

Minutes for Budgetary Committee Discretionary Meeting 03/30/2017 7:30pm-8:15pm

In Attendance:

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

Late:

Pierre-Alexander Low

Not in Attendance:

William Zaubler
Jenine Sheperd

Request

1. **ACSU** requesting funding for an event
 - **motion to zero 1a (6, 0, 0), approved**

2. **Intersections Dance Company** requesting funding for an event
 - Aditi: there's a number of caps for food funding
 - Olivia: what are the costumes for?
 - Rep: ten dancers for each piece, we will reuse costumes for these ten people
 - Jacob: what is water categorized under usually?
 - Aditi: discussion food, but I think there is a more sustainable way to get water to the event
 - Aditi: we have paid for publicity in the past, posters and programs separately so we can do that
 - Aditi: I'm not sure if we can fund a lighting and music crew that is comprised of students
 - Aditi: you can go to Student Activities or CAB
 - Aditi: I'm comparing this to Amherst Dance and we don't fund food for events and whatnot so I think they should go to another source first
 - Rep: this is our first event of the semester so it is sort of an intro meeting to recruit, would that help our standing?
 - Aditi: other funding sources have more lax rules about funding foods so you should try them first
 - Aditi: what sets you guys apart from Amherst Dance?
 - Rep: we're a set company so you have to audition to get into the company
 - Aditi: hm ok so everything we fund has to be open and accessible to every member of the student body so we can't fund anything that is discriminatory, we don't fund A Cappella and what not
 - Rep: the audition thing isn't how it's been so far, just something we're considering for the future
 - Aditi: just keep it in mind for the future
 - Natalia: I think if that's the case so far, so we can fund costumes
 - Olivia: I think if the costumes do become exclusive, that violates our guidelines
 - Jacob: I disagree, because it's our property so we can just tell them to give it back

- Rep: we got 63 people fitting in vans, so just in case of overflow
- Rep: there's also a deposit
 - Aditi: for accounting, for things like deposits, we can do that but the way our bank account is set up, only Amherst College can put money into the account, Paul can help me figure out the paperwork but we won't get the money back
- Natalia: is the deposit dependent on attendees
 - Rep: the deposit would be the same whether one person or 100 people go
- Aditi: aggregate cost, how much is student activities contributing in aggregate?
 - Rep: they're only funding the bus, Paul will get us an estimate for us tonight, just one bus, we had our meeting earlier today
- Aditi: when is the event
 - Rep: leaving 4/21 Fri.
- Aditi: not a fan of funding the deposit but I'll ask Paul and then if he can't do it we can fund it
- Olivia: does this amount fall under hotel guidelines?
 - Aditi: yes
 - Jacob sketches out some calculations and confirms
- **motion to fund 6a,b,e and table c,d (6, 0, 0), approved**

6. **Reproductive Justice Alliance** requesting funding for an event

- Olivia: what's the event?
 - Rep: get-to know people, group activity of self-expression
- **motion to fund 7a (6, 0, 0), approved**

7. **Adventists Christians Together to Serve** requesting funding for a conference

- some misunderstanding about what the exact request is
 - Rep: the \$75 registration fee option is for the whole event, and the \$50 registration fee option is for the Saturday event only
- Rep: 15 attendees, so \$1125 in total
- brief explanation of event: Apologetics seminar in Rhode Island, to discuss evidence for Christ's resurrection, conference is for both Christians and non-Christians
- Jacob: we should fund publicity too
 - Rep: we have everything else taken care of (accommodations, transportation)
 - Aditi: do you know at all how much the aggregate sum is?
 - Rep: not at all, sorry
- Rep: conference is from 4/14 Fri-4/16 Sun.
- **motion to fund 8a,b (6, 0, 0), approved**

8. **Active Minds** requesting funding for an event

- Aditi: is the photographer a student photographer?
 - Rep: not sure, I think the same photographer for Student Activities
- Aditi: I'm pretty sure that's a student, try CAB or student activities first

9. **ACSU** requesting funding for an event

- Aditi: we already funded hallmark food for this so I don't know if we can give you more
 - Aditi: for precedent reasons
- Aditi: let's see if we can reallocate food money
 - Rep: intro meeting we didn't spend

- Rep: projected attendance is much higher now, it's like 280 people, last year it was 50
 - Aditi: we hear that, but we can't exceed the hallmark status
- Aditi: if you go to student activities for additional \$450 and they deny you, come back to us with items that are non-food items and then have student activities fund more food

10. **Amherst Christian Fellowship** requesting funding for an event

- Rep: event is for Easter, on Easter weekend
 - Rep: we would love to fly in someone
 - Rep: all we need is transportation, we fundraised for the honorarium
- **motion to fund 10a (6, 0, 0), approved**