Minutes for BC Meeting 11/20

In Attendance:

Abigail Xu (Treasurer)

Katarina Cruz (absent)

Karen Blake

David Zhang

Bryson Kacha

Hao Liu

Marie Lambert

Richard Park

RJ Kermes

Tiffany Wong

Paul Gramieri (minutetaker)

1. **Black Student Union** (represented by Jesse)

Request: $3,100 for an event for Kwanza

* + Want $400 for drummers, $2,500 for catering, $200 for decorations
  + Kwanza is cultural to celebrate beginning of harvest
  + Drummers are a way to celebrate
  + Cultural holiday based around food
  + Decorations – BC can only fund $50
  + Event will be on December 7 (week after we returned)
  + Abigail asks about cosponsorship- says went to CAB, Dean Fatemi
  + Didn’t have event last year, but year before that
  + Hao asks what kind of food – Jesse says soul food, probably from Springfield, but also Val, who caters Bi-semester
  + Abigail thinks this fits in cultural event, not food event, like the Harlem Renaissance
  + Abigail doesn’t see objections in funding
  + RJ asks about attendance projections-Jesse says about 50-80, especially since it didn’t take place last year
  + Open to public, probably in octagon
  + Abigail asks about why the cost per person is so high, Jesse says they can take the price down, but Val price is $1,000 for soul food, other place probably like $1,500
  + Abigail stresses that they need to be careful with funding. Asks if it’s possible for them to come on Monday for money for food
  + Jesse worried that it’s too close
  + Abigail suggests funding $1,500 for food
  + CAB doing publicity
    - Motion to fund $2,100, passes 7,0,1

1. **Black Student Union** (represented by Jesse)

Request: $4,400 for conference fees to register for conference in spring semester

* + Update - able to secure a hotel for $129 a night with 44 people going, and $100 registration fees per person
  + Registration fees close in the end of January, and they need to pay
  + Hao asks if they can fund this through club budgets
  + Abigail says they have to put it in the club budget
  + This is tabled because it’s going into club budget
  + Just need to fund this by the end of the semester
    - Motion to table, passes 7,0,1

1. **Charles Drew Society**

Request: $100 for collaboration with Public Health club and other clubs for internship panel for pre-med students

* $100 is for food
* Abigail asks if this applies to food rule, says past BC has zeroed these requests
* Abigail says that food is usually funded through Dean Fatemi or CAB
* Hao says food isn’t integral to this event
* Richard doesn’t know why we wouldn’t fund this, especially since we fund food for movie screening events similar to this
* Hao thinks this should be funded with the Career Center. They talked to Dean Fatemi
* Richard suggests talking to Career Center
* Bryson asks how much they have left for food, Abigail says either $100 or $150
* Abigail says she’s ok with giving $200 for food because it’s relaxed enough since there’s a minor distinction with other events
* Richard says this is subjective
* Abigail says that $200 food rule completely flexible for next semester, most in favor of it
* Hao thinks there’s a way to exploit this, but Abigail says there needs to be discussion about this
* Abigail thinks that they have money for food rule, Hao and Richard are against funding this
  + Motion to fund $100 under $200 food rule 4,4,0 – Abigail breaks the tie
* Hao doesn’t think they should fund this
* Abigail does support this, but knows that Senate will shoot it down, so she votes against it
  + Thus motion to fund $100, fails 4,5,0

1. **Partners for Animal Welfare** (represented by Daniel)

Request: $10 for publicity for Pet Popularity contest during Interterm

* + Want people to take pictures of their pets
  + Need $10 for publicity
    - Motion to fund $10, passes 8,0,0

1. **Globemed** (represented by Hannah)

