

8:00pm-8:25pm

Budgetary Committee Senate Meeting Minutes 10/15/2018

In Attendance:

Natalia Khoudian (Treasurer)- NK
Andrea Webb- AW
Jordan Edwards- JE
Armando Brito- AB
Gabriel Echarte- GE
Jae Yun Ham- JH
Brooke Harrington- BH
John Ballard- JB
Derek Yoo- DY
Ziad Kaddouri- ZK
Yuko Nakano (Minute taker)- YN

Apologies:

Rafael Gonzalez- RG

Requests

1. **ASA** requesting funding for conference

- Rep: ECAASU registration at \$65 per person and for 16 people, it's \$1040 in total
- Rep: hotel rooms is \$300 for two nights and 4 rooms, in Orlando
- Rep: also transportation
 - *NK explains that we can't fund travel*
- NK: I would feel more comfortable if you can figure out transportation funding before we secure this funding
 - NK: maybe you can talk to the president's office or the MRC for transportation
- Rep: also a reallocation
 - NK: I will handle that separately, also with regards to moving from budget to discretionary not sure if I can do that
- JE: **motion to zero 15a,b,c (9, 0, 0), approved**

2. **Brian Zayatz** requesting funding for event

- Rep: have now confirmed location that can hold a certain number of people
- NK: we are revisiting this request (*from a couple of weeks prior*) considering that we are closer to performance day and we have a new venue
- Rep: Paul is funding all the sound and some percentage of honorarium
 - Paul: paid for the openers, including Chris
- Rep: it would be nice to pay \$100 for sound for my friend to do it
- NK: so current ask is just for the two main artists and the sound guy
- NK: historically sound is super expensive, and this is a steal
- JE: I missed the original debate, what is the expected attendance
 - Rep: I would hope 125-150 in total, maybe 100 Amherst students
- AB: when is concert?
 - Rep: 10/26 (Fri.)
- AW: are you doing publicity?
 - Rep: yeah poster is ready
- NK: personally ok with this, space is booked
- JE: **motion to recommend 16c,d,e (7, 0, 2), approved**

3. Synapse requesting funding for meeting

- Rep: \$20 for publicity for our meetings
 - NK: don't you already have money for publicity for meetings?
 - Rep: this is for a different set of meetings
- JE: **motion to recommend 17a (9, 0, 0), approved**

4. Active Minds requesting funding for event

- Rep: event will be 10/21 (Sun.), 6pm, regarding men in mental health event
- Rep: stigma with men talking about mental health, trying to facilitate that discussion
 - Rep: specifically, food and publicity funding request
- Rep: we have all the people and spaces booked
- Rep: just AC
- JE: **motion to recommend 18a,b (9, 0, 0), approved**

5. Dungeons and Dragons requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: 12-13 people play the game during each meeting, considering this is the club's first year pretty proud of how many people we have, about \$30 each for the handbook, just splitting four handbooks between club members
- Rep: dice, \$8 per set, could manage with 3-4 sets of dice
- NK: last request is for printing but no explanation
- JH looks up price of dice, finds cheaper option
 - NK: given that its not a huge amount I think we can trust them, BC can't check every request for legitimacy
- AW: **motion to zero 2d and recommend 2a,b,c (9, 0, 0), approved**

Discussion

1. Amherst Student debt situation

- NK: met with student editors sometime last week, I've heard some concerns about the financial dependence of the paper from some of you
- NK: they are trying pretty hard to become independent of the AAS and will keep me in the loop, this situation would last about 3-4 treasurer cycles anyway so t this is bigger than me
- NK: holding a banquet with alumni in journalism and past student writers, will be meeting once a month, and will also be meeting with Paul
- NK: they will be coming back with a similar request for the debt periodically
- GE: this is the newspaper?
 - NK: yes, accrued some debt a couple of years ago, now their ad revenue is not enough to pay for publication until they can become dependent
- Paul G: technically the debt was paid by them, and BC funding new production costs
- NK: looking for funding from alumni, may also be eligible for a club budget, after they have the reception in November, will go from there
- JH: so this will be 3-4 year timeline, multi-year process?
 - NK: yes, hopefully by the end of next fall the amount will be significantly lower
- NK: editors are turning over right now, perhaps new leadership will change things