

Minutes for Club Budgets Budgetary Committee Meetings 4/13/2017 (Thurs.) 7:45pm-9:00pm

In Attendance:

Jacob Silverman (Treasurer)
William Zaubler
Ben Fiedler
Shannon Wei
Jordan Edwards
Olivia Mastrangelo
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker)

Not in Attendance:

Pierre-Alexander Low
Natalia Khoudian

Requests

1. **Partners for Animal Welfare** represented by William Zaubler

- Will: this is a pretty basic budget for them
- Ben: what are the craft supplies for?
 - Will: these supplies are integral to Benefit Crafts Night, and we've funded it in the past so I think it's ok
- Olivia: **motion to approve as requested (4, 0, 1), approved**

2. **Amherst Democrats** represented by William Zaubler

- Olivia: have they been active for three semesters? (asks to confirm eligibility for club budget)
 - Will: now, yes
- Will: club reported to me that Congressman McGovern is likely to come to speak, as in this is pretty much a set event
 - Jacob: but they still aren't eligible for Hallmark for this, Hallmark is for established events, but we can give them \$200 under integral food rule
 - Jacob: good example of hallmark event is BSU's Harlem Renaissance, which has been established event for a while
 - Ben: they can get food money elsewhere potentially
- Olivia: **motion to amend 5a to \$200 and approve the rest (4, 0, 1), approved**

3. **Water Polo** represented by William Zaubler

- Will: everything looks pretty basic, including the intro meeting, clinic, and two tournaments
- Jacob: how many people are going to the tournaments? the amount for accommodations requested seems low
 - Will: true, should be much more for 5 nights for a team, but the club said this is how much they've requested in the past
- Will and Jacob check past budgets, but find that they didn't have a budget last fall
 - Jacob: we can table this section of the budget and figure it out later
- Olivia: **motion to approve 1,2 and table 3 (4, 0, 1)**
- later, Will finds out that tournament accommodations are for 1 night, 15 people, 4 rooms, which comes out to \$600 instead of \$750
- Olivia: **motion to amend 3a,b to \$600 each (4, 0, 1), approved**

4. **Men's Club Soccer** represented by William Zaubler

- Will: with regards to indoor season fees, their indoor season is during the winter, so the club doesn't need money for the fees until the winter, but last semester the clerk was very late with the request so they just wanted to get the OK early on
- Will: coach request can be contentious, because they don't know who the new coach is for Fall 2017, this year they abused the coach funding, and before this year they've never had a coach
 - Jordan: I think we should zero coach, given this information
 - Olivai: I think we should zero coach funds especially if they abused the funding and haven't gotten funding before, we shouldn't start with the highest possible coach salary, and they can come during discretionary
- Jacob: they got the transportation money last time, we should give it to them this time
 - Will: that makes sense, it is in Northampton
- Will: for balls, they're saying that the higher quality of ball the better, which would be about \$40 per ball, I think this is acceptable for 50 players
 - Jacob: they don't have any balls?
 - Will: yeah, they're mostly destroyed
 - Jacob: also seniors need to stop taking equipment when they graduate
- Will: intro meeting also looks fine
- Jordan: **motion to zero 4a and approve the rest (4, 0, 1), approved**

5. **Globe Med** represented by Olivia Mastrangelo

- Intro Meeting: non-contentious
- Human Rights Day Dinner
 - Olivia: they've done it in the past, will be the ending to a 10 day event cohosted with other clubs
 - Olivia: basically it's a dinner with speakers and professors and students and they've run out of food every time in the past
 - Olivia: however, they are requesting funding for a new event, which we should keep in mind
 - They don't have speaker set but list of possible speakers
- Instead of Campaigns: Jacob says publicity is fine
- Christmas Ugly Sweaters trading: which they've done before, publicity for that is fine
- Homecoming: publicity is fine
- Color Wars: which they've done before, club people said that the paint ran out in less than 15 minutes so they're requesting more
- Olivia: the total amount of money requested for food is \$750, which fits under the Benefit Dinner category
 - Jacob: but is there a benefit dinner in any of these events?
 - Olivia: but the whole purpose of the Globe Med club is for benefit and service stuff so it fits
 - Jacob agrees
- Jacob: **motion to amend 3b to \$161 and approve the rest (4, 0, 1), approved**

6. **Quest Scholars** represented by Jacob Silverman

- non-contentious
- Jacob: **motion to approve as requested (5, 0, 0), approved**

7. **Model UN** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Jacob: regular conference costs
 - Jacob: fees are all under guidelines
- Jacob: Intro meeting is basic
- Jacob: **motion to approve as requested (5, 0, 0), approved**

