

## Finance Board Meeting

### Minutes

Date: 9/20/11

Commons 318

#### **Call to order 5:35**

#### **Row call:**

Morgan Russo

Rosy Chirayath

Josh Day

Kaylesh Ramu

Samy Rabb

Michelle Kuah

Damani Lewis

#### **FMA**

Michelle: requesting for \$77 for first meeting to bring awareness about the club. Ordering pizza and drinks. This will serve for recruitment purposes.

#### **Questions & discussions**

Rosy: any questions

Kay: how are you advertising for the program

Michelle: printing out flyers. We will put up a spotlight in my-umbc. We have also planned to send out emails on the list proxy.

Samy: this can be treated as a recruitment event for a new club . I don't mind funding it

Kaylesh: I like it

#### **Vote to approve request of \$77 for FMA**

5-for

0-against

2-abstaining

0-abscent

Rosy: SASA & ASA are not coming today so we would have to table their request until they show up.

5:39

Rosy: I just passed out the pre-Pham description. Let us read through and discuss about it

### **Discussion**

Josh: when is the event?

Michelle: Do they know that there is a student discount at Papa John's for students.

Samy: did they give the amount with or without the tax exempt. There is also \$35 extra which am not sure we can agree to fund.

Rosy: does everyone feel fine to reducing the amount from \$165?

Michelle: I called Papa John's and there is a discount the total should amount to \$120.

Rosy: how does everyone feel about cutting the amount to \$120?

Josh: we may be cutting back a little too short. They did say they didn't have enough food the previous time.

Rosy: well we do not have funds for every little thing.

Damani: we should not impose on the organization or make them feel shortchanged. I think that we should table the request, talk to them about the discount, and discuss it further.

Michelle: we should allow them time to think through the request and make a concrete decision first

Morgan: I am fine funding \$120 but I agree and think we should contact them first.

Kaylesh: I will call them in before the vote

Rosy: we are calling Pre- Pham and would make a decision after discussing with them. If they don't show up we would table the request.

### **MEMBER OF FINANCE BOARD TO BE PLACED IN COMMITTEE**

Rosy: I am to inform you about the transferring of funds \$30,000 to the retriever-learning center. We need a finance board member to sit on the committee. The money is to furnish the facility and the committee will look into the responses of the students and decide how the money will be allocated.

Josh: I can be available. Is there any fixed date?

Rosy: No, they will come up with the dates when looking over the schedules of each committee member.

Josh: that is fine

Rosy: okay so congrats to rosy who will represent the finance board on the committee.

### **PSA READ THROUGH**

Rosy: Can we look at PSA's request now before they come in because it is a big request. Please note that the DJ increased by \$300 and asked \$25 for photography (same as last year's)

Samy: do you know what happens with the decorations?

Rosy: I have no idea. Please keep the questions for when the org shows up.

### **PRE PHAM CONTINUE**

Rosy: While we wait what is decision on pre-pham? Should we wait for them or are we ready to go ahead and vote for the request for \$121.99 for pizza.

### **Vote to approve request of \$121.99 for PRE- PHAM**

5-for

1-against

1-abstaining

0-absent

### **PSA**

**6:09**

### **Introduction**

Rep: there will be traditional food and dance performances for the celebration of the solstice. It will take place on a Saturday due to several booking issues.

### **Questions**

Samy: will you get people to come for the event even though it is on a weekend?

Rep: yes

Samy: we provided money decorations last year what happened to the decorations

Rep: we get vases for the center table. Individuals tend to take it after the program. We will try to reuse the ones we buy this semester.

Kaylesh: what about the pictures and the videos? Where will they be and who is providing the services?

Rep: there is a student from last year who we give the contract to. The pictures will be on the website

Rosy: I just wanted to ask about the DJ price?

Rep: there is an increase in the prices. We are not sure about why that is but this is the option that we had the last time.

Rosy: is it the same person?

Rep: no, we had problems with the last DJ.. Therefore, we are having a new person this time

Rosy: how was the catering last time?

Rep: we used chartwells the last time and it didn't go well. We are using a traditional restaurant and we trust them more than chartwells.

Michelle: For the food, is the restaurant approved?

Rep: we will have a contract for the program

Michelle: is that okay Damani?

Damani: yes they can do just that but they have to know that the contract will last for that event and it will take 4-6 weeks to pay them for their services.

Samy: what do you plan to do for the table cloths and the vases?

Rep: we get the tablecloth from the catering. The vases are from giant. They will be placed on the tables as center pieces.,

Rosy: are the performers off campus?

Rep: yes

Josh: you wrote 6 and a half performers

Rep: I was thinking about the children group coming in

Kaylesh: how long is the performance?

Rep: there is an hour of performing dances then food is served than another hour with dances and then finally the DJ

Rosy: how many non- UMBC students are expected

Rep: we are not sure because College Park has the same event on the same day.

### **Discussion**

Damani: I am fine with the price &the catering is fine. For the vases, I understand that people tend to take stuff. This looks good.

