

7:30pm-8:15pm

Minutes for Discretionary Meeting 03/02/2017

In Attendance:

Aditi Krishnamurthy (Treasurer)
Jacob Silverman
Olivia Mastrangelo
Ben Fiedler
Natalia Khoudian
Shannon Wei
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker)

Late:

Pierre-Alexander Low
Jordan Edwards

Not in Attendance:

William Zaubler
Jenine Sheperd

Requests

1. **Mixed Martial Arts** requesting funding for event

- Specifically for honorarium and travel fees for a Tai chi master, a martial artist who would be hosting a workshop for the five-colleges and the public
 - Rep: the honorarium is based on rates from before, and he is a personal mentor of mine
 - Rep: second time coming to the college
 - Event would be 3/11 (Sat.), the weekend before spring break
- Aditi: is this a flat fee for his costs, we don't have to separate the honorarium from travel fees?
 - Rep: yes
- Aditi: you would also need publicity
- Pierre: can you host this on a different date, because BC primarily funds events that are accessible to everyone, and spring break is technically outside of our funding timeline
 - Rep: this event would be really hard to change, regarding the schedule of the instructor
 - Jacob: but because you don't have funding for this yet, it's not set in stone
 - Jacob: while it's technically not spring break [spring break starts 3/13 (Sun.)], I'm still skeptical as to whether this is under the guidelines
- Aditi: just for future reference, and as a general principle, you should come to BC and ask for funding at the beginning of the planning process, we aren't supposed to be considering students' and guest performers' schedules in terms of funding
- Jacob: if you were to request this for a later date, you may receive funding, because cost isn't outside of the guidelines
- Pierre: can you maybe reach out to him and see if he could change the date?
 - Rep: most of the people who I think would be interested in this event are already associated with us and we have considered their interest and schedules
 - Aditi: as a funding body, we shouldn't be funding things that are not accessible for the entire student body
- Rep: would you guys consider funding this honorarium if it were a lower amount?
 - Jacob: the main issues are that we, as BC, cater to the entire student body, and because it's outside of guidelines in terms of timing, we wouldn't fund it even if it were less expensive
- **motion to zero 2a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

2. **Public Health Collaborative** requesting funding for event

- specifically for an honorarium for a speaker
 - Rep: they will be talking about police brutality and gun violence
- Aditi: if it's associated with the Career Center, why don't they fund things?
 - Rep: the Career Center is helping fund the event but this club is planning the event
- Olivia: so the honorarium is covered?
 - Rep: yes
- **motion to fund 3a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

3. **Amherst Christian Fellowship** requesting funding for trip

- Rep: this is an alternative spring break trip that we've been hosting for a decade now and it's for the entirety of spring break
 - students travel from all over New England to New Orleans
 - Aditi: I know you guys go on this trip every year but I think you usually get funding from other sources
 - Rep: I figure that guidelines change with different treasurers, so we should give BC a shot
 - Aditi: sorry Joshua
- **motion to zero 5a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

4. **Archery Club** requesting funding for coach fees, transportation, equipment

- Rep: we were trying to make the transition to bringing the club here
 - would be held potentially in Tyler basement
 - Rep: we're trying to cut down the number of times we go to the range off-campus and also building up our equipment
- Rep: rather than the 20 lessons I ask for each semester, we would be requesting 5 coached lessons at \$1,328.13 and 5 open-range lessons at \$929.69 and money for a Zipcar each semester
 - Aditi: you were getting a Zipcar in the past because you were traveling 3 times a month
 - Olivia: I think the minimum is two though
- Rep: also requesting funding for equipment, which would be 2 target stands and 2 target nets for now
- Rep: one more thing, part of the transition is to have students get trained to become coaches, which would be \$140 per student
 - Aditi: there's no specific guideline for that so BC members can decide
 - Rep: we would have enough to lead our club, to move more lessons on campus
 - Rep: I'll come back later and request this amount later after seeing how many students would want to potentially want to get trained
- Rep: we have about 30 members, 5 to 10 regular attendees based on Zipcar availability
- Olivia: do you not need funding for other equipment?
 - Rep: as we get quotes, after talking to coach, we'll probably have 5-7 people shooting at once so I'll come back to request further equipment
- Rep: would it be better to come to BC with a full proposal with all the requests I'd be making?
 - Pierre: yes, similar experience to the student musical equipment (*refer to*
- Rep: \$6000 is the estimated total cost
- Aditi: I'm happy that you're trying to move this on campus!
- **motion to fund 6a-e (7, 0, 0), approved**

5. **Amherst College Bike Share** requesting funding for equipment

- Aditi: I don't think we need to talk about this too much because we funded to start this program

- Rep: I wasn't on board when we bought all the tools, so I definitely would have ordered this bike work stand, but generally, this is a one time purchase, the only things maintenance wise would be tune-ups
- **motion to fund 7a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

6. **Her Campus** requesting funding for food

- Rep: a small portion would go toward buying bubble tea and food from places near campus for an article
- Aditi: isn't HerCampus an online magazine, why do you need food for a cultural event when there are other affinity groups to host these events?
 - Rep: we would be hosting with KSA
- Pierre: I don't think this is religious or cultural, so the most it could be is discussion food
- Aditi: what's the specific request for the bubble tea
 - Olivia: so the bubble tea is for an event revealing the best bubble tea based on an article
- Olivia: I think the problem may be the precedent we set through this motion
- Aditi: you can maybe talk to CAB about this request, and you should probably itemize the request more clearly, also we really can't fund a lot of money for food in general
- **motion to zero 8a, b (7, 0, 0), approved**

7. **Newman Club** requesting funding for conference

- Aditi: in terms of the funding, we only fund up to \$100 per person for a conference ticket
- most BC members have read a request email with a lot more information
- Pierre: we generally pay \$100 per registration but we can also allocate for accommodations
 - Aditi: we made some rule about housing at conferences
 - Pierre claims its \$3000 max
 - Aditi: is it?
 - He was right! Let's all trust Pierre next time!
- **motion to fund 9a-c (7, 0, 0), approved**