Request: Money for event advertising global health

* + Ten day event – 10 day period with several events about global health
  + Hannah’s event is “This I belief”, Globemed style
  + Microphones on Val quad, people write “this I believe” statements and say them
  + Request $825 for microphones, $50 for cardstock for statements that will be written that week before, $150 for Christmas lights to hang statements, $100 for tables, chairs and trash cans, $50 for advertising, $20 for markers
  + Got money for food from CAB
  + Abigail-can only fund $10 for publicity, not $50
  + Hannah thinks they needed money to pay facilities for tables chairs, etc, Abigail doesn’t think they need to pay for them
  + Abigail sees Christmas lights as decoration; Hannah says yes it’s festive, but also to hang cardstock, also symbolic because it’s the end of the 10 day event. She calculated that they need this much money for that length for lights
  + Abigail says they can fund $50 for decorations, not $150 for lights
  + Bryson says to table the funding for tables chairs etc, Richard says to zero that funding
  + Hannah put this in just in case
  + Zeroed tables chairs
  + Abigail asks about what happens to microphones afterwards – Hannah says that facilities charges for sound system. Abigail thinks that they charge for setup but doesn’t know why it’s so expensive for only a 1 hour event
  + Abigail suggests tabling it, then Hannah going to facilities to get exact amount, then Senate will have to approve that money but it’s the day before the event
  + Abigail says to go to facilities to get exact amount but to fund it now
    - Motion to fund $955, passes 7,1,0

1. **Globemed** (represented by Hannah)

Request: Money for another event occurring during 10-day event

* + Another event for another person – dorm programming for freshmen dorms
  + Clear plastic ornaments that are decorated by freshmen during tea time
  + Ornaments promote event and have educational statements
  + Res life isn’t funding it because this is like community engagement
  + Abigail says you can view this as material for event
  + Request is $240 ornament, $88.32 paint colors, $29.54 glitter = total $357.86
  + Bryson asks why the RC’s can’t just do this- Hannah says it’s going to be provided to the freshmen for the freshmen to decorate events
  + RJ says RC’s have their own budget to fund things
  + Karen says that they’ve had people come to freshmen tea time before, this is similar to that
  + Hannah said that some of these ornaments would be hung on Christmas lights
  + Richard asks how this will relate back to Globemed - Hannah says that while freshmen decorate this, RCs will talk to freshmen about info about 10 day event and other Globemed events
  + Richard compares this to an expensive way to publicize their event, but it’s a good idea because it reaches out to students who may not know about it
  + Richard thinks we should put an educational spin to it as opposed to using this as a glorified publicity event
  + Hannah said that was the idea, they’re promoting events that are educational
  + Karen says that this will promote discussion anyway. Thinks that this is not glorified publicity, but more community engagement, which is a good thing
    - Motion to fund $357.86 passes 6,2,0

1. **Drew House** (represented by Abigail)

Request: $160 from hotel be moved to travel because one of the speakers doesn’t need to stay but he’ll need to fly to New York (week 10)

* + Abigail says she needs to meet with Abigail to fill out paperwork
  + Also wants $420 for flight and taxi to Boston because no flights would work out of Bradley (for same event)
  + Speaker event is December 5
  + For flight, one cab and two shuttles
  + They’re all going to different places
    - Motion to fund $420 passes, 8,0,0

1. **Public Health Collaborative** (represented by Ella)

Request: $10 for publicity for Bates conference

* + - Motion to fund $10, passes 8,0,0

1. **Men’s Project** (represented by Suraj)

Request: $100 for food out of 200 food rule to facilitate discussion after movie screening, and $10 for publicity

* + Movie to watch is Fight Club on Friday after break
    - Motion to fund passes 8,0,0

1. **African and Caribbean Students Union** (represented by Darlene)

Request: $300 for train tickets to get speaker to campus

* + Many clubs (Pride Alliance, more) coming together for this event
  + $300 for train tickets for her and her daughter, who is of age to need a ticket (she’s young)
  + Doesn’t know about how much the speaker is costing
  + Abigail says they cannot fund tickets for daughter, can fund for speaker
  + They don’t exactly know the exact amount of train ticket, if they need more money then they should come back
    - Motion to fund $150, passes 8,0,0

1. **Pride Alliance** (represented by Michael)

Request: $700 for LGBT luncheon, $500 for food for World AIDS Event, and $1,000 for honorarium