Kaylesh: the budget looks good. Last time UMBC students were upset about the food.

Rosy: will you be willing to fund this much money for food for another organization that comes in

Morgan: yes I think so. I am okay with fully funding this event.

Michelle: am comfortable as well. The food is out of their control.

Rosy: how do people feel about film and photography?

Damani: I think we should talk about it.

Kaylesh: film and photography am not for funding it. In the last request but here it looks like a luxury and it should be from the orgs carry over account.

Straw poll for photography

3-for

3-against

1-abstaining

0-abscent

Rosy: Josh explain why you want it?

Josh: I think it is cost effective

Rosy: What if it cost more, do you think you will still fund it?

Damani: we would be playing with numbers. Just because it has great turnouts, are we going to fund photography for all clubs? It is should be something that will come out of their carry over accounts.

Samy: every org could notice it and it will become a problem. It is not about the price. The pictures do not make the event.

Straw poll for photography

1-for

4-against

1-unsure

0-abscent

**Vote to approve request of \$7,501.20 for PSA**

6-for

0-against

1-abstaining

0-abscent

**6:31**

**COPTIC CLUB**

Rosy: this is from the first week. They are not coming today.

Kaylesh: we tabled them last time and we needed to separate special events from the regular meetings

Samy: I feel like the projector is maintenance cost and it is essential to keep their club running

Rosy: I only asked about the projector and I think we should amend the request. So we should change the projector for only the regular meetings and then on the special event we would fund the projections different.

Kaylesh: Coptic club is not sure about the speakers but sure about the projections

Rosy: how does everyone feel about the projector cost?

Sammy: feel fine funding it

**Vote to approve request of \$**

6-for

0-against

1-abstaining

0-abscent

**6:38**

**MOCK TRIAL**

We have the AMTA: American Mock trial Association fee. We also have regional fee for the spring.

**Questions:**

Morgan: explain the \$350.

Rep: it pays for the mock trial case that 6-10 people can go for. One team is what we have now.

Morgan: how many teams can you send?

Rep: we can send 2-3 teams

Kaylesh: \$200 penalty. Can you purchase the case without the fee?

Rep: no because UMBC is in bad standing with AMTA

Rosy: for the penalty is increasing

Rep: no

Rosy: so do you need money for hotels?

Rep: no it is Baltimore

Rosy: The mock trial is a series that happens where?

Rep: we play other schools then move to regional's and finals.

Rosy: so you have tournaments to go to.

Rep: yes

Rosy: we have no piece meal request policy

Rep: we are aware it is just for the case.

Josh: when is the regional's?

Rep: in the spring but not sure of the date

### **Discussion**

Damani: I will abstain and I feel very offensive about the penalty. Having new students to pay with student dollars for mistakes of the past.

Morgan: I do not think we are allowed to fund the pat bills. We can fund the \$350 but not the \$100 fee.

Kaylesh: I do not see it as a penalty but I see it as a fee for participate.

Damani: we need to look at the budget concerning dept.

Kaylesh: is this diff from last year because the group finds out the cost or not.

Michelle: it is necessary for the registration but should we use the students pay the money. I want to suggest item 2 be another request so you can get other stuff.

Damani: I agree

Rosy: I cannot find anything about the penalty

Rep: we will face the same thing next year even though it not paid now.

Samy: I am torn about this issue the org should hold a fundraising to pay for the penalty

Michelle: can you do different fund raisers ?

Rep: deadline is Oct 17. So there wont be time

Kaylesh: I see this as a payment for teaching student so it is not a luxury

Damani: the book is essential and I recognize that student money should not be used to get it .

Guest: from the policy we can only fund things in the future not post or incurred debt

Michelle: if they are not able to fund, it the group will not longer be in existence. I am hesitant because other groups will come

Damani: I don't think we are setting a line. I feel the group should be accountable for 200 dollars. The org has to do what it can to pay the fine

Kaylesh: I understand the policy I think we should make the group aware that it is not because it's their fault but because of the policy

Rosy: The situation is very heavy

Damani: Disregarding the 200 dollars the registration date is oct 15

Rep: the fee is online and paying 350 bucks makes no sense

Samy: Table the request because of a lot of factors

Rosy: But it is not a possibility that we will fund the request. You should tell the groups about fundraisers

Damani: I can meet with them and help them with fund-raising

Josh: I agree we need to remove regional fee for when it is time

Rosy: do we feel like tabling this request?

Rep: Can we be certain to get the 350 dollars?

Damani: \$350 is fine

Straw poll for \$350

4-for

0-against

3-abstaining

0-abscent

**Request table until the budget policy is found and other issues are settled.**

**7:19**

**Debate Club**

Tournament – 5 team (10 people)

Greyhound for transportation



## Question

Samy: by the actual teams that go

Rep: anyone who is ready to go can and it is open to every one

Samy: people active are?

Rep: 40 people but not consistent

Josh: \$157 for 5 people for round trip and you requested for \$400.

Rep: all the transportation to the Swarthmore. 23 stops and its all factored into transportation.