8. **Splash!** represented by Olivia Mastrangelo

- Splash Day
 - Olivia: basically, Splash Day is when high school students come to college campus and college students teach them fun classes
 - Olivia: the organization is active on other college campuses I think
 - Olivia: seems like there's just one Splash Day so they want materials, printing, publicity, and food
 - Jacob: is this not on campus? Why can't ac students get food at val?
 - Olivia: I think it's a whole day event, so they aren't able to get to Val
- Can't vote because we don't have quorum
- Later, food money for Splash Day is contested because the Outing Club is forced to get their food for trips the night before their trips, Amherst College students should be able to get food from Val before the Splash Day event
- Olivia: **motion to zero 2d and approve the rest (4, 0, 1), approved**

9. **Amherst Dance** represented by Shannon Wei

- Shannon: Auditions, as intro meeting makes sense
- Fall Show
 - Jacob: we can't just fund costumes without context
 - Olivia; I think we need to have a conversation about costumes and under what terms they're durable goods
 - Jacob: I think we should table this at least
 - Jacob: we did give them \$1000 for costumes the two semesters previously for their Fall and Spring Shows
 - Jordan: I think we should continue the tradition
 - Ben: we can half it
 - Jacob: they can try to get costumes from Dance Department
 - Ben: other funding sources?
 - Jacob: and costumes are for single show
 - Jacob: we can zero costumes now and they can come back during appeals on Sunday
- Jacob: **motion to zero 2c and approve the rest (3, 0, 2), approved**

10. **International Students Association** represented by Shannon Wei

- Shannon: similar to what they've been doing in the past
- Cooking Night and Pangaea events are pretty standard
- International Networking Event and Professor Panel
 - Jacob: they can't do two refreshment money requests for \$40, but they can do \$50 for each event under intro and discussion food rules
- Jacob: **motion to amend 3b and 4b to \$50 each and approve the rest (3, 0, 2), approved**

11. **Badminton Club** represented by Shannon Wei

- Equipment for wrecked material, restringing racquets and what not
- Olivia: can we check their budgets from before?
 - Shannon: they only spent money on racquets last semester
- Jacob: **motion to approve as requested (3, 0, 2), approved**

Minutes for Club Budgets Budgetary Committee Meetings 4/14/2017 (Fri.) 6:00pm-10:00pm

In Attendance:

Jacob Silverman (Treasurer)
Ben Fiedler
Pierre-Alexander Low
Natalia Khoudian
Shannon Wei
Olivia Mastrangelo
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker)

Late:

Jordan Edwards

Not in Attendance:

William Zaubler

Requests

12. Rhythm and Shoes represented by Shannon Wei

- Shannon: for event at the end of the year, they want publicity, printing, and costumes/props
 - Olivia: do we have a policy for printing?
 - Pierre: can you pull up the spring 2017 budget because I think we gave them money for this last semester, also MUN has gotten printing funds
 - Shannon checks and we did
 - Olivia: where do they even print this, why do they need \$70?
 - Pierre: maybe we can ask ASK where they print stuff
- Olivia: I want to talk about policy for costumes and stuff so can we table?
- Olivia: **motion to table 2a and 3a and approve the rest (3, 1, 1), approved**
- Later, there is a discussion on costume funding, decision is to zero in club budgets and if they are desperately in need, they can come to appeals or discretionary
- Olivia: **motion to zero 2a and 3a (5, 0, 0), approved**

13. Amherst Christian Fellowship represented by Shannon Wei

- Intro meeting, worship service, and heartbeat coffee house are standard
- Olivia: I think the request should be itemized more because I don't know what materials and why they need food for some events
 - consensus is to zero materials request and they can come in during appeals or discretionary meetings
- Pierre: **motion to zero 3a and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**

14. Asian Students Association represented by Shannon Wei

- Shannon: overall, they're having a subcommittee in AAS, as well as a few events
- Shannon: biggest event is the Helen Zia Speaker event
 - Helen Zia is an Asian American scholar, worked in five colleges, friends with Prof Odo and famous journalist
 - five college-collaboration, event is meant to build Asian community
 - club wasn't able to do it this year but they planned it all out so it should be a set event
 - Pierre: but they have speaker set?
 - Shannon: yes, the honorarium is what she requested after negotiating (\$4500)
 - Pierre: how many people at Jenny Chang event this semester?

- Shannon: 100-150, which Pierre thinks is a good number for honorarium this size
 - Pierre: do we want to continue trend of approving new honorarium funds during club budgets instead of discretionary? Also no cosponsoring?
 - Shannon: I think they might ask Professor Odo or Bidy, could get max \$1000 from a different source
 - Pierre: and APU and BlackFem have brought people in by negotiating down, having friends of friends, I think ASA can do the same
 - Olivia: I think we don't have to have a set number right now, they can try to get funding elsewhere
 - Shannon: they were concerned with getting funding for this because the cost is non-negotiable
 - Olivia: what's the timeline for when she has to get paid?
 - Jacob: maybe you can elicit more information from her and other funding sources before we do this, even if \$1000 less for us to pay
 - Olivia/Shannon: I think we can half this and come back to this before the end of the weekend
 - Jacob: we can't amend club budgets after this weekend though, keep that in mind
- Pierre: do we want to clarify each food request to categorize each under food guidelines?
 - we do this
- Pierre: **motion to halve 5a and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**

