

7:45pm-8:30pm

Minutes for Budgetary Committee Senate Meeting 11/12/2018

*Edited and condensed for clarity*

**In Attendance:**

Natalia Khoudian (Treasurer)- NK  
Gabriel Echarte- GE  
John Ballard- JB  
Andrea Webb- AW  
Brooke Harrington- BH  
Rafael Gonzalez- RG  
Jordan Edwards- JE  
Ziad Kaddouri (late)- ZK  
Yuko Nakano (Minute taker)- YN

**Apologies:**

Jae Yun Ham  
Derek Yoo  
Armando Brito

**Requests**

1. **Men's Volleyball** requesting funding for fees and equipment

- Rep: just got approved to join this league, about 15 people participating
- Rep: balls for practice 30-40 people showing up to any given practice, running low on balls and can't run the right drills
- NK: pretty sure we funded a lot of equipment last semester
- NK: each ball is 40 dollars?
  - NK: seems ridiculous
    - AB: I played volleyball in high school, it's expensive
      - Rep: yeah
- NK: how long do you expect them to last?
  - NK: like 15 years, do you promise?
    - Rep: sure
- NK: have you talked to the other volleyball teams?
  - Rep: can't borrow balls
- Rep: not sure about IM
  - NK: ok, that's fine
- AE: **motion to recommend 1a,b (5, 0, 2)**

2. **AC Democrats** requesting funding for event

- NK: so food
  - Rep: having an event with the anime club
- NK checks the food allowances for dems
- NK: what makes the food integral to the event
  - Rep: we chose the Japanese specific food trying to have a longer event with a movie over 2 hours, intro and discussion afterwards so it'll be longer and keep people around and keep them energetic and broaden our base
- NK: this isn't like just for the students who fall in the overlap between dems and anime club, and fully both groups will be there?
  - Rep: yeah
- AB: what movie

- Rep: Princess Mononoke
- Rep: 7-10pm
- NK: how many people expecting?
  - Rep: about 50?
- AW: this is taking place of the club's meetings
  - Rep: yes
- **GE: motion to recommend 2a,b (6, 0, 1), approved**

3. **CSA** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we're asking for materials for an event
- Rep: we came for another event, ramen and relay, which was funded (*this was during the meeting that Jordan ran in Natalia's absence*)
  - NK: so did we categorize this
    - JE: this was intro and discussion added up
- NK: they have a bit more left of intro and discussion
- Rep: this would be for game night
  - NK: not integral to game night, inclined to fund the remaining \$28 only
- NK: you don't need to itemize food
- **ZK: motion to amend 3a to \$28 and recommend 3a,b,c as amended (7, 0, 0), approved**

4. **Team Mead** requesting funding for event

- Rep: it's at the Mead during finals week, 13-18
  - NK: has to be when classes are in session
- NK: can you get the money after break?
- NK: we can emergency fund it to up to \$500
- NK: or you can come on the Monday after break
- **JE: motion to table 4a (7, 0, 0), approved**

5. **Traditional Games Club** requesting funding for equipment

- NK: did a typo, need an extra \$15 for one of the games
- **JE: motion to recommend 5a (6, 0, 1), approved**

6. **BSU** requesting funding for conference

- Rep: tickets for black solidarity conference went up because it included hotels
- Rep: this is for remaining 28 people
  - NK: fine
- Rep: I think we're good on transportation
- Rep: tickets we need to lock in before break
  - NK: ok so that's like now
    - NK: If you can swear you can get people there then it's fine
      - Rep: yeah I can
      - Rep: it's at Yale so not too far
- **JE: motion to recommend 6a (7, 0, 0), approved**

7. **Intersections** requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: these costumes would be for a showcase on 12 Dec
  - Rep: this would be for 16 dancers and we want \$15 per for costumes
- NK: we have some rule for policy about what groups we fund, we don't fund groups that are exclusionary in nature

- Rep: we also hold open classes
- BH: but this isn't for those open people
- *NK starts talking about not funding Zumbeyes to John, for the same reason BC doesn't fund Intersections*
- NK: public can eat the food, but costumes aren't shared with the whole student body
- NK: I'd strongly advise against this because of precedent but you can go to other sources for funding, we have funded Amherst dance for a bunch of stuff, would reach out to them or other people
- NK: trying to just make sure that all this funding is accessible for all students
- ZK: **motion to zero 7a (5, 0, 2), approved**

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

- Rep: we have 10-12 reg people
  - Rep: all of our balls are deflated, \$100 would buy 100 balls
- NK: one set per year is enough?
  - Rep: yes
- GE: **motion to recommend 8a (7, 0, 0), approved**

9. **SASA** requesting funding for event

- Rep: we have a date now for our event, Dec. 6
- Rep: trying to book a space as soon as possible, we have two places to hold, trying to work around that
- NK: how many people do you expect?
  - Rep: 80-100 people
  - Rep: we've been having about that many people so hopefully around this same amount
- NK: since this is a big honorarium, are you planning on doing publicity
  - NK: just in the last year and last semester we've been turning away from printing
  - NK: not sure if clubs are actually publicizing, which is concerning
- NK: that being said, do you want \$15 for publicity?
  - Rep: we typically do posters
- NK: sorry not attacking you specifically, just reminding everyone, can add it in right now
  - Rep: typically five college so \$20 would be appreciated
- NK: what do you guys think
- AW: **motion to recommend 9a,b,c (7, 0, 0), approved**

10. **Kelley Baumann** requesting funding for event

- Rep: documentary screening Filipina transgender woman as topic for documentary that we want to screen, also asking for publicity so people show up to the event
- NK: for \$250 you get to keep the film?
  - Rep: yes
- a little debate about who gets to keep the film
  - NK: in this case it's great that you do
    - Kelley: could be in MRC or Frost
- AW: **motion to recommend 10a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

11. **Transfer Students Association** requesting funding for event

- Rep: Thanksgiving food, has been funded before
- NK: TSA doesn't have budget, looks good
- NK: do you know what day it's on?