Michelle: have you registered?

Rep: we can register before during or after for tournament

Samy: can't you get another funding source.

Rep: we cannot because we do not have enough money

Kaylesh: where are you going?

Rep: Swarthmore, Georgetown, college park

Kaylesh: do you have the same cost

Rep: no because they are in state

Rosy: what type of impact does it give to UMBC?

Rep: we talk about UMBC people think about College Park. The group is free to join. We have a tournament for students to people that are good

Kaylesh: how much do you ask if you are the host?

Rep: \$500 because of using local vendors. We have hosted for 2 years consecutively.

Samy: how much do you charge for other schools?

Rep: it depends on the relations

## Discussions

Samy: \$10 people for \$900 compared to fund. We fund for majority

Morgan: I do not feel comfortable for the events and there is no benefit.

Josh: out of State makes a lot of difference.

Michelle: they haven't gone out of state. We can't use a possible event for the basis. I can see why it would be expensive.

Kaylesh: I think it will give merit and I think it unreasonable and we cannot fund the org completely especially if the request more.

Straw poll for cutting down

3-for

2-against

1-unsure

0-abscent

Damani: I do not think we should cut it down, I think with what is here and now cutting will not do much.

Rosy: there is a great deal of personal benefit can put a price on that. Is there an amount?

Rep: we can pay the amount but not with our carry over account.

Rosy: is there an amount that individuals are willing to pay

Rep: I am not sure

Rosy: general consensus is that it's too expensive. We ask if they are willing to supplement the rest or not fund at all or we need to ask they can check

Michelle: it is an all or nothing idea. We can't cut down anywhere.

Straw poll

1 don't fund the request

2 table & has to supplement from group

4-for option 1

**Vote to approve request of \$900**

2-for

4-against

1-abstaining

0-abscent

**Request was denied**

**7:45**

**MEN'S ICE HOCKEY**

Homecoming weekend game against Temple University. Trying to enlighten individuals about general student population are free for students. No charge for bus. Donation on the bus to continue the service.

### **Question**

Kaylesh: how many people fit on bus? And so the members of the team get to go

Rep: no we go early and not sure how many people fit on the bus. And trying to get students back and forth.

Samy: is the bus for UMBC students

Rep: its meant for UMBC students first

Kaylesh: how do you advertise?

Rep: we use flyers for the add

Rosy: any other questions

### **Discussion**

Morgan: great idea

### **Vote to approve request of \$ 500**

7-for

0-against

0-abstaining

0-abscent

### **8:05**

### **BSC**

Working SASA. Recruitment and collaboration with SASA. Open to everyone, food is from giant. Show what BSC is about.

### **Question**

Rosy: have you contracted SASA's treasures and she said no. so make sure that you get the information well. Also make sure that the space is booked.

Samy: yeah we can amend it

Rosy: so we are tabling the request ( rock climbing club)

Kaylesh: he is having trouble reserving the space and now he has to wait another week.

## **Gaming club**

Pre- read

Issues:

- locations
- double charging
- no fixed date
- advertising

Kaylesh: should we penalize orgs for not showing up? I just wanted to know

Rosy: I agree

Sarah: is true any legislation against

Kaylesh: what about written request

## **8:33**

### **HLSU**

Barbeque

### **Question**

Kaylesh: how do you advertise?

Rep: face book, email list proxy

Michelle: do you see these as recruitment?

Rep: it is just the start of the Hispanic heritage month

Kaylesh: walk me through the event

Rep: play music, play soccer and have fun

Michelle: grand meeting is tomorrow, have you started advertising regardless of its funding?

Rep: No, we are starting from tomorrow. And we can fund raise

### **Discussions**

Damani: Do not see as recruitment. And use the first day of the heritage month. Fine with funding it

Samy: see it as a recruitment and we already have 1 recruitment event.

Morgan: I agree with Damani.

Michelle: don't agree. It is not recruitment and what makes it different from a food related events. Because any other of will do the same.

Josh: I see this as free food & not for recruitment.

Kaylesh: we need to talk back towards the recruitment pizza food. We will fund free food for the student activity fee. There is more personal benefit.

Damani: agree with Kaylesh& Michelle. I see it as a free food and we cannot fund free food.

### **Vote to approve request of \$137**

0-for

6-against

1-abstaining

0-abscent

**8:47**

### **kendo club**

Disinfectant \$25

Advertisement 60 cents per page 50 pages

### **QUESTIONS**

Morgan: female can't use male Shinas?

Rep: No, they can't because it is size specific

### **Discussions**

Kaylesh: reasonable request. Can fund it.

### **Vote to approve request of \$120**

5-for

0-against

2-abstaining

0-abscent

**9:00**

**AMC**

Fixed date & space.

Catering \$180

Speaker \$200

**Discussion**

Kaylesh: I like it because it's more the than their organization member. Even food was basics.

Samy: I agree fee it is a good event

**Vote to approve request of \$515**

6-for

0-against

1-abstaining

0-abscent

**Meeting Adjourned** 9:04

**Row call:**

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