15. **Bisemester** represented by Shannon Wei

- big uproar over Cornell Brooks coming again for \$999 (large sum for parent of student)
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Discussion

1. **Food Rule**

- Size differences of clubs and amount of attendance, also purpose of clubs need to be considered when granting food money
- Affinity clubs require more food, has been controversial in the past
- Jacob proposes a diminishing returns model
 - Jacob: I don't know what kind of formula we'd use but something like a square function
- Jacob: also we should maybe take out intro and discussion fund
- Aditi: I think we had a talk before about not setting hard rules so that our discretionary body has a purpose, we don't want to just point to a piece of paper
 - Jacob: we can judge whether they're eligible first, then turn to model
 - Aditi: I think that might turn off people
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Requests

15. **Bisemester (con't.)** represented by Shannon Wei

- Olivia: getting back to Bisemester though, did people say how many attendees at Cornell Brooks?
- Shannon: about 90?
- Natalia: I liked that ACSU was very clear about how many people were expected and reasons why, other clubs should follow their lead
- Olivia: Cultural food is \$500 per semester right?
 - someone finds out that AAS gave them \$700 in total last semester
- Olivia: this time they requested \$500 each (\$1000) so we should look at guidelines and I don't know if food is integral at worship service, as I've been to some black worship services

- Aditi: we can have a cap during club budgets and give more during discretionary, as a model for food guidelines
- Natalia: also food isn't what's attracting people to the event in the first place
- Aditi: I think that in this climate we should be a little loose with funding because Paul and I fixed the budget deficit
 - many people agree with this statement, Olivia thinks we should have a talk about religious events and food at these events
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Discussion

2. Club Budget Requesting Procedure

- Natalia: also how many clubs aren't in the budget sheet? To get a sense of how much money we'll allocate overall
 - big discussion about representatives and their clubs, a bit of an issue with getting clubs to respond for club budget proposals, keeping in mind a lot of clubs may request in discretionary because they don't have a budget

1. Food Rule (con't.)

- Olivia: I think cultural food policy is controversial, especially with services that don't require food at their events
 - Aditi: I think it's an issue to say that food isn't integral at worship services, especially in this climate
 - Olivia and Aditi continue to argue about religious service food policy, Aditi brings up email that was sent about not funding affinity groups fairly
- Jacob: I think we should keep caps for budgets and have more discretionary during discretionary meetings throughout the year, make that clear to all the clubs
 - Olivia still finds a problem with benefit dinners, but lost her train of thought
 - Jacob: I just think there's a problem with having a fixed amount for all sizes of clubs
 - Pierre: you have to think about the marginalized clubs being angry and also clubs/people who try to cheat the system, this system has to be carefully figured out
 - Olivia agrees with Pierre, goes on a rant about new rules following past policy
- Natalia: I think we should save the formula stuff for discretionary later in the fall

Requests

15. Bisemester (con't.) represented by Shannon Wei

- Olivia: **motion to amend 1d and 2d by reducing, zero 1f and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**
- Olivia: before we move on, we included integral discussion, intro, and cultural food so in the future we need to continue this precedent throughout the meeting

Discussion

3. Policy Changes in General

- Jacob starts talking about transportation stuff with Renai but also food policy changes
 - as of now, food cap adjustment and mentorship program are some policy change proposals
 - Olivia brings up honorarium discussion by doesn't go anywhere

16. Hip Hop Club represented by Olivia Mastrangelo

- Planning on doing three events next semester
 - Olivia: they're requesting a fair amount of money
 - Festival, party, and alumni show during homecoming

- Party: publicity and student DJ, not contentious
- Festival:
 - Aditi: they did this last year but they cosponsored with Branches so request was less
 - Aditi: but we only funded \$1000 for honorarium before, they need to do this with Branches and get funding from them again
 - Jacob recommends to halve the amount, see if Bidy wants to pitch in
 - Olivia: they want integral food but that's debatable
 - Jacob: typically we fund \$1000 for stage and sound, do we want to go all in?
 - Olivia: but because it may be outside, more expensive? based on past Branches/Hip Hop events that were outside
 - Jordan: also, new sound/stage guy charges double too for that kind of stuff so we need to keep that in mind
 - Aditi tries to compare festival to Cardi B event but with the Cardi B event, Paul Gallegos paid for sound and stage
- Alumni Show:
 - Olivia: purpose is to bring back alumni to perform, three of them for \$1500
 - Natalia: are they legit performers?
 - Olivia: it seemed legit as in acquiring them was planned and organized, and the performers are pursuing professional career
 - Jacob: also different than alumni coming back to speak, because performing is their livelihood
- Natalia: **motion to zero 1d, table 3, and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**
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17. **Amherst Mixed Martial Arts** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- Jacob: Karate and BJJ coaches' fees all agreed upon in discretionary
- League fees, equipment, intro meeting all standard
- Jordan: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0), approved**