- Rep: Saturday, day after Friday
- *a little weirdness due to another thanksgiving dinner around this time*
- NK: not just transfer students are invited right?
  - Rep: we can take some money for publicity
- AB: **motion to recommend 11a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

12. **Ski and Snowboard Club** requesting funding for trip

- Rep: this is just for our trip this semester, not really snowing yet, Dec. 8 to Mt. Snow in VT
- Rep: there will def be skiing, lift tickets \$43 per person
  - Rep: and \$37 per for rentals
- Rep: 9 people don't need rentals, 11 people do
- Rep: don't have a budget because we're new
- NK: how were the students picked
  - Rep: survey, prioritized drivers and then by seniority in skiing due to the nature of the venue
    - NK: not sure we can do that
    - NK: as long as it's random it's fine
      - Rep: we can do that
- Rep: the drivers are all rentals so not a big deal
- JB: just because the numbers might change so not sure we should fund yet
  - Rep: it would only go up, so we're guaranteed to spend this amount
    - NK: we can emergency fund the remainder if needed
- AB: **motion to recommend 12a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

13. **Paula Pena Tauber** requesting funding for event

- Rep: trying to bring a speaker from movement for Justice en el Barrio
  - Rep: about displacement in New York City, trying to bring in speaker to closer out Indigenous people's month to talk about social change for indigenous peoples
- Rep: Dec. 2 (Sun.) workshop
- Rep: we expect to have 15-20 people there
- Rep: coordinated in conjunction with Voices, La Causa, INCA, and DACC
- Rep: there will be paper publicity as well
  - NK: for accommodations how many nights
- Rep: two nights because he's coming for another event that Friday and we want him here for Sunday
  - NK: I don't think we'd be responsible for the night two days before the event
- NK: not our responsibility to pay that whole amount
  - NK: and the transportation if they're here on Friday
  - Rep: he's here on Friday for a workshop for UMass
  - Rep: there will be a speaker
- NK: do you know exactly how much they're funding for this speaker?
  - AB: I don't understand the timeline
- Rep: UMass taking advantage effectively, because if the other two speakers aren't coming to Amherst College
  - ZK: we can't think of what UMass is
- Rep: don't know the specifics of funding for honorarium
- AB: where is the workshop?
  - Rep: we're still working on booking a space
- AB: honorarium to me makes sense

- NK: if they tell us an expected attendance then we can't just make up a number
- NK: we do have a lot of other groups to get through so if anyone wants to make a motion
  - Rep: reason they're staying on Sunday is
- BH: can you talk to the UMass organizers
- ZK: just to make sure the date
- GE: funding the max that is possible
- NK: let's do each line item separately
- GE: **motion to amend 13e to \$161 (7, 0, 0), approved**
- AW: **motion to amend 13a to \$400 and recommend 13a-e as amended (7, 0 0), approved**
- NK: will probably happen anyway w Paul or something
- NK: not sure we're willing to budget on accommodations and transportation in full but you can talk to people and come back to us
- NK: I'd need more of a sign

14. **Cristina Rey** requesting funding for event

- Rep: Nov. 30, first of voices weekend, \$160 for food
- Rep: Slam night Friday is the smaller event
- Rep: he got \$360
- NK: he can request from senate fund for his project
- ZK: **motion to zero 14a (7, 0, 0), approved**

15. **Erika Zambrano** requesting funding for event

- Rep: musician back for \$100 more for air fare, prices went up
  - Rep: this event is this Thursday so we need more money
- AW: **motion to recommend 15a (7, 0,0), approved**
- Rep: so for that show we have live band, \$250 for honorarium for live band, bassist, percussionist, drummer, integral to event already coordinated the equipment and acoustics
- NK: \$800 for original honorarium
- Rep: there are 50 interested, ASA and La Causa cosponsoring
- AW: these are students
  - Rep: yes
- Paul: max is \$300 for event
  - NK: it's fine
- Rep: opening act \$250
- Rep: live band is separate from opener
- JE: just 300 for student performers
- AW: **motion to recommend 15b (7, 0, 0), approved**

16. **Gospel Choir** requesting funding for event

- Rep: asking for honorarium for artist for Gospel Choir, talked to Paul, suggested that he pays for flights and accommodation and AAS pays for honorarium
  - Rep: so negotiated
- NK: so \$1000 extra?
  - Rep: yes
- NK: can't reallocate to a different office but what's your expected attendance
  - Rep: 80-100
- NK: so I can reallocate later
- AW: **motion to recommend 16a (7, 0, 0), approved**

17. **Debate Society** requesting funding for tournament

- Rep: tournament this weekend, in the UK
- NK: is that your registration fee?
- Rep: it's within the city
- Rep: one other tournament registration fee
- NK: can't fund after reading period
- ZK: **motion to zero 17a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

18. **Sports business analytics group** requesting funding

- Rep: \$1600 for tickets \$100 per person
- Rep: \$600 for hotel rooms, four rooms one night
- ZK: **motion to recommend 18a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**