

Finance Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: 9/13/11

Commons 318

Call meeting to order at – 5:34pm.

Roll Call

Morgan Russo
Rosy Chirayath
Josh Day
Kaylesh Ramu
Samy Rabb
Michelle Kuah
Damani Lewis

Attendance Policy

Rosy: attendance policy is outline in the official rules. One finance board member shall have 2 unexcused absences. You will need some notice especially if you know a day in advance. Any student that has issues scheduling ahead of time needs to balance their time well. How does every one feel about the policy?

David: please note that you will not be a member of the finance board after the 2nd absence.

Damani: are we covering all of the attendance policy now?

Rosy: yes. If you feel the policy is unfair, please let me know. Sammy please give us account of the emails that were sent out from last meeting.

Sammy: Josh, Damani, Kaylesh, Michelle sent out their emails. Morgan forgot to sent out his.

Rosy: Josh gets the extra credit for this week.

Swearing –In of Secretary

Rosy: over the summer a spotlight was put up and Sammy and I split the applicants to the position. We looked for people with knowledge of the finance board, passion, ability to attend the meetings and time commitment. I appointed Nike as sectary. Move to approve

Vote

7-For

0-Against

0-Abstaining

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T-Shirt Fund

Rosy: T-shirt fund is up for discussion. Does everyone know about the policy? Kaylesh can you please go over the policy.

Kaylesh: last \$ 8000 was used to request promotional t-shirt for students' orgs not including sport clubs or selective clubs. \$ 300 per organization with not more than \$10 per person. Any other amount would

have to be taken from the carry-over account of the group. This year we have set aside \$12000 and we need to decide how we want to allocate the money. The t-shirt fund is to boost school spirit. We have to ask for the description of the design and there is a deadline of Dec 2nd. The funds will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Michelle: are you doing other types of apparel? Is it okay to split the money into \$6000 per semester?

Rosy: Right now, it is a t-shirt fund, so am not sure about other apparel. As long as the apparel is at \$10 apiece.

Damani: is it set in stone to be split into equal amounts per semester or is it up for discussion?

Rosy: we have \$12000 for the year and we will decide how much we will allocated to each semester and the details here.

Kaylesh: I wanted to change the amount and have a little more in the fall and some in the spring because of upcoming clubs.

Rosy: what does everyone think?

Josh: so it is possible to use all the funds this semester.

Michelle: I think we should leave some for the spring semester.

Rosy: we need to determine if we are in agreement with the dates and fix the forms.

Discussion on T-shirt fund on hold

5:56

Apostolic Campus Ministry

The event is on October 20th with a speaker to teach religious groups. We are requesting flyers, catering and buttons.

Question

Josh: for the catering do you have a fixed amount or breakdown?

Rep: the order came to \$175 from the online dinner campus website.

Michelle: do you know which exact company that is?

Rep: not sure

Rosy: why did you have the amount listed on the request for the catering?

Rep: let me read the breakdown

2 soda containers- \$30

Sandwiches 5 trays \$ 75

4 cookie trays-----\$ 35.80

Cheese and grape tray \$39.95

Rosy: why did you want an extra \$75

Rep: I thought we had \$200

Samy: how many are you expected and where is the event?

Rep: expecting 50 and we requested for a lecture hall

Kaylesh: why do you want buttons?

Rep: it will serve as a good give away to remind people of the event and encourage attendance of the students to general meetings.

Rosy: any other questions?

Michelle: what is the full event name?

Rep: Complete Upper Room Experience.

Rosy: you know we offer students the ability to make free black and white flyers up beside the SGA room.

Guest: please make sure you hold on any advertisement until you have an appointed venue and are sure of the date.

Kaylesh: do you have the amount for the speaker?

Rep: yes

Rosy: we do not do the piece meal for any event. Do you wish to add the speaker now so it can be considered?

Rep: his name is Jason. And he will cost \$200

Rosy: any more questions.

Discussions

Damani: I want us to reduce the catering to \$180.

Rosy: is every one fine funding the event?

Samy: Due to the no free give, away policy we have determined not to give anything unless it aids spread UMBC spirit. These buttons look more as giveaways.

Kaylesh: did we agree on buttons in the last meeting?

Rosy: brief history we have had an issue with buttons before.

Damani: we cannot use the basis of the last meeting to make this decision. This button is not to advertise but as a giveaway at the end of the event

Rosy: I agree

Michelle: I agree with Damani. It is definitely a different situation

Rosy: can someone clarify why we are not funding buttons

Damani: I am not for funding because it does not help promote the event. Our discussions on buttons were towards advertisements not giveaways.

Rosy: vote for funding buttons.

Vote

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David: we also do not fund events with no venues.

Rosy: what do we think about the event?

Damani: We have no definite venue hence any definite time; I think we should table the event.