18. **Pride Alliance** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- QT Party
 - Aditi: security has to come from Student Activities
- Speaker/Workshop
 - Janaya Khan is the founder of BLM in Canada
 - Olivia: we could try to get cosponsoring
 - Aditi advises to negotiate after finding at that this is the first quote for her honorarium amount
- Brown Boi Project also has honorarium which may be contentious
- World AIDS day with keynote speaker
 - Amherst alum, should zero
- Olivia: **motion to zero 2d and 6a, amend 4a by halving, and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**
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19. **The Indicator** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- Intro meeting stuff is standard
- Publishing
 - Natalia: club told me that price is comparable to Circus, want the same amount of money, around the same number of copies
- Pierre brings up the circulation of Indicator, consensus is that most of BC doesn't read it

- Olivia says difference between Circus and Indicator is that Indicator has big web presence and prints three times, so different content and more effort?
- Olivia and Aditi agree that we should follow historical funding rules with Indicator club budget, not raise or follow
 - Olivia suggests to amend to \$2000 from \$3000 for printing
 - Natalia: it was \$1500 in the past semester
- Aditi mentions they also have administrative issues that they need to figure out
- Olivia brings up point that Indicator hasn't printed constantly 3 magazines per semester
 - Aditi brings up but that's the same with the events
 - Pierre: if they're unable to get it together for some reason, our approach shouldn't be to choke them slowly, we should have a conversation about committing to funding fully to rebuild publication or club and then if that doesn't work then start cutting off funding
- Olivia: **motion to amend 2a to \$1500 and approve the rest (5, 0, 1), approved**
 - Olivia: and tell to the club to come to appeals

Pierre (voting BC member) and Aditi step out to pick up food

20. **Mock Trial** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- Publicity, food standard
- Tournaments they've decided on for this semester, I think they went last fall to these as well, so pretty standard
- Coach salary standard
- Natalia: supplies and hosting invitational, are those standard requests?
- Olivia: wouldn't awards be considered a giveaway?
 - Jacob: we do ribbons for equestrian, if a club hosts a competition then we can fund an award
- Olivia brings up coach salary because it increased since last year
 - Natalia argues that mock trial did better this year and because of the intensity of club, as well as number of people that coach would be coaching, coach salary increase necessary
 - Olivia: they've made good change recently but it may be hard to rely on that for the future, we'll see
- Olivia: **motion to approve as requested (5, 0, 0), approved**

21. **Muslim Students Association** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- Intro only, not contentious
- Jordan: **motion to approve as requested (5, 0, 0), approved**

22. **Transfer Students Association** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- Transfer Alumni Speaking Series
 - Bringing in alumni speaker 1: Derek Walker '16, student at Harvard Law
 - Natalia: came up with the number negotiating down from \$500 to \$300
 - Olivia I see no reason to fund because he just graduated in 2016, Natalia agrees that he shouldn't ask for money from recent alum, also he's very close in distance
 - Bringing in alumni speaker 2: Carlos Gonzalez '14, Gates Scholar
 - Olivia raises same problem, travel is ok but honorarium isn't, he's recent alum as well
- Olivia: **motion to zero 6b and 7b and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**

23. **Adventist Christians Together** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- generally food requests fit under food rules
- other stuff seems ok as well
- Olivia: **motion to amend 3c to \$350 and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**

24. **Anime Club** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- intro meeting is standard
- also having two conventions next semester, pretty standard
- also redoing takoyaki night
 - Jacob says it was really well attended
- Cooking Night contentious
 - Olivia explains food guidelines, everything fits
 - Natalia mentions that some food would be catered anyway
 - Olivia says there's not a reason not to fund it
- Natalia: **motion to fund as requested (5, 0, 0), approved**
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25. **Charles Drew Health Professionals Society** represented by Jordan Edwards

- Intro meeting standard
- two speaker events throughout the semester, about 100 people in the club
 - Hairiri and Harris
- Olivia: **motion to approve as requested (5, 0, 0), approved**

26. **Circus** represented by Jordan Edwards

- Olivia: printing may be controversial because they didn't print a single issue last semester
 - Natalia: Circus should get the same amount of money as Indicator, or less because they print less copies
 - Olivia mentions that the Circus issues are much thicker with more content, so number of copies not super accurate
 - Olivia: aside from last semester Circus has printed every semester and Indicator is less consistent, also indicator is a lot of writing and less color printing
 - Olivia pushes that they could get the same amount but parallels aren't good reasoning for funding, and Jacob agrees that Senate won't like the argument that BC approved Circus funding just because Indicator got the same amount
- Olivia: **motion to amend 3a to \$2000 and approve the rest (4, 0, 1), approved**

