

## **Finance Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 10, 2012**

**Location: Commons 318**

Call meeting to order at: 5:35pm

~Members Present~

Michelle Kuah

Kaylesh Ramu

Damani Lewis

Kian Larijani

Ebony Tongo

Morgan Russo

Samantha Spehr

### **5:50pm Relay for Life**

~Discussion~

Kian: Relay for Life sent me an email telling me that they realized that we didn't fund them, however, something came up and they really need \$1350.

*Sam: Shannon told me today that they were funded \$3000. He told me Relaty didn't need any money.*

*Damani: When did you get the email?*

*Kian: April 5th.*

*Dam: It's dangerous to reopen something that we already voted on. I didnt tell them to put the logo there*

*Michelle: We communicated with them when they were tabled.*

*Sam: I don't think it's a way to possibly rationalize why I reopened this in oppose to this.*

*Kay: To go off what Sam said, I'd only be comfortable reopening something if it was osomething that doens't apply. There are certain events that we saw looking in the amount we had, and seeing the amount increase and knowing that these are all the requeust we had this seemster. This is difference.*

### **6:05pm Retreiver Weekly Report**

### **6:54pm SGA Budget Presentation**

### **7:06pm SEB Budget Report**

### **7:29pm Break**

### **7:34pm End of Break (without Morgan and Damani)**

### **7:34pm Discussion of SGA Budget Presentation**

{Note: 7:35pm Morgan and Damani return; 7:36pm Damani leaves}

Kaylesh: I don't really see anything alarming.

Sam: Everything seems pretty straightforward

Kian: I don't like the printer. We're still have the same problem. I print something out and 100 things come out. IT doesn't stop printing. \$1,300 for printing and reproduction

Kay: We didn't want another printer, because we just got that printer.

Sara: We need to be pretty clear on the communication.

Sam: I didn't know that election board members make so much for 1 month.

Michelle: We're looking at this annually right. The chair gets paid a \$1000. I seen that more from the time that he/she is appointed until the time that she is appointed. The members stipend is divided amongst the ones that she appointed.

Kay: Yes

Michelle: I think it's a lot. I can contact Catie

Sam: The chief judge makes twice the amount that she makes in the month. Other than that, I have

Kay: If we lower it, I can only see lowering it 515 and that's what we changed the chief judged advocate to do. We

Sam: We only use five and each year one use not event \$10 for budgest and postage. I'm looking at fiscal year 2011 acutal amount.

Kay: When I see things like that, I think it's better to be safe. I see \$50 to be somewhat reasonable.

### **7:46pm Mama's Boy**

*~Description~*

Last concert of the year. Really excited about it. Luow. Need 500 from sound. We have decorations that you guys funded us from last year so we don't need htat.

*~Questions~*

Ki:ls there any recording

A: It's just the sound

Michelle: Do you know what company this year?

A: This isn't an actual com

Mi: Can you walk us through your event?

A: It's just an acapella group wh

Kay: How do you plan on advertising for this?

A: We have a facebook account. We usually do that. I'm not sure. We usually do the facebook page.

Kay: How many pepole usually attend your event?

A: Acapolyspe was full standing, the second was less, the first one we maxed out

Ebony: The lecture hall 5 one, how did you advertised that?

A: Facebook

*~Discussion~*

Kian: I think this is great. We actually went to one last year. They have a track record. We know that they are going to do well. They already have decorations. We know they are going to do well.

Kaylesh: They bring out a great crowd.

Sam: I went to one of the events in fa

Votes

5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

Michelle: So now we have 8,139.91

### **7:54pm Retriever Weekly Discussion**

Kay: I think it looks good. I think they're just asking for the basic necessicities.

Kian: I think between the reports and Chris being here every week. I feel like things like that. I think that SGA should support the newspaper.

Ebony: I don't think that I saw anything that wasn't necessary. I think that the reteriver weekly is doing very successful.

Michelle: I think the retriever weekly has come a lot o way. I just started to read. I think having chris here and us being able to have that direct line of communication. I think that critiques thing is a great idea and way for us to get feedback. I think that is really beneficial to have a good...to have someone with a different perspective.

