

BC Minutes for 11/30/2011

In Attendance:

Abigail Xu

Gabi Mateo

Chris Friend

Jess Sidhu

Diwa Cody (Treasurer)

Matt Aizpuru

Wilfredo Gomez

Amani Ahmed

Sid Salvi

Charles Drew Health Professions

Requesting food and publicity for an internship panel. (\$50 and \$9, respectively)

Jess: Historically we don't fund food for panels....other sources....SoCo, Program Board, Dean Fatemi

Diwa: Many clubs have come to us for this, and our standard practice is to not give it. But we can give you publicity.

7, 0, 1 (Amani)

Ski Club:

Transforming club into recreational snow sport team to make it more available to the student community. Requesting lift tickets for the next two to three weeks, but have a Spring budget.

Diwa: When are you going to use the lift tickets? (R: In the next two to three weeks)

Sid: Where are you guys going skiing? (R: *lists mountains*), they have snow?

Jess: Beautiful weather.

Diwa: Is there a motion on the table?

Chris: How much is it?

Diwa: \$750

Sid: How many lift tickets? (R: 10-12, maybe more, could be cheaper)

Matt: Question, maybe a consideration for next semester, you should see if you can get season passes that are tied to Amherst College and not the students.

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SASA:

Is there a motion on the table?

Chris: There's a difference between a racing club, and some kids getting together to go skiing.

Sid: I don't see it as being much different than an Ultimate Frisbee Club

Amani: What about the horseback riding? Don't we fund them?

Abigail: How come we don't fund the P.I---the hockey club or something? Something about hockey.

Jess: They're probably still angry they didn't get their fantasy hockey funding

Matt: I think it's fine to be completely reasonable....unless it like bankrupts us.

Chris: But at that point....if it's no longer a team, we have to say--do we---is this something we usually fund?

Amani: But we funded the bandanas?

AMMO:

Want equipment.

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Amherst Christian Fellowship:

Sid: Wait, how much do we give for dinners?

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Amherst Rugby Club:

Requesting \$5000 for rugby tour

Matt: Who are you playing?

Sid: Would it possible for you guys to finalize your matches---the other example is Frisbee, they already have all the matches set up in Georgia

Diwa: Yes, especially since you guys are intending on going on this trip in the Spring.

Sid: The thing is, that's not how it usually works, for other clubs. They have the matches already lined up, and they come to us.

Chris: So, why, what sort of large benefit is there to going to the Dominican Republic that you can't set up matches with teams here? is there any difference?

Diwa: So I think there are a couple of issues with this request---the first thing being you don't have the matches scheduled, we don't know what we're funding the hotels for, if you find out you can't do any tournaments, you could essentially go on vacation there, and that's not a risk the AAS is willing to take because the AAS doesn't fund vacations for students. Secondly, I think the budgetary committee should think critically about establishing this precedent of sending teams to other countries. For example , the crew team could do this and we would be obligated to fund them. I think that, regardless of what we do tonight, this is going to be very contentious at Senate on Monday, so I think we should table this request, and have John come to Senate on Monday. But I'm of the opinion that this sets a dangerous precedent and shouldn't be funded.

Chris: Yeah, I agree.

Amani: I think it's very important that you have matches scheduled.

Will: Yeah, by setting the precedent, I think we're just opening the floodgates for huge amounts of spending we don't have.

Diwa: Well, that's one of my concerns, but the second concern is funding a trip overseas. We don't pay for the crew team's spring trip.

Amani: is it about the amount of people?

Diwa: It's not about the amount, it's the precedent. For example, we don't fund the debate team. And that's a precedent we've set in the past, and it wouldn't be fair. It's about equity, each student contributes equally to the student activities fees.

Jess: How many nights are you guys staying? And I think another concern is that when the frisbee team goes down to Georgia, they play all day everyday. 6 nights, and two matches, you've got 3-4 days of vacation. We're not saying get more matches, we're saying have less nights.

Matt: Or even, like, get in on a night, play the next day, and leave. 6 nights seems like a lot of nights. I get Rugby---we're not really good evaluators of injuries in sport, but any other sport could tell us this. When I played Lacrosse, we went to long island for like one night, played the next day and went home.

Jess: I just want to go back---I think the oversees thing is a secondary question. I think it is a moot point unless the matches have been figured out.

Diwa: We will still discuss this in Senate on Monday.

Amani: Is there any way to contact alums who organized this in the Senate?

Diwa: I think regardless of the senate decides to fund you, I don't think that means they don't feel you add value to the campus. Any financial judgment they make it not a judgment of that, it's more about being equitable. At this point, I feel we've sort of talked through how it lays out now.

Abigail: Motion to table.

5, 0, 3 (Jess, Amani, Matt)

Study Abroad:

Study abroad talk, different talks with affinity groups and theme houses.

Sid: I have a question, why isn't the career center funding this?

We only fund food if it is integral to the request.

Sid: I'm not so sure about the cooking thing....we fund that, and they never got trained by Val.

Diwa: You yourself have to be trained by Val, if they're participating in cooking for themselves they don't have to be.

Matt: I mean...also go to student activities.

Chris: Can we at least do advertising?

Jess: if we're not going to fund food for the event, then why are we funding advertising?

Chris: I mean, I understand all that, food is under constraints, advertisement is not.

Abigail: Can we table the advertisement....and they don't have enough money, she can come back?

Chris: Motion to fund \$18 for advertising.

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Diwa: Motion passes.

Gabi: Didn't we just fund Charles drew the publicity and not the food?

Jess: But they are a student group.

Diwa: have you talked to Pamela about your program "being gay and abroad"?

Sid: is this integral?

Jess: Can you describe this in words? So is it students that are going to come in talk? Student panel.

Jess: We don't fund student panel food.

Sid: We should emergency fund this.

Chris: Motion to emergency fund.

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Special Topics Course:

Looking to bring a speaker to campus, Angela Davis

Sid: This sounds standard....but the event is unspecified.

(R: Trying to put together a public event, early Feb, mid-Feb)

Jess: We can't give you a written guarantee...but we fund this stuff. We just need firm dates.

Diwa: We halve the honorarium.

Sid: We halve it if it's over \$500, but if co-sponsorships don't cover the rest, then we do.

Diwa: Please break up for us what you want for supplies/publicity, as we only give \$9 for publicity. If you want to get an all-inclusive fee, would you be open to us funding your honorarium first, then have you negotiate with her booking agent and then coming back to us?

Chris: Do you have a definite number yet?

Sid: I think you should just do the all-comprehensive thing, get a number from her, specify a date, and I think we're good.

Chris: come to the senate meeting on monday.

Diwa: Right now we zero everything but honorarium... Would you like him to come back? I don't see what added benefit he has coming back here.

Sid: But don't we still need a date? We should just wait until he comes back. Come back here next Wed.

Matt: Then, just come back next Wed. So then, let's just table it....

Jess: Motion to table 8, 0, 0