7:30pm-8:30pm

In Attendance:
Natalia Khoudian (Treasurer)- NK
Andrea Webb- AW
Ziad Kaddouri- ZK
Rafael Gonzalez- RG
Yuko Nakano (Minute taker)- YN

Requests

1. **La Causa** requesting funding for coach salary
   - Rep: we're requesting $1374 for a dance instructor
     - this would be for 11 weeks, one hour a week
     - about 20-30 people in attendance
   - NK: few questions, who is the instructor (*NK recognizes the name)*
     - NK: because I think we use the same instructor for salsa ballroom tango
   - NK: we've had this in the past where we've had coaches do different clubs, but they're ideally very different activities
     - *NK goes through the reasoning behind funding coaches like Jeff Lord*
   - NK: what is the reasoning behind the two different clubs?
     - Rep: La Causa is trying to start its own dance team
     - Rep: we don't have students stepping up to choreograph a dance team quite yet so we're hoping to use the coach to start it off and hopefully get some students
     - Rep: I think the other club is recreational and not really planning to do a show
       - NK: then my question is would the coach be willing to just do another session
         - NK: they're doing the same type of dance and just recently added an extra hour per week
   - Rep: my only thing is that La Causa doesn't plan on keeping the coach on for future semesters so would the salsa bachata club be affected, salary wise?
     - NK: no we can't lower any instructor/coach's salary but this also gives you the chance to use the instructor for the future too if needed
   - AW: I think there's no harm in having a conversation with her and seeing how she feels about it
   - *ZK thinks that one out of the three weekly hours could be for La Causa's project*
   - AW: **motion to zero 6a (3, 0, 0), approved**

2. **Fencing** requesting funding for equipment
   - Rep: first one is a catch-all tool box, maintenance for equipment that's not specific
     - Rep: we got 60 bucks in our budget before
   - NK: what would be some things in there
     - Link tape, steel wool, rust remover
       - NK: so most of these things aren't reusable
         - Rep: yes, some things are reusable but we need additional things
   - NK: so all of these things cost $65? (*NK is concerned because Fencing frequently receives funding for equipment)*
     - Rep: $65 is arbitrary
       - N: ok that's not great, more reasonable number?
         - Rep: could do $30 now
   - N: what is a lame?
     - Rep: we have 5-6 now, it's a type of armor, now that it's fall semester we have recruitment happening and we need to have the equipment ready for them

- Rep: existing protective gear is too big on people and it's not a safety concern but it's not ideal
  - NK: these are all separate things?
    - Rep: chest protectors are for women, harder protection than lames
- NK: how many members?
  - Rep: about 24 (1/2 new)
- NK: how durable are these chest protectors?
  - Rep: quite durable, we need to replace them because over time they tend to rust, could last 4-5 years
- AW: stored where
  - Rep: porter but rest of the time equipment is with students
- *NK addresses equipment storage policy changes*
- AW: **motion to amend 7a to $30 and recommend 7a,b,c,d as amended (3, 0, 0), approved**

3. **SASA** requesting funding for event
   - Rep: so this would be a man named Rajiv Satyal, hoping to get him in 12/8 (Sat.), about 50 people will come to this show, and about 25 students and another 25-30 AC students in general
   - Rep: either Chapin where we host other events, probably around 50 people capacity space
     - Rep: comedian of southeast Asian background we haven't had an event like this before
   - Rep: this is just the fees, not super sure but this is all he's charging us
   - NK: reason we're asking about transportation, is that we can maybe fund more than $1k but for now with the expected attendance we can only give you $1k
   - Rep: then I can ask but I believe it's just the honorarium
   - NK: do you need any money now
     - Rep: so he does work on a really tight schedule it would be better to secure money
   - AW: **motion to amend 8a to $1000 and recommend as amended (3, 0, 0), approved**
   - NK: could talk to Paul and see what he thinks