Sam; I think it's going to be a little more self-sustaining.

### **7:59 SEB Budget Discussion**

Sam: Everything that are requesting is what we know that SEB are known for. I got that they would look at how successful things were to see if they would continue and I like that.

Kian: I understand the process is difficult. I like how they are pulling students to take the money. I do want to see the quadmania breakdown because it's almost the cost of our student breakdown. I think

Sam: I think a lot of it's going to

Michelle: Has SEB pulled students through reteriver weekly.

### **8:05pm Students for Environmental Awareness**

Requesting 200 for MD Zoo in Baltimore. Asking for food as well. Which is going to be 2570.70, subtracting tax, 2370.70 for food and \$200 for the MD Zoo. \$2570.70 total.

Michelle: The zoo is requesuting for tables, and chairs and parking passes. The zoo price is 220 for wo hours and they were doing it for two hours. Parking passes are just for the vendors.

Kay leaves out at 8:15pm

819 Kay returns

They'll have the table some people are bringing of free food. They'll be interactive comp

That might be our conference which hodling in october. \$50 using the money to buy containers

### **8:19pm Campus Disciples New Hope**

Sam: Recruitment event based on food, I would have to go with no on that that one.

Sara: Last week, you were basing judgement base on how uch you think you got.

Sam: For me, I can't difference that to orgs. Since they got there request in later, It would seem really unfair and it is unfair.

Morgan: I agree. We def. Made that policy when we had a lot of money. If we had this one. I don't see why we wouldn't open all the others ones.

Kay: I have the same resasoning shtat would

Results:

camps disciples meeting

0 for, 5 opposed, abstaining 1, 1 not present

### **8:23pm End of the Year BBQ**

Kian: It's the same as the last one.

Results

0 for, 5 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

8:24pm Anime Society

Sam; They do this event every semester.

Kian: It's 24 hours of advertised anime. I think it reaches out to people who they need to reach out to.

Results

5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

### **8:26pm Pre-pharmacy**

Ebony: I wrote that it was kind of expensive and I don't like the fact that they didn't use cheaper food options. I thought it was a little too expensive for the food part. I don't mind the thank you gifts.

Michelle: Do you feel that the thank you gifts that you should be given from the student org spot.

Ebony: They should probably be funded it by themselves.

Sam: Originally, I'd be fine with the thank you gifts for the speakers. I think looking that we have limited funding I think it's weird that we won't fund food for this event. I can't differentiate this between the food item and just give them what they need.

Sam; That's what we had, it's

Michelle: We do have more funds. We say that it's all organizations. Just because we have a couple thousand more than we originally anticipated. It falling under the same reason why we're striking food from it.

Sam: It's hard to differentiate between panel nights and dinner. I feel like they wouldn't request food if they didn't feel like it would add to the event.

Kian: I would just say that I would approve. They said the thank you gifts are not essential. The food is essential. I think the food is essential. The question is why is this 500 a little more than the food society.

Sara: It also sounds like a full dinner like they are advertising it.

Michelle: I think considering the variety of request.

Partial funding: Kian

Kian: I think it's pricy. Dining hall is closed. Pre-pharmacy is a good sized group. That kind of relationship is really important in these kind of fields.

Michelle: Why is that necessary.

Ebony: I know they didn't say it was really necessary they done it for other orgs, but we did get money. I don't think that it would sink given other orgs. It's a nice thing to do for the sparks.

Sam: I'm for funding for the second line item. They have time to advertised and revamp their event so that it's not surrounded by food.

Kian: Do want to just

### **8:40pm SEA**

\$15 for parking passes

Michelle: Is this a quote from the commons or like the company that you can.

Sam: It makes sense to fund 100, but I don't know what you're going to do with 15 extra chairs.

Michelle: We're going to do 100 @ 20. The band sound is \$180. The cordless mike is \$10.

Michelle: Do you know what the sound is about. You haven't talk to

Sam; The band is planning for free.

Michelle: The sound is for four hours.

Sam: I have \$354 total.

