

7:30pm-8:36pm

Minutes for Budgetary Committee Discretionary Meeting 10/12/2017

In Attendance:

Jacob Silverman (Treasurer)
Isiaha Price
Olivia Mastrangelo
Nehemiah McGowan
Sabrina Trombetta
Cornell Brooks (late)
Jordan Edwards (late)
Sade Green (late)
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker)

Apologies:

William Zaubler
Natalia Khoudian
Ioannis Kalogiannis

Requests

1. **Resurrect Gospel Choir and Remnants** requesting funding for event
 - Rep: event isn't until 12/8 (Fri.), bringing in a couple from NY
 - Rep: for gospel choir final concert of the semester, bringing in speaker and singer
 - Rep: they will be paid as a couple
 - Rep: honorarium is \$500, we're expecting 100 people and it'll be in J Chap
 - Jacob: within policy of 10-20 cap
 - J confirms it's not students
 - Jordan E.: **motion to recommend 3a (7, 0, 0), approved**
2. **La Causa** requesting funding for event
 - Rep wants to zero activity materials (line item 4a previously)
 - J: party publicity for La Causa Party (line item 4b) five college event?
 - Rep: yes
 - JE: **motion to recommend 4a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**
3. **Argentine Tango Club** requesting funding for coach
 - Rep: at the end of last spring budget got zeroed due to attendance decrease
 - Rep: we have 10 meetings each semester from 4-6pm on Sundays in Greenway A event space
 - Rep: 6 Amherst students come to the meetings
 - Rep: Daniel, the trainer, coaches in Mt. Holyoke and coached for 14 years at Amherst
 - J: what's the weekly average attendance in total
 - Rep: about 10
 - Rep: this is the amount he's received per semester for the last 14 years
 - J asks for clarification on five college student attendance, mostly with events
 - JE: you expect more people in the future?
 - Rep: yeah around 10 Amherst college students at least
 - JE: what did we do last semester?
 - Rep: we had that amount for coach and intro meeting

- JE: motion to-
- Sade clarifies about five college attendance and paying for coaches that coach other college students
- J mentions about still having a lot of money in BC's budget, could afford to fund
- JE: **motion to recommend 6a (5, 1, 1), approved**

4. **Water Polo** requesting funding for tournament fees

- Rep: league fees, pool fees, things like that
- J: what your attendance?
 - Rep: 14 people average at most games
- J: mentions that BC has historically funded this
- JE: **motion to recommend 7a (7, 0, 0), approved**

5. **Quiz Bowl** requesting funding for tournament

- Rep: Princeton, New Jersey tournament for single team registration fees
- Rep: lot of the tournaments we request for, we do get hotels
- Rep: whenever we have tournaments that are further out, we try to get housing
- JE: **motion to recommend 2a (7, 0, 0), approved**

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

- Rep: Loretta Ross is a professor to speak at our event this month
- Rep: we're doing it with WGC so you guys just need to fund honorarium
- J: expected attendance?
 - Rep: 40-60? In the Friedmann Room
- Olivia: **motion to recommend 8a (7, 0, 0), approved**

7. **Green Room** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we're putting on a production 10/28 (Sat.)-10/29 (Sun.) we just need to print programs for the show
- J: yes, non-contentious
- Cornell: **motion to recommend 9a (7, 0, 0), approved**
- C brings up giveaway issue, J explains

8. **Amherst eSports** requesting funding for meting

- Rep: so I'm starting an Amherst video games club, to gather Amherst students and have it operate at a competitive level with other students/people at tournaments
- Rep: we wanted some flyers and food
- Rep talks about types of computer games and stuff I don't understand
- JE: **motion to recommend 10a,c,d (7, 0, 0), approved**
- J: you could potentially come for hardware requests if this club is pretty popular, you're good to go otherwise

9. **Badminton Club** requesting funding for equipment

- J: \$720 for birdies is a lot
 - Rep: this would be 30 tubes of 12 so 360 birdies in total
- Rep: we go through about a tube per practice, with two practices per week
- Rep: trying to start making the club a bit more competitive, so we want to use better birdies
- Rep: these will probably last 15 weeks, we don't know how long these specific ones last though
- Rep: the plastic ones are affecting the way people practice, games would be more exciting with these more expensive shuttles

- Rep: the nearby colleges have tournaments and we're thinking about joining their leagues and we need to practice with better material
- S: is there a cheaper birdie you can get
 - Rep: they all tend to break
- J: maybe in the future, we may have to keep the practice shuttles
- Rep: we want people to get the feel of what a real shuttle is like
- Ioannis: how many people?
 - Rep: 25 that attend and 15 attend regularly, 20-25 at the most
- JE: **motion to recommend 11a (7, 0, 0), approved**

10. **Hip-Hop Club/BSU** requesting funding for event

- Rep: this person is a World Poetry Slam Champion, we want also a speaker to come
- Rep: on the 11/3 (Fri.) he'd compete at the poetry slam
 - Rep: day after that he'd perform at Harlem Renaissance
 - Rep: day after that he'd host a workshop
- J: so honorarium covers all three days?
 - Rep: yes
- J: so how many hours would he be working in total?
 - Rep: 6 or 7 hours
- J: Harlem Renaissance is a huge event so lots of attendance, would the other events be good?
 - Rep: yeah, people with all backgrounds can come to that
- JE: **motion to recommend 12a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