Samy: we need to get all of the foundation before we can fund this.

Morgan: when will the register be able to approve locations?

Guest: maybe tomorrow

David: finance board will wait until you have a venue. First

Rosy: all in favor of tabling the event?

Request tabled because venue and dates need to be confirmed

6:13

Daejayon

Rosy: sorry you missed your appointment time so we had to get to you after them.

Rep: thanks. \$2,999 to build a mural by the pond initially but now between the UC building and the Chemistry Building.

Questions

Rosy: any questions.

Kaylesh: did you not receive funding from the SGA for materials before?

Rep: yes and we need more materials since we moved the project location.

David: is the finance board the best for asking for funding? The initial amount was collected from the executive part of the government.

Josh: is there a show or is it just the mural?

Rep: there is a show and organizations will come to advertise their events

Michelle: was this request funded last semester? And , is there going to be vendors?

Rep: yes and it's just advertising

Damani: are individuals painting the mural and then there is an unveiling?

Rep: it is going to specific and has to be professional but people are free to join.

Rosy: is the money both for the painting and for the unveiling?

Rep: yes

Kaylesh: why did the materials cost so much?

Rep: All together, the extra cost of materials comes up to\$ 1608.15

Kaylesh: how did the idea come about?

Rep: we initially thought about a mural at the pond, but not many people will notice it. So Freeman suggested expanding it and making it professional.

Michelle: are other organizations invited to join in the painting?

Rep: no just the unveiling.

Rosy: was there are reason why you came to the finance board?

Rep: No, we thought it was all the same body.

Guest: officials have no documentation of the mural approved

Rosy: Due to the events, we need approval before we can find you. We also need clarification about the materials.

Kaylesh: we can always move it and discuss later.

Rosy: David can they still go to the executive board?

David: Do not know. They are bound by different rules.

Josh: I think we should table this

Request tabled due to approval issues.

6:35

BCF

Marvelous encounter has been an event for 2 years. Expect a great turn out. It is a concert program with a speaker and its free of charge for both UMBC and non UMBC students. We are paying for

Voice of Inspiration----- \$1500

Duces B----\$300

And the rest of the speakers are free. The sound is from ESPS and these are all key factors.

Questions

Damani: you have had this event in the past?

Rep: yes and the number of students increase which each event.

Samy: go over the breakdown of performers. You fall within the 30 day policy

Rosy: any other questions? Are you confident that you have money in your carryover account to fund the rest of sound?

Rep: yes

Morgan: I will like to fund it

Samy: If 300 students can go for an event, it will be great

Damani: I will fund it as well

Vote for funding of requested \$3000

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6:47

Cru

Coming back to it.

Rock Climbing Club

Kaylesh: not coming in till next week with all the updates

T-Shirt Policy

Rosy: so what is our decision on the t-shirt fund?

Kaylesh: If possible, \$10000 for the fall semester and \$2000 in the spring is what I would like.

Josh: I need more clarification

Damani: we have \$6000 per semester or all \$12000 now in fall or an unequal split between fall and spring.

Rosy: remember we want the t-shirts to have the most effects

Damani: we should cancel the \$6000 per semester option to be cancelled because we are trying to increase school spirit. Give out let all the money during the fall.

Michelle: any amount not used can be given to other orgs right.

Rosy: yes.

Michelle: I think some fund should be left for groups in spring to enable school spirit.

Samy: we should set aside money not only for new orgs but also for others who did not have a chance.

David: you will give out all of the money regardless

Michelle: will the people on the waitlist apply again or receive priority?

Kaylesh: maybe it is best to give it out all in the fall.

Morgan: does anyone request bellow the expected \$300?

Kaylesh: no less than \$100 and \$300 but not any figure in-between.

Damani : \$12,000 will be the best

Rosy: we have 3 options

1 the 50/50 split

2 more in fall less in spring

3 \$6000 for each

4 for choice 1

1 for choice 2

1 for choice 3

Rosy: majority rules

T-shirt fund sheet will be drafted.

Note all the dates are also maintained

7:23

CRU

Tie & dye adventure with dye provided only

Vote for tie and dye approved amount \$50

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7:25

Anime Club

Rosy: the \$50 marathon fee is taken out. And it will be held in LH3.

Discussion

Kaylesh: we have always had great turnouts so am fine funding it

Damani: I agree

Vote for request approved for \$300

6-For

0-Against

1-Abstaining

0-Absent

7:28

Roll call

Morgan Russo---- Humans vs.Zombies & CRU

Rosy Chirayath--- Anime CLub

Josh Day---- free

Kaylesh Ramu---- Daejayon International & Rock Climbing Club

Samy Rabb ---- free

Michelle Kuah----- ACM

Damani Lewis----BCF

Meeting adjourned