* + Catering is for 65 people, $700 for international LGBT luncheon on December 4. Getting speaker but ISA is covering cost of speaker
  + Event happening on O’Connor Commons
  + $500 for World AIDS Day event in O’Connor Commons on December 5
  + Abigail asks how many people are coming, says about 60-70 people
  + Public Health collaborative got some money for the same event, they are cosponsoring the event (so basically $10 per person)
  + Abigail asks who will cater, Michael doesn’t know specifics
  + Bryson confused why the clubs split the cost in half and not come together. Michael says that they tried doing this, but Public Health was only able to get $50 from Dean Fatemi so they’re covering the remainder
  + Look at info from last week- Public Health got $500 during senate meeting, so maybe $50 from Fatemi (Michael not sure exact Fatemi amount)
  + Michael doesn’t think $550 is enough
  + Abigail doesn’t want the food to go to waste, or for them to fund too much money
  + Abigail asks if they had it last year, Michael doesn’t know
  + Michael suggests halving the amount that they requested, so only requesting $250, not $500
  + Honorarium is for Professor Luis Graham (not professor here)
  + Couldn’t get cosponsorship
  + Event on December 5
  + Honorarium for World AIDS Day event
    - Motion to fund $1,950 passes 8,0,0

1. **Habitat for Humanity** (represented by Lizzie)

Request: Money for gingerbread build for advertising, mixing bowl, and colored posters

* + $10 for publicity, $9 for posters explaining about Habitat for Humanity, $10 for mixing bowl to make gingerbread
  + RJ confirms that they’d keep bowl for next year
    - Motion to fund $29, passes 8,0,0

1. **Korean Students Association** (represented by Steven)

Request: $60 to have small dessert making event

* + Request $40 for ingredients, $15 bags/packaging, $5 publicity
  + Abigail says they fund $10 for publicity, but they only want $5
  + Abigail asks about where the money for food comes from
  + Hao and David say its cultural
    - Motion to fund $60, passes 8,0,0

1. **Magic Card Club** (represented by Whit)

Request: $150 for tournament fees

* + Needs to be emergency funded because event is before December 2
    - Motion to fund $150, passes 8,0,0

1. **Peruvian Education Initiative** (represented by Karen)

Request: $555 for registration fees for conference

* + Last week they only funded one of the registration fees for conference
  + Need to fund 3 more people going
    - Motion to fund $555, passes 8,0,0

1. **International Students Association** (represented by Tiffany)

Request: $210 for event fees and publicity during finals

* + Have $200 leftover from tea ceremony, want to reallocate that to an event during finals
  + Abigail says that they need to make a new event for this
  + Kabob night
  + Abigail asks if they want publicity, Tiffany says they didn’t request it, but adds $10 anyway
  + Tiffany says it’s basically just a cooking night
  + Abigail can zero a tea ceremony so same funding
    - Motion to fund $210, passes 8,0,0

1. **Green Amherst Project** (represented by David)

Request: $50 for popcorn movie snacks for one event, and $240 for another event

* + Popcorn movie snacks for $50 need to be emergency funded because movie is funded
  + $200 food rule
  + Popcorn for movie screening
  + Other event is a letter writing event. Give cupcakes to people who have written letters
  + Bryson thinks that it’s food and it’s a giveaway
  + Total $240 request is $150 for cupcakes, $50 for stamps, $20 for envelopes, $10 for paper, $10 for publicity
  + David asks why it’s giveaway, says that just like how we give away food for movie screening, we’re giving away cupcake
  + Hao notices how they requested money for food in week 5, $100 of $200 food rule, thinks the event was cancelled (no one completely sure)
  + Letter writing social is December 3-4
  + Technically they could come on Monday to senate meeting on December 2
  + Abigail doesn’t technically know how much they have left in $200 food rule, David says they haven’t spent any of the $200 food rule yet (so event was cancelled)
  + Abigail asks if BC thinks they should fund this under food rule – Karen, Hao says no. it’s a giveaway
  + It’s a coal divestment campaign
  + They say cupcakes are to reward students for writing letters; since it’s a giveaway, they can’t fund it – zero $150 request
    - Motion to fund $90 and emergency fund $50 passes, 8,0,0

1. **Amnesty International** (represented by Marie)

Request $10 for publicity, $150 for food for write-a-thon for international day of human rights

* + Having a discussion about the day itself and then working to send letters to people to encourage them to send letters thru amnesty international to governments who have human rights abuses
  + Abigail says that they have funded this in the past
  + Abigail says that this is a discussion, and then they write the letters
  + Bryson says that if they have a discussion before, then it’s fine
  + $150 goes to $200 food rule
    - Motion to fund $160, passes 8,0,0

1. **Men’s Ultimate** (represented by Abigail)

* $1,800 for hotels must go to club budget because event is in spring semester – table request