27. **African Caribbean Student Union (ACSU)** represented by Jordan Edwards

- Where's the Love Feast ran out of food last time it happened so requesting more
- Expo-Losion
 - similar event to Wave Your Flag
 - Olivia mentions similarities of events, brings up need for costume policy with ACSU, dance clubs, etc.
 - Jacob says that they're requesting a lot of food
 - Charity performer
 - Honorarium may be contentious, also Jordan is unsure what "charity performer" means, but says we should use Wave Your Flag dinner precedent
 - but consensus is that it's a fair request
 - Jacob so we could give \$1000 for food also based on precedent of Wave Your Flag, half of benefit amount
- DC Trip all ok

- Olivia: **motion to zero 2c, amend 4c to \$20 and 4d to \$1000, and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**
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Pierre (voting BC member) and Aditi come back with food

28. **Women's Rugby** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
 - Pretty much same as last semester
 - Olivia: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0), approved**
29. **Debate** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
 - nothing changed from last semester
 - Jordan: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0) approved**
30. **Green Amherst Project** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
 - nothing changed
 - Jordan: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0) approved**
31. **Korean Students Association** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
 - Jacob: they haven't maxed out food budget
 - nothing dramatic
 - Olivia questioned cultural food for movie nights, but argument was that the food would match with the movie and also be culturally appropriate
 - Olivia: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0), approved**
32. **La Causa** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
 - club is pretty big and food runs out fairly quickly so more food money requested for some things, other things are reallocated
 - Voices 2017: poets honorarium can be negotiated/brought from other sources
 - Jacob confirms that club doesn't break any food guidelines
 - Pierre: their events are more well attended than other groups
 - Pierre: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0), approved**
 - continued...
33. **Project Salud** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
 - Candy Grams
 - in general, candy grams are funded through senate projects, not through BC though
 - Olivia: how does Thank You cards/art supplies fit under give-aways?
 - Aditi: depends on who the thank you cards are for
 - Pierre thinks the club should have discretion in allocating intro meeting food money between intro meeting and candy gram candy
 - Pierre trying to get info on Public Health Panel, unsuccessful
 - Pierre: **motion to table budget (6, 0, 0), approved**
34. **Swing, Salsa, and Ballroom** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
 - Pierre: works out to \$100 per hour for the whole semester, five hours per week for 12 weeks
 - Pierre: participation is about 20 Amherst College students per week
 - there are more people who are 5-college
 - Pierre not sure if \$100 fee is best but sounds reasonable for dance instructor

- Olivia we shouldn't be funding this instructor for 3 different classes a week if most students aren't AC
- Pierre I think 1.5 hours a week is good, so \$2,100, one of the dance classes as compromise
 - Pierre: they can come back during appeals if they want more money
- Pierre **motion to amend 2a to \$2100 and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**

35. **WAMH** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low

- Pierre: only thing worth cutting maybe is new music
- Pierre: lot of people go to music programs but not AC attendees, mostly Hampshire College attendees
 - Olivia thinks low attendance by AC students is a conditional thing that's more dependent on event spaces and times that are selected by WAMH
 - Pierre but if his events happen and AC students are in a vast minority then we need to evaluate whether we should fund these events are not
 - Olivia and Pierre argue about attendance at events, conclusion is that cost is relatively low and it doesn't matter
- there is also a proposal to reduce supplies request and they can come ask for more
- Pierre: everything else pretty straightforward, but for reference, they'll be asking for licensing fees in January, following semester
- Pierre: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0), approved**

36. **Outing Club** represented by Ben Fiedler

- Ben: food for trip seems integral, but I'm not sure
 - Pierre: I think we said before that they can stop at val
- Jacob looks up budgets in the past and figured what we could zero, though it was arbitrary last time (Spring 2017)
 - Ben: they do have different priorities, are focusing on getting funding for primitive living and survival, two ziplining trips because it was popular, and one caving
 - Jacob: but Senate cut \$2000 from our \$12,700 total allocated last time
- Jacob: this is just like if a little kid listed a bunch of activities that are fun I mean I guess that's what the club is for but still
- Jacob: I'll be loose with reallocations, and they can come back to discretionary during the fall
- Olivia: **motion to zero 4, 7, 8b, 8c, 9f, 9h, 9i, 11, amend 9b to \$1085, 9e to \$985, and approve the rest as recommended (6, 0, 0), approved**

37. **Public Health Collaborative** represented by Ben Fiedler

- Olivia: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0), approved**

38. **Random Acts of Kindness** represented by Ben Fiedler

- Pierre mentions that RAK didn't spend most allocated and only \$14 for publicity actually
- Kinder Campus Talk ok
- other events heavily amended due to lack of itemization and arbitrary publicity/supplies costs
- Pierre part of reason for Club Budget Allocations is to fund established costs, with past budgets and spending there's no indication that this club will be establishing these costs for the future
 - Ben: they are saying they're trying to step up their game for the future
- Olivia: I think we should have talk about candy under food guidelines
 - Olivia thinks candy is both food and giveaways
- Jacob: we should zero most things, they need to come and talk to us
- Olivia: **motion to approve 1, 2, and zero the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**