4. **Men's Frisbee** requesting funding for tournament
   - Rep: expecting to have 30 people, a lot of first years
   - Rep: so as far as I know we've never gotten hotels because we don't know in advance if we're going to this tournament
   - ZK: what are tournament fees
     - Rep: bid fee so however much money to participate
   - ZK: **motion to recommend 9a (2, 0, 1), approved**

5. **Amherst Riding Club** requesting funding for fees
   - Rep: requesting additional $2500 for financial aid and some other fees
     - Rep: to clarify, individual membership is a different fee
   - *NK breaks down the costs of different items*
     - NK: why so high
       - Rep: this is for all the tournaments this semester
   - NK: $9500 needed?
     - Rep: it's for 25 people
   - NK: it might be worth questioning
     - we have a lot of good rep bc we have the most support for students (financial aid)
     - NK: do you have people who ride and pay the full cost?
       - Rep: yes
   - NK: do you have people who drop out?

- o Rep: def not halfway through the semester, we make a big point of making sure people stay especially if they're going to be needing financial aid
- AW: **motion to recommend 11a,b,c,d (3, 0, 0), approved**
- Rep: we may reallocate (transportation fee is less due to the barn being closer) to team gear
- *NK will send coach intake form*

6. **Amherst Political Union** requesting funding for event
- Rep: we have a speaker coming in from the CATO Institute, need Valley Transporter
- AW: **motion to recommend 11a (3, 0, 0), approved**

7. **Lesli Patino** requesting funding for event
- Rep: group I'm bringing in is a Puerto Rican dance group, providing their own transportation so all that I need is money to pay them, about at least 30 people attending, if not more because they have worked with the college before and they handled a pretty big crowd last time
- Rep: probably Ford Hall Event space, 10/11(Thurs.) at 8pm
- NK: part of a larger event?
  - o *unclear*
- Rep: I'll be doing publicity for that
- AW: **motion to recommend 13a (3, 0, 0), approved**

8. **Brian Zayatz** requesting funding for event
- NK: are you with WAMH by chance
  - o Rep: I did check in with them to make sure we're not booking things at the same time, this one will be for family weekend at Marsh
- NK: are these all-inclusive fees?
  - o Rep: that's probably it, first two are local and the second two are from New York
- NK: how many people do you expect?
  - o Rep: probably about a hundred can fit into Marsh but not sure what to expect
- NK: have you talked to Paul?
  - o Rep: sound is being paid by Paul
- NK: would you be ok with cutting the first two and giving the other two a percentage?
  - o Rep: um yeah I think that would make the most sense
- NK: you could potentially come back but ultimately if you can only fit 100 in Marsh we can't fund the full amount
- AW: do you want to talk to Paul and talk to CAB and get a clearer estimate of expected attendees?
  - o Rep: I think we could wait a week
- Rep: so if the two local acts were to take less money could you fund it?
  - o AW: at this point can only give you 2k
- Rep: I think a lot of people would come, at least for Chris
  - o AW: we're just saying we need more information but just trying to tell you that it'll be harder to get more money for the same event if you're pretty sure about the expected attendance already
- NK: if we fund $2k now and Senate approves it, they'll question how the expected turnout increased, but if I tell them in one go (aka next week), it's more likely to be passed
  - o Rep: ok
- NK: are these quotes from performers?
  - o Rep: yes
- AW: **motion to table 13a,b,c,d (3, 0, 0), approved**

9. **Women's Club Soccer** requesting funding for equipment
- Rep: we have a few more people that want to play but they can't afford equipment, $100 for two pairs of cleats, $40 for new shin guards
  - AW: did club soccer come last week
    - NK: yes, this is the repeat request
- Rep: we've already started playing games
  - AW: when do you stop accepting members
    - Rep: never, really
- AW: how much are they getting in terms of overall budget?
  - NK: not at lot
- AW: **motion to recommend 15a,b (3, 0, 0), approved**