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Minutes for Budgetary Committee Senate Meeting 11/27/2017

**In Attendance:**

Jacob Silverman (Treasurer)  
Cornell Brooks  
Isiaha Price  
Jordan Edwards  
Natalia Khoudian (late)  
Ioannis Kalogiannis (late)  
Nehmiah McGowan (late)  
William Zaubler (late)  
Sade Green (late)  
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker)

**Apologies:**

Olivia Mastrangelo

**Requests**

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

- Rep: event will be on 11/30 (Thurs.) with artwork from students as well as students performing, we would like food to be present
- Jacob: the way we do food policy this will be outside of that because it's not an integral component to the event; it wouldn't be cultural either
  - Rep: it is a dinner itself so food could be integral
- J: for sure eligible for \$50 for intro and \$50 discussion
- After prompting from J, Rep clarifies that the event is for a domestic violence nonprofit
- J categorizes food as intro discussion and integral
  - J: (*pointing at itemization on screen*) that's what we can give you for food, that's probably it, how many expected attendees?
    - Rep: um probably... I don't really have a good ball park, I want to say 100 but that's a little ambitious, at least 50
- J: we are also considering by caps in this case
  - J asks Paul Gallegos if he would be willing to fund via Student Affairs, Paul confirms
- J: **motion to recommend 3a,b (6, 0, 1), approved**

2. Public Health Collaborative requesting funding for equipment

- Rep: hosting a blanket making event, working with Amherst College Connections to donate blankets to homeless shelter
  - Rep: idea comes from KDSAP where they made blankets from two old blankets and we thought it would be a fun event
  - J: supplies for event?
    - Rep: two types of fleece we'd need, that would be most of our supplies
- Ioannis: would this technically be a giveaway though?
  - J: good point, but it could be a supply for a crafting event, and we don't require that crafts be kept
- Jordan E: **motion to recommend 6a,b,c (7, 0, 0), approved**

3. Drew House Project of Safiatou Sangare requesting funding for event

- Rep: this will be a West African dinner event, 12/2 (Sat.) or 12/9 (Sat.)
  - Rep: we just need funding for two drummers

- JE: drummers from outside of the college?
  - one from UMass and one goes here, the event will be a class type structure
    - J: goes over rule about student performers
- N: open to people outside of the Drew House?
  - Rep: yes, way to bring college community into the Drew House, open to everyone
- J: I think it's fine under guidelines, two separate performers, \$100 each drummer which is fine
- JE: **motion to recommend 7a,b (7, 0, 0), approved**

#### 4. Jewish Identity Collective requesting funding for event

- J: should be non-contentious
- J: but you only have \$20 left under discussion [instead of \$20 as requested]
  - Rep: could this be cultural food, food would be of Jewish cuisine
- JE: but food isn't integral to the meeting right?
  - J: he asked for cultural
    - JE: oh, right
- J and others agree that the event should be eligible for cultural food
- JE: **motion to recommend 9a (7, 0, 1). approved**

#### 5. The Amherst Student requesting funding for equipment

- *there's a bit of discussion about when the debt will be paid off, it's the last installation of the semester*
- I: **motion to recommend 1a,b (8, 0, 0), approved**

#### 6. Amherst College Law Review requesting funding for equipment

- *club is being represented by BC member William Zaubler*
- Rep: we want to print two issues next semester, our regular one and one as an anthology of our best works published in past years, don't necessarily need funding now
- Rep: basically asking if I would be able to request \$3000 twice next semester for printing
- J: why are you trying to do a physical copy this semester?
  - Rep: I think that's the goal for any publication, to be able to have a physical copy of their work
    - J: what's the push though?
      - Rep: I don't think we'll need funding this semester but we'd like to have a print issue, easier to distribute, solicit more applications in the future
- J: we are trying to move towards web for other clubs though
  - W: I think just from a publicity standpoint and getting more people
- W: slightly cheaper than Indicator, we'd use the same people and no color, not edge to edge, it's going to be like  $\frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{5}{8}$  of the price, same number of issues
- W: we did historically print, took a hiatus but I'm not sure exactly when we continued to print last
  - J: I'd be reluctant to start printing again
    - W: I think a goal could be to become self-sufficient
    - J: I think we have to think about setting a precedent for printing for this club and other clubs
- I: if it were to continue would it be monthly? yearly?
  - Rep: two a year, won't come out this semester thought
- J: can revisit with once you have more exact numbers

## *Discussion*

### 1. Mock club budget pitch

- J: general idea would be to get as much info as possible, get a feel for the pulse of the club, go through specific events and what the reasoning is for those
- J: example is Hillel
  - J goes through Shabbat Dinner specifically
- J: also check to make sure that everything is under guidelines
- J: also refer to past budgets, for example the fencing club's request was the exact same things as last year including equipment, which wouldn't be good [because equipment should be lasting multiple semesters at least]
- J goes through the list of Hillel's club budget
  - J: Shabbat dinners use Hallmark Food because they have been historically well attended and therefore funded under this category
  - J: Passover Seders, used cultural for that
    - J: these events are held in Lewis-Sebring, also well-established
  - J: Purim cohosted with another club, I believe
  - J: Latke debate is when two professors to come in and see whether Latkes and Hamantashes are the superior Jewish food
    - J: for this event we brought a bunch of different food guidelines together to make sure they're not going over any of the caps
- J: find a middle ground between encouraging requests and also limiting unnecessary spending, make sure you're a proper advocate for the group
- Natalia: do we have/what's the movie screening policy?
  - J: refer to other clubs who have done this
  - J: expensive movie rights maybe not, we can also talk about it during the actual club budgets meeting, attendance does impact that figure though
- J: should we just vote on Hillel then?
- I: **motion to recommend Hillel Club budget as requested (7, 0, 0), approved**