11. **ASA** requesting funding for conference

- Rep: so we're trying to send 4-6 students to Asian Film Festival in Boston
 - Rep: would include tickets to films, transportation, and lodging
- J: we don't fund transportation for groups that don't travel more than 3 times a month, try an AAS van within four weeks of event
- Rep: \$300 for hotel rooms and \$200 for tickets for 4-6 people
 - J explains accommodations policy 4-5 per room \$150-\$161 per night
- J: we need more exact attendance numbers
 - Rep: I understand
- J: we can do this Monday too
 - Rep: ok
- J tables the request unofficially

12. **Intramural Tennis** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: we're hosting our first practice this Sunday and one next Sunday
- Rep: over 40 said they could come this Sunday, 25-30 people expected, we want funding for food and balls
- J: are you not allowed to use the giant tub of balls in the Cage
 - Rep: we've tried to ask the equipment person but no response, also I think those balls are dead
 - other BC members concur
- J: there will be rackets?
 - Rep: yeah, most said they have rackets and we have 5 from the school
- JE: **motion to recommend 15a,b,c (7, 0, 0), approved**
- O: **motion to amend to emergency fund 15a,b,c (7, 0, 0), approved**

13. **Movement for Justice en el Barrio Talk** requesting funding for event

- Rep: just me and another student who want to bring a speaker to come talk about their movement for justice to talk at a workshop
- J: attendance?
 - Rep: 50-60
- JE: **motion to recommend 13a,b,c (7, 0, 0), approved**

14. **WAMH** requesting funding for event

- Rep: specifically for Snail Mail honorarium, partially funded by Marsh Haus, amount we're asking for is \$4500
- Rep: also \$700 for sound and \$300 for opening act
- Rep: it'll be in Marsh Haus
- Rep: opening act is a student performer, up to \$300 according to policy guideline
- Rep: Frankie Cosmos concert attendance estimated
- Rep: reputable band
- Paul G: we'll fund \$2000
 - J adjusts request to factor in Paul's funding
- JE: motion to recommend 16a,b,c (7, 0, 0), approved
- J addresses sound and stage professional level thing

15. **BSU** requesting funding for event

- Rep: this is for Harlem Renaissance
 - Rep: we need \$3000 for food and drinks
- Rep: sound may be around \$3000 as well
 - C: same set up as last year
 - Rep: yeah, rest was student life
- J is confused about some reallocation stuff, but clarifies that food is capped after \$1000 more
 - Rep: ok, we'll take that
- J: so \$1000 for food
 - Paul G: I can fund the rest
- Rep: also next week we're having smore's night, pit outside of Keefe, we could do some reallocation, it's on Thursday night
 - Rep: did we get publicity?
 - J: yeah but he clarifies that food is capped, can't get any additional funding
- J: best course of action may be to reallocate from events that haven't happened yet
- Rep will get in touch about reallocation
- Jacob adds publicity, Paul just to clarify it would be \$1000
- O: **motion to recommend 17a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

16. **Traditional Board Games Club** requesting funding for meeting

- Rep: we've had 10-20 people at our meetings
- Rep: \$30 is fine
- JE: **motion to recommend 18a (7, 0, 0), approved**

17. **Badminton Club** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: need \$44 extra for restringing
- JE: **motion to recommend 11b (7, 0, 0), approved**

18. **Club Soccer** requesting funding for coaching

- Rep: ref checks, it's a bit ridiculous- (Ref is referring to receipts for purchase mentioned later)
- Rep: what do you want from me for the purchase
 - J: we need physical documentation of the purchase

- Rep: best I could do is an email from the person
- Rep: the other thing is our coach salary, continued discussion from last time (?)
- Rep: I've been treasurer since freshman year and we've grown since then, people want to be more competitive, practices, drills, real club soccer game, so we need a coach (Stuart Mackenzie who graduated two years ago), now he's an assistant coach for both men's and women's teams and helping make transition to more competitive games
- Rep: he's been actually able to come to practices and actually coach there in addition to making practice schedules
- Rep: I think he deserves the full amount of \$4500 now that he's showing up to every practice
- Jacob: we zeroed because we didn't know if Stu was coming back
- Rep: I was told to come back when we had a better sense of how the coach is working with the team
- Rep: we have 1-2 night practices a week that he attends
- Rep: we practice 3 days a week, 1-2 night practices and he works with people individually
- Rep: we have 6-7 people who have shown interest in individual sessions with him as well
- O: he has certifications?
 - Rep: yea, higher than the qualifications we need for this team to be honest
- Rep: year-round sport, he'll come to everything next semester because varsity soccer will be over then
- O: if Stu is trying to stay with the team long term then that's ok but he isn't?
 - Rep: the tradeoff we're facing is that we want a coach that is close to the team and knows it well vs he's going to grad school, stu will leave eventually
- S: but if he's going to be more committed next semester we don't need to fund all this semester
 - Rep: but he won't have to plan as much indoors next semester
- I: if y'all know he's leaving next year why don't you find a more permanent coach
 - Rep; we're on our way to being a better team with a permanent coach but we need Stu to get us to that level
- O: in the past there were concerns about the coaching and how captains could plan the practice
 - Rep: I no longer have time or resources to be captain and he's the next step
- JE: he'll be recycling practices from varsity team anyway
 - Rep: we do have very beginner level players that require a different set of coaching
- S: can we do \$3000
- O: what's the actual calculation for coach salary
 - J: it's different per team, hard to calculate
 - O: we could do a lower number
 - Rep agrees to doing \$3000 this semester and \$4500 next semester
- **C: motion to amend 19a to \$3000 and recommend 19a (7, 0, 0), approved**

19. **MESSA** requesting funding for conference

- Rep: event is Harvard Arab weekend
 - **O: motion to recommend 18a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**