

8:00pm-8:30pm

Minutes for Senate Meeting 02/20/2017

In Attendance:

Aditi Krishnamurthy (Treasurer)
Jenine Sheperd
Olivia Mastrangelo
Shannon Wei
Natalia Khoudian
Jordan Edwards
Pierre-Alexander Low
Ben Fiedler
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker)

Not in Attendance:

Jacob Silverman
Will Zaubler

Requests

1. **Amherst Mixed Martial Arts** (*con't. from Request #5 on 2/13/2017*) requesting funding for coach

- specifically for a new coach salary
- Paul Gallegos: I spoke to the two coaches and we confirmed all the facts discussed at the last meeting
 - essentially the two works do the same amount of work, and the Karate coach had been seeding money to BJJ
 - BJJ instructor did have a certain amount allocated to himself
- Aditi: at this point, we're going to give some amount, but the question is where are we going to start? The request is \$2900 but we can start lower I think
 - Natalia: what's the typical figure for a new coach?
 - Aditi: there really isn't a standard, it depends on if the coach is a recent alum, gets paid by the college in other way, etc.
- Rep: the other thing I wanted to say, the karate coach was making \$4500, but that was dropped to \$3700 after paying the BJJ coach, there is a question of which figure would be kept for him
- Pierre: how many members?
 - Rep: 12 in karate, and 14 members total in BJJ but around 8 show up to each meeting
- Natalia: what if we drop the BJJ coach salary to \$2000?
- **motion to fund 19a as amended (7, 0, 0), approved**
- small discussion on logistics of changing salary forms between Rep, Aditi, and Paul G

2. **Sailing Team** requesting funding for league dues

- Rep: last week we requested regatta fees that were expected from last semester, but there are annual fees that are only requested in the spring which we didn't know about because this is only our second semester
- **motion to fund 20a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

3. **BlackFem** requesting funding for event*

- Aditi: we're not funding the full honorarium amount for Chloe McKenzie

- Aditi: it was pretty wishy-washy in terms of how much exactly she needs/wants, it may be negotiable because she willingly agreed to pay for accommodations
 - Aditi: a number I thought about was somewhere between \$1800-\$2000, out of the \$2250
 - Ben: how much did we pay her last time?
 - Aditi: \$2000, and it was a 2 day event instead of 3 days
 - Ben: was it well attended?
 - Aditi: yes, I heard it was very well attended
 - Olivia: I think we should give her \$1750
 - Paul G.: just to make sure, what are her merits exactly?
 - Aditi looks up Chloe McKenzie's merits on LinkedIn
 - Aditi: I'm also wary to pay the full sum because she graduated in 2014
 - Pierre: I think Olivia's proposition makes sense
 - **motion to fund as amended (6, 0, 1), approved**
- *Representative was not present during request discussion