39. **SASA** represented by Ben Fiedler

- food rules were kinda broken, that was fixed
 - Jacob tries to fix everything under food guidelines
- Jacob: can't fund speaker for event if they don't have speaker set up
- Olivia: **motion to amend 2b to \$30, 4b to \$200, 5a to \$500, 5c to \$50 zero 3, 6, 7, and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**

40. **World Read** represented by Ben Fiedler

- Pierre has issue with book journaling craft night, not sure if it's a giveaway, Olivia agrees
 - Ultimately, decided that \$40 is not enough for giving away journals so it's expected that attendees will bring their own journal to decorate or something
- Olivia: **motion to approve as requested (5, 1, 0), approved**

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Shannon Wei
Jenine Sheperd
Yuko Nakano (Minute Taker)

Late:

Jordan Edwards
Olivia Mastrangelo
William Zaubler

33. **Project Salud (con't.)** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
- problems with mental health event and candy grams
 - mental health event ok
 - candy grams, Natalia thinks cards are fine because we've done it for other clubs (Adventists Christians Together group), but not candy
 - also, Pierre reveals shirts would be a giveaway, which has to be zeroed
 - Ben: **motion to zero 2a, 3a, 4a and approve the rest (4, 0, 1), approved**
41. **Amherst Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low
- Pierre: speaker doesn't have a price yet, which is a problem
 - Workshops amounts are for small supplies, basic stuff but not itemized
 - Game Jam
 - money for food requested
 - Pierre says they can get funding elsewhere
 - Pierre: **motion to approve as requested (4, 0, 1), approved**
42. **Quiz Bowl** represented by Jenine Sheperd
- budget is exact same as last fall
 - Natalia mentions the questionable hotel fees
 - Jacob confirms it's above guidelines and reduces \$660 to \$600
 - Natalia: **motion to amend 2, 3 to \$600 each and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**
43. **Gospel Choir** represented by Jenine Sheperd
- has to zero transportation due to guidelines
 - Natalia: **motion to zero 4 and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**
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44. **Women's Club Soccer** represented by Jenine Sheperd
- Ben brings up jersey problem, funded previously
 - Natalia confirms that the jerseys haven't been funded Fall 2016 or Spring 2017
 - Pierre: **motion to amend 2a,b by halving each and approve the rest (5, 0, 0), approved**
45. **Argentine Tango Club** represented by Jenine Sheperd

- Pierre mentions that this club used to be a lot more well attended but they did promise to try to get their act together
- Pierre: **motion to table budget for now (5, 0, 0), approved**
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46. **Culinary Club** represented by Jenine Sheperd

- Natalia: culinary evenings don't fall under guidelines but they can come back during discretionary
- Pierre doesn't want to give cultural food, Natalia agrees
- Master Class Series Honorarium discussion
 - Jenine explains that honorarium is not really set yet, but it's for three separate events
 - people check the past budget to see how it went last time, they only funded one
 - Pierre wants to fund one see how it goes and they can come back
- Natalia: **motion to zero 1c and 3a, amend 2a to \$500, 2b to \$15, 2c to \$66.67, and approve the rest (4, 0, 1), approved**

47. **Women's Ultimate Frisbee** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Pretty standard, tournament, coaching, equipment
- Jacob talked to both teams about cutting High Tide spring break trip
 - arguments: both teams are pretty competitive, spring break is training time officially, precedent for funding in the past
- Pierre is not convinced that they should get spring break trip even when other clubs have requested but not received funding for teams
 - Christian Fellowship, Yoga, examples of clubs denied spring break trip
 - Pierre argues that these clubs could turn back and argue that they need specific places to do trips
 - Jacob argues that Frisbee can't easily practice at Amherst College
- Ben: **motion to (2, 2, 1), tiebreaker Jacob opposes, denied, budget is approved as requested**
- continued...

48. **Men's Ultimate Frisbee** represented by Jacob Silverman

- pretty much the same as women's but fewer members so less housing fund request
- Pierre is just bothered by High Tide once again
- Ben: **motion to approve as requested (3, 1, 1), approved**
- continued...

49. **Amherst College Rowing Association** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Pierre mentions buying vans instead of renting vans
 - Jacob will talk to coaches and see what they think
- Natalia: **motion to approve budget as requested (5, 0, 0), approved**

Olivia (voting BC member) comes in late

50. **Riding Club** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Jacob: requested same transportation but last semester the clerk messed up and the club had to pay out of pocket, so we should definitely fund
 - Olivia mentions the new van policy, Jacob says we'll talk about it later
- Jacob: club's plan is to implement a more serious financial aid policy
 - Jacob: guideline is that if you miss 3 or more, you can't aren't eligible for financial aid for the rest of that semester

- Amherst College Horse Show is at least the third time doing it
 - Jacob confirms it's the exact same
- financial aid funds always go over in discretionary
- Ben: **motion to amend 3 to \$800 and approve the rest (5, 1, 0), approved**