8:59pm Morgan leaves

### **9:01pm Pre-pharmacy**

Kian: Taking it as a whole. This was a networking formal dinner. I think a lot of this has to do with the way that they ordered the food.

Kya: We said no to accounting, no to AME, I just don't feel comfortable with funding the skylight lounge.

Michelle: I think we can strike out that we're not funding all of it.

{Sam left out to go to 9:05pm

### **9:06pm Golden Key, Mr. UMBC 2012**

Morgan: I wasn't too excited about it.

Ebony: I don't know why I was not for it either, but I wasn't for it.

Kay: I feel like at the end of the day, the uc is open to everyone. The candidates are there

Michelle: one question I had to myself was whether or not it boarder on organization

Kian: I see it as a cheap

Ebony: I just see the purpose of this event is to meet their internal standards. It would probably a good event if it was actually for the...

Chris: I wondered what SEB is bringing o the table.

Kay: I feel like if the org to have their own motive, why would htye bring SEB into it.

Michelle: I think that

Kian: I think what concerns me is that it's a little bit dry. The whole thing about the standard. It hink she told us that is to say that the organization is accountable. I think one of the purpose of the vent is to bring campus spirit.

Michelle: How do you feel about the junior and senior restrictions?

### **Results**

2 members for, 2 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present.

3 members for, 3 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

### **9:18pm Steel Drum**

Michelle: It's \$8 for the first one. \$9 for the second one.

Sam: We didn't fun the humans vs. zoebie gas.

Kian: I don't think this should be funded

Ebony: I feel like this is something to go to do for their own benefit. They said five people in each car. It's something they can def. Do by themselves.

Michelle: We need to look at this based on Merit and precedent and not based on price.

Sam; I guess I'm going to reiterate the point that we didn't fund humans vs. zombies. HVZ wanted 400 to drive to their tournament and we didn't fund them because we have limited funding.

Kian: I think it's a practice where if the line item

Michelle: I'm hearing the same thing Kian said that the event can go on without funding.

Kian: It's kinda like we say that we don't fund hotels if it's a certain distance away. It's like having a bike marathon and then asking to put air in the tires.

Kay: I don't see anything wrong with funded. I think that it's like asking for equipment cost. It's still event that's going on for the org and for the amount of people and cost.

Sam: How do you diff. From human vs zombies

Kay: The cost per person didn't add up to me.

Sam: For human vs. zombies, the cost is so low.

Kay: For this, I feel like the cost per person is okay.

Ebony: How is this one not for personal benefit then?

Kay: When I was looking at human vs zombies, I see steel drum.

Morgan: When I was hearing this request, it's not open to umbc students. It's just 5-10 students in a car. They basically going to some like concert. Is this benefiting UMBC students? It just seems like a bunch of people going out and trying to have a night time. To go to Philadelphia to visit a Jewish memorial and asking for spending money.

Sam; Another factor, is what we were asking him if his org could fund it, and they just said they didn't want to. I guess I can't really shake that thought from my mind that they just don't want to fund themselves.

Ebony: Immediately, we shouldn't look at the cost value, but we've seen orgs where people who were willing to even partially fund it because they really want to go.

Kian: I think it's a lot. They have these metal things are really expensive. We know they have an orchestra of steel drums. I'm all for allowing this org to go and giving them support to grow.

Results:

Votes: 0 for, 5 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

**9:30pm Mock Trial**

Ebony: I'm for funding it.



Morgan: I think part of it, might have been the money.

Ebony: Before we talked about it, I went by never knowing what it was.

Kian: The difference between that and drama. It's such a lot of fun.

Michelle: UMBC Mock Trial for AMC registration

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4 for, 0 opposed, 2 abstaining, 1 not present.

### **9:38pm Biomedical Cookout**

Ebony: I said no, because of the other events we said not to, because it was a recruitment later in the semester and we didn't. We said no, because it's recruitment at the end of the semester. If we're saying no because we can't fund

Michelle: We don't have enough funds to fund food.

Sam: To be consistent, we don't want to fund another event.\\

Kian: It's in Walker Court yard on April 20th.

