

7:40pm-8:25pm

Minutes for Budgetary Committee Discretionary Meeting 03/22/2018

edited and condensed for clarity

In Attendance:

Jacob Silverman (Treasurer)
Ioannis Kalogiannis
Cornell Brooks (late)
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker and voting member)

Apologies:

Olivia Mastrangelo
Natalia Khoudian
Jordan Edwards
Nehemiah McGowan
Sade Green
William Zaubler
Isiaha Price

Requests

1. **Badminton** requesting funding for coach salary

- Rep: we have a coach that we were able to find and they are a contact person for future tournaments and playing against other games in the future
- Rep: we practice twice a week for two hours and so far the coach has been coming so we'd like to pay him something, the coach is a graduating UMass something, a sophomore, but played on the national team so wondering if we could get funding
- Cornell: how long do you guys play?
 - Rep: practice is two hours, around two practices a week
- Jacob: fill out a coaching form, everything is processed by HR so he'll have to fill out timesheets
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 2a recommended*

2. **Women's Ultimate Frisbee** requesting funding for tournament

- Rep: \$840 for a tournament before break, already went but haven't gotten the bill yet
- J: we can't fund ex post facto, even if you haven't received the bill yet, but you can reallocate from existing funds
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 3a zeroed (reallocated from budget)*

3. **Mead** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we have five artists coming in making art for 24 hours, giving them \$500 each for supplies and putting them up in Lord Jeff, 5 artists for two nights each
- Rep: getting funding for honorarium elsewhere
- J: expected turnout?
 - Rep: around 500
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 4a,b,c recommended*

4. **SASA** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we have a singer/artist coming in with specific dietary needs
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*

- *voted as: line item 15a,b recommended*

5. **Dan Langa** requesting funding for trip

- Rep: I'm a finalist in a composition competition in the University of South Carolina, and they're paying for hotels and such, so this is just a request for transportation
- J: we can't do that unfortunately, you can probably get funding from Career Center, but if you can get the competition to fund transportation instead, so we can pay for hotels, that could work
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 7a,b zeroed*

6. **Gospel Choir** requesting funding for honorarium

- Rep: need to request more because the price went up
- Rep: we requested \$350 for honorarium two or three weeks ago, and this is the second supplemental request
- Rep: this is for end of semester concert, inviting singer who needs an accompanist
- Rep: so the travel will cover two people, from Atlanta roundtrip
 - *BC is concerned about the price of travel*
- Rep: also need honorarium for \$2500
- Rep: expect 150 attendees
- Rep: event will be on 4/20 (Fri.)
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 8a,b,c recommended*

7. **Alexander Deatrick** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: so whatsatval.com is a site I made to make it easy for people to see what's at val and I haven't started publicizing but twenty people use it now, the costs for this is \$11 a year for domain name and \$20 a year for hosting
- Rep: the other side is valtexts, not requesting money for the domain name bc I'm trying to make it into the same domain name but this is a subset of the original website, to get text updates about what's at val, about \$0.75 per text, but there's hosting fees as well
- *Costs are originally in per year form, Jacob calculates to fund the requests by year, but BC member Yuko would appreciate updates more frequently*
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 9a,b,c,d,e recommended*

8. **Debate** requesting funding for event

- Rep: Ichiban catering instead of Fresh Side
- Rep: requesting funding to provide lunch and dinner, tried to find the cheapest pizza/catering that we could, also plates/napkins, for a debate competition
- J: you're out of food money because this wouldn't be integral to the event or cultural or anything else
 - Rep: we've gotten this funded for the past few years
 - *J will send email after talking to Senate about food*
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 6b tabled, 6a,c recommended as is*

9. **SJ Doi** requesting funding for coach salary

- Rep: we're requesting \$4100 dollars for woman who is a Doula, who would hold four full-day training sessions from 9:30am-6:00pm for Amherst students
- Rep: essentially practicing supporting the pregnancy process
- Rep: training will start this 3/25 (Sun.) but you'll get the bill 3/26 (Mon.)

- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 11a recommended*

10. **INCA** requesting funding for event

- Rep: actually it's two separate events
- Rep: need to get performers from airport to here
- Rep: some things have been funded a little bit previously
- Rep: another rep submitted request this morning, for a separate event with a Filipina-American activist that does solidarity work and associates with another person at the INCA symposium, but we want to have a separate event with her, sort of taking advantage of her travel from San Francisco paid for by someone else
- *BC agrees that the request sounds reasonable, no problem*
- *J explains how the budget google sheet works so that reps can check whether their requests have been granted or not*
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 13a-f recommended*

11. **Christien Wright** requesting funding for event

- Rep: putting together a party during weekend of spring concerts, bringing in Dj Dwai and Luiego both from New York, Office of Student Activities is helping to fund
- Rep: probably a lot at least 75, up to 500 attendees, at Powerhouse
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 14a recommended*

12. **Entrepreneurs Club** requesting funding for meeting

- Rep: at least 35 people came to last meeting, expecting at least the same people for this meeting/talk
- J: we can give up to \$20 based on food rules, otherwise you can ask Paul Gallegos
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 16a amended to \$20 and recommended as amended*

13. **Active Minds** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we have been organizing this event since September, we have I think 15 people who have signed up to write/narrate from what they've experienced, the posters/signs will be hanging in Keefe in the Atrium for the rest of the semester and the summer and we would like food for the opening reception, expecting 100 people over a 1.5 hour period
- J: \$250 with integral and discussion
- *not enough BC members for quorum, will cast votes at a later time*
 - *voted as: line item 17a recommended*