), approved**

12. **Flight Club** requesting funding for coach salary

- Rep: coaching fee will be \$3000 for 20 sessions
- Rep: this is based on the cost of about \$68 per person, as used by other flight schools in the area, and will include open source ground training, averaging the number of attendees that usually come with the number of people who will be taking the test (oral, written, and practical) at the end of the semester, , trying to get 5-10 people signed off for the test, so that'll save money

- J: so the coach would be David? (*David is a student also present at the meeting with the club rep*)
  - Rep: yes, but he will be acting as the coach because he has his license to fly and teach
- Rep: insurance won't cover anything not on the ground
- Rep: so all of the sessions will be in the next two and a half months, so we can fit all of the sessions in
- Rep: the only other fee would be the testing fee \$150, which Paul G. agreed to cover
- Rep: in terms of continuity of the club, we're hoping to have one of our current members to get certified to take over when David graduates, and will continue on in that pattern for years to come and act as coach
- W: **motion to recommend 13a (5, 1, 0), approved**

13. **CACSAC** requesting funding for trip

- Rep (Cornell): we would like funding for tickets, \$175 total, for 20 people and publicity \$15, to take students to see "Black Panther" at Hampshire Mall
- W: **motion to recommend 15a (5, 0, 1), approved**

14. **Amherst Student** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep (Jacob): monthly recurring cost for printing
- JE: I hate that recurring cost
- W: **motion to recommend 14a,b (5, 0, 1), approved**

15. **Sports Analytics** requesting funding for conferences

- Rep (William): one is the RedSox career fair, totaling \$70 for two tickets and second the SEME Conference at \$100 for two tickets
- N: **motion to recommend (4, 1, 1), approved**