0 for, 5 opposed, abstaining 1, 1 not presentation

### **9:42pm Filmmakers anonymous**

Sam: I'm on the fence about it.

Morgan: There's not real guarantee students were there. I remember them saying last year that random people would be coming up. I don't think it's a good investment for

Kian: I feel Bartleby of event planning. The more I think about it. The less I have a problem with it. I feel the venue funded the event.

Sam: I'm guessing. I don't have the clarification on

Results

1 for, 4 opposed, abstaining 1, 1 not presentation

### **9:56m Alpha Kappa Delta Phi**

Michelle: I didn't think like the fact this she didn't feel comfortable asking her own org.

Sara: How is this different than the TSK event that you were funding

Kian: I saw the safe driving was more educational than anything else. I see this as facilitating the benefit show.

Morgan: At the end of the day, if you're producing entertainment to the student body. We shouldn't knock an event for having more than one person. I don't think it's fair to not fund something on that contention.

Michelle: How did you vote for phi theta sigma. I voted against.

Morgan: I found it ridiculous.

Ebony. I keep thinking about the policy of not funding charity events. If it's not a policy violation, then I like this event. I think it's something that people

Sam: What point do you say? Do you guys see this as a problem in the future.

Kian: I'm leaning towards yes. What is the purpose of the organization? Is it's philanthropy. And it's 2 ½ of them performing on mainstreet.

Sara: what is this contributing to campus

Results

4 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

10:06pm

#### **10:08pm QUMBC**

Sam: It was \$1500 for food originally

Morgan: To me, it sounds like a fancy dinner party. I think we should be funding that, especially seeing as how we just fund a bunch of food requests.

Sam; I can't really differentiate this from the other food based events and this is really expensive in comparison

Kian: Dad  
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1 for, 4 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

10:23pm

#### **10:24pm SASA**

Kian: I think it's a nice cheap Mr. SASA

5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

### **10:31pm Pre-pharmacy**

Sam: They said that they'd work without ever the gvae them. That they'd work really hard for funding.

Michelle: We need to come to a consensus. We're striking line item three-four

5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

### **1034pm Debate Club**

Kian; It's expensive per person. It think we've kinda come to the concensus that they've expired all options that they have.

Sam: I want to fund it, but I'm not sure if we voted on something that's already like this recently.

Michelle: I think that they're purpose is different and they aren't asking for it.

Morgan: I think it's pretty expensive, but I don't know. I feel like I funded them last semester on the contingency that I wouldn't fund them again.

Michelle: I think what we seen before when we were requesting for three tournaments. This is the first request that they turned in that we're actually able to vote for.

Sam; How is this difference for paying for their registration fee. If we didn't fund the registration fee then they couldn't go. I'm having trouble differiation between the two.

Morgan: I'm pretty sure that that you can get the same experience I know you ca't mimic it, but you can get pretty close At forty a person I don't think it's a good principle to stand by. They should have brought it back to campus last time so I shouldn't be back that. When you get an experience and you try to bring that experience back to the other people.

If I learned how to mae a pizza, bringing it back to campus is teaching other students to make a pnieapple pizza.

Michelle: Can I just ask, back when I was here as an org, I was requesting as a wusu competition, how do use view that differently? It's still an organization to come in and requesting an. It can't be transcribed through words, but whether through the physical actu of being there?

Kay: I think it's hard for me to have something fot the organ next tiem. They wont gain that experience and they wont be able to bring it back unless given that opportunity.

Ebony: They are oing for something directly related to their club. It's more of a learning experience they aren't directly running for model un the way they were.

Sam: For debate club, I I fee like they're a little more based on the fact they do compete. I think that's kinda what we difference that btwn tthis and human versus zombies. I feel like within their organizations they can only gain so much perspective by competeing each other.

Kian: There is a certain bit of liability that you get from going to these tournaments. Model UN is one of them, Debate club I don't really see it as comparing it to gas. It's expensive, but it's an experience that you won't get on the UMBC campus. There's a certain thrill that one gets from being on the tournament. It's like we're saying should we allow Debate club to debate. In the mean time, I think it's something that we can support.

4 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not presents