51. **Men's Rugby** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Jacob: club took off some league funds
- Jacob: club's requesting a bit more equipment, two pair of rugby shorts but no more tanks or bags
 - Jacob says its good considering it's a pretty high contact sport
- Pierre: different from women's?
- Jacob says ACEMS coverage and trainer expenses needed
- Ben: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 0), approved**

52. **Hillel Club** represented by Jacob Silverman

- \$1500 of \$2000 hallmark food funding used during High Holidays
 - Pierre mentions rabbi that is hired by school
 - Jacob thinks its supplemental rabbi specific for event
- Shabbat (integral and cultural food)
- Pierre brings up school advisor for Bisemester
 - Jacob brings up using his funds for food
 - Pierre also brings up Bisemester as hallmark event
- Olivia: **motion to amend 3e to \$30 and 4a to \$50 and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**

53. **Fencing Club** represented by Jacob Silverman

- 30% growth in club
 - equipment stuff breaks pretty easily
- Pierre talks about membership fees and entry fee discrepancy
 - Pierre proposes it might be financial aid
 - Jacob agrees
- Olivia" is any stuff durable as protective equipment and miscellaneous?
 - Jacob yes, to both and they've filled out form historically
- Scoring box's necessity is questioned later on, zeroed
- Olivia: **motion to zero 3n and approve the rest (6,0, 0), approved**

54. **Black Student Union (BSU)** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Standard Harlem Renaissance event is ok
- Black Solidarity Conference ok
 - Except \$100 over guideline, reduce \$4100 to \$4000 (\$100 per person rule)
- Kwanza
 - Jacob: we have funded this before
 - Natalia: are drummers like DJ's
 - Jacob: not students, and yes
- generally more events than the past, more food requests
- Ben brings up the fact that club is big so they could get more money for food
 - Jacob: that would be through discretionary though
- Natalia brings up 1 party per semester under guidelines
 - but Olivia and Jacob say that they've done this in the past
- Olivia brings up food for homecoming event, not sure we should fund
- Olivia wants to keep Kwanza but cut homecoming food
 - Jacob: BSU told me that Homecoming is more important for networking between alumni and students

- Compromise is to reduce \$300 to \$250 discussion and integral combination
- LockIn event discussion
 - Pierre mentions that Outing Club and Traditional Games could provide games and sleeping bags
 - Similar points to BWG Retreat as well
- Olivia: **motion to amend 2b to \$4000, 4a to \$500, 4b to \$15, 8a to \$250, zero 5a, 9a, 10, and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**
- continued...

55. **HEMAC** represented by William Zaubler

- exhibition and coaching seems pretty basic
- equipment request came pretty late, not sure if it's super necessary
 - Will looks up Spring 2017 budget and we funded equipment really recently, nothing about more members, they can come to appeals we shouldn't fund more equipment
- Olivia: **motion to zero 3 and approve the rest (6, 0, 0), approved**
- Pierre thinks we should talk about coaching fees for all these clubs that have \$5000 coach salaries

Jordan (voting BC member) comes in late

56. **Yoga Club** represented by Ben Fiedler

- things look pretty ok
- Ben clarifies that the food request is for three food workshops
- Olivia and Will make argument that Yoga Club is pretty active so we should fund instructors
- Olivia: **motion to amend 3e to \$100 and approve the rest (7, 0, 0), approved**

57. **Roosevelt Club** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Jeffersonian Dinner and policy discussion very basic
- Pierre: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 1), approved**

58. **Electronics Club** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Pierre: **motion to approve as requested (6, 0, 1), approved**

59. **Investment Club** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low

- Natalia: **motion to approve as requested (5, 0, 2), approved**

60. **Amherst Theatrical Choreography Club** represented by Jacob Silverman

- coaching fees same issue with other dance clubs
- club would coach other clubs/teaching them to dance
 - Natalia: they should come to appeals
- Pierre: we should have discussion on coaching fees for all club sports coaching fees
 - Pierre does quick calculations and finds that most club sports and dance teams coaching fees are in line but we don't know anything about ATCC attendance
- Pierre: **motion to zero the budget (7, 0, 0), approved**

61. **Archery Club** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low

- Pierre: Trying to move to Amherst College, plus outdoor stuff so costs may go down
- equipment seems pretty cheap, due to Natalia's expertise
- Pierre: **motion to approve as requested (7, 0, 0), approved**
- continued...

62. **Film Society** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Jacob: club argues that food is integral to film watching
 - Olivia suggest that they should get intro and discussion and come back based on how this goes
- Jacob: the NBC Boston Studio Tour trip could be revisited during discretionary
- Jacob is wary of \$300 licensing fee, zeroed
- Pierre: **motion to zero 3, 4, 5, amend 1a to \$100 and 2 to \$15 (7, 0, 0), approved**

45. **Argentine Tango (con't.)** represented by Jenine Sheperd

- Pierre: **motion to zero the budget (7,0, 0), approved**

Discussion

4. **Coaches**

- Jacob mentions stuff about there being more dance clubs
- Pierre and Jacob argue about using funds resourcefully, hard to judge what is good or not

5. **Alumni Honorariums**

- Jacob: I think it's ok to fund if it's their livelihood, not if it's just speaking
- Pierre thinks it should be a situational adjudication

Jacob analyzes club budget totals and the recommended amount is a bit over the goal 43% at 45% of total budget, everyone keeps this mind for the rest of the meeting.

6. **Costumes**

- Jordan is pretty anti-costumes given we're a little over in budgets right now
- conclusion: costume should be case-by-case, they should come during discretionary
- continued...

Requests

16. **Hip Hop Club (con't.)** represented by Olivia Mastrangelo

- not enough information about the Alumni Show, and leaning away from funding alumni in general
- Pierre: **motion to zero 3 (7, 0, 0), approved**

27. **ACSU (con't.)** represented by Jordan Edwards

- *refer to Costumes discussion #6*
- Pierre: **motion to zero 4b (7, 0, 0), approved**

Discussion

6. **Costumes (con't.)**

- Jordan thinks it makes more sense to zero costumes for all clubs to be consistent after zeroing ACSU's

7. **Spring Break Trips**

- Natlia wants to revisit question of funding the spring break club frisbee trip
- Olivia has a fundamental problem with spring break trip rule in general
 - Jacob gives pitch again for trip (because Olivia wasn't there the first time) *refer to Women's Ultimate Frisbee request #47*
- Jacob doesn't want to cut the trip funds just because we're over budget

- Will: they need to approach athletics if they're a serious club
 - Jacob: Aditi did last semester and athletics said no
- continued...

Requests

63. **Remnants** represented by William Zaubler

- Will thinks we should zero worship Night, they could request through discretionary
 - Olivia thinks zeroing Worship Night is fine because of precedent
- Black Campus Ministry associates only with Remnants, but there is overlap in attendance between Gospel Choir and Remnants
- discussion about worship night history and whether we should zero
- Will asks whether we can fund \$1700 for "sound team" for concert in October
 - Pierre thinks it's someone trying to mix the music
- Pierre: **motion to zero 2h, 5 and approve the rest (7, 0, 0), approved**

Discussion

6. **Spring Break Trips (con't.)**

- Pierre thinks that it's a massively disproportionate to spend this much for one team
- Jacob and rest argue about validity of frisbee spring break trip

7. **Sound/Stage**

- Jordan mentions new sound and stage guy and his higher costs again
- Jacob recommends to half all sound/stage and tell them to come back in the fall

Requests

43. **Gospel Choir (con't.)** represented by Jenine Sheperd

- *refer to Sound/Stage discussion #7*
- Olivia: **motion to amend 3b by halving it (7, 0, 0), approved**

54. **BSU (con't.)** represented by Jacob Silverman

- *refer to Sound/Stage discussion #7*
- Olivia: **motion to amend 1f by halving it (7, 0, 0), approved**

16. **Hip Hop Club (con't.)** represented by Olivia Mastrangelo

- *refer to Sound/Stage discussion #7*
- Olivia: **motion to amend 1c and 1e by halving them (7, 0, 0), approved**

27. **ACSU (con't.)** represented by Jordan Edwards

- some people argue that they can request more for honorarium during discretionary
- Pierre: **motion to amend 4e to \$500 (7, 0, 0), approved**

Olivia (voting BC member) leaves early

47. **Women's Ultimate Frisbee (con't.)** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Jordan recommends cutting frisbee team trip to just A team (so by half the cost)
- Will brings up drinking argument (wherein students use this break to drink at nights, and don't take athletic training seriously) and also cutting by half
 - Jacob and Natalia think drinking argument is irrelevant because that is common, but Will argues that because it's such an exorbitant sum to pay, they should be more serious

- Pierre suggests them to follow conference guidelines and cut members on their own terms
- Pierre looks up info on High Tide trip
- Pierre suggest to cut tournament fees
- Pierre: **motion to amend 4ab by halving (6, 0, 0), approved**

48. **Men's Ultimate Frisbee (con't.)** represented by Jacob Silverman

- Pierre: **motion to amend 2 by halving and 5 to \$2900 (6, 0, 0), approved**

64. **KDSAP**

- Pierre: **motion to zero 2c and approve the rest (5, 0, 1), approved**

18. **Pride Alliance (con't.)** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- Natalia: **motion to amend 5a by halving (5, 0, 1), approved**

24. **Anime Club (con't.)** represented by Natalia Khoudian

- Natalia: **motion to zero 6 (6, 0, 0), approved**

32. **La Causa (con't.)** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low

- Pierre brings up Voices event as place of substance (to cut from) but La Causa would just come back to request it
 - Pierre suggest to reduce honorarium to what we gave them in the past
- Pierre: **motion to amend 6a to \$5000 (6, 0, 0), approved**

61. **Archery (con't.)** represented by Pierre-Alexander Low

- archery mat debacle, do they need them?
 - Natalia confirms not all mats are needed
- Pierre: **motion to amend 5m to \$675 (6, 0, 0), approved**