

Finance Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: 9/27/11

Commons 318

Call to order 5:38

Row call:

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

GAMING CLUB

Rep: there are 2-booster boxes containing 36 packs of magic cards.

Questions:

Samy: why are you charging 13 dollars?

Rep: It allows us to buy another box of cards to keep the game going

Samy: will that be a regular charge?

Rep: yes

Josh: What will you do with the cards?

Rep: The cards are not reusable and hence will be given to the participants.

Josh: Are you reusing the game room for the 15 hours?

Rep: No, we will not need the game room. We can use any room that is readily available.

Rosy: Any other questions?

Morgan: Can you do without the 13 dollars?

Rep: You cannot play the game, but the packs are sealed and we cannot re-seal them.

Josh: Can you shuffle the cards when playing a new game.

Rep: the new cards for new sets of games and will not be as fun.

Michelle: will this be a weekly thing?

Rep: yes

Kaly: How many members do you have and how many will be allowed to played

Rep: we have 50 members and 18 people will play each week.

Josh: we checked on Amazon and it seems that you can get the same cards for cheaper.

Rep: I am buying from a local store so am not aware.

Rosy: the money is from student fees and we only fund activities that are free for students. We also do not provide giveaways. We also do not fund events with no confirmed location.

Josh: just to clarify you will give the cards after the game to the players

Rep: yes

Michelle: how do you want to setup the weekly events? Do we need to fund you again?

Rep: we have the charge of \$13 and with that the tournament can finance itself.

Rosy: why did you decide on 18 players?

Rep: not all members are interested in the game as it is. Once the game begins, we hope that there will be more awareness and we will continue with that standard.

Michelle: so you plan to keep the same number of players each week.

Rep: yes

Rosy: you will see in the discussions about members feelings towards the \$13 weekly charge.

Discussion

Samy: The biggest issue is that the cards are given away after each event. This goes against the giveaway policy. I am not comfortable funding this.

Damani: There are many conflicting dynamics. 18 students will be able to walk away with the cards. There is also an issue with the double charging and there is no fixed location.

Josh: I think it is a cool event. But the double charging will continue the event. I am not fine however with any location. Also if the cards comes out monthly then can't the packs be kept for the month until the new ones comes out?

Morgan: Okay funding it. I look at the cards as equipment and for that, you do not need the location to be fixed. As for the charge, it will help the event continue.

Michelle: I look at it as equipment, but not comfortable only because the equipment will be used for selected groups.

Kayl: same thing

David: there is also a policy that SGA does not loan money. Because you are putting up money to make it back does not mean you can collect the money from the SGA.

Damani: I do not see the cards as equipment but a giveaway. I also see where David is coming from.

Rosy: we will take a straw poll to see the decision so far.

STRAW POLL

People who want to fund it (yes) ---- 0

People who need more time -----2(Michelle and Morgan)

People who don't want to fund it—4 (Kaylesh, Samy, Josh, Damani)

Josh: I do not like the lack of location and the fact that the equipment is to be given away. It is also pricey for 18 people.

Kayl: It's pricey and I want to fund something that is for more people. I want the equipment to be kept and not given away.

Samy: This is like a onetime thing. I see this more as a loan for this one event. The idea is great but to continue charging is out of our jurisdiction.

Damani: Great idea, but look other solutions for this issue. If you want to hold it monthly then come up with a fundraiser or you can hold it weekly if you can randomize the way the card is played. I see this as a giveaway.

Michelle: I see it as equipment been given away. I will be willing to fund an event if there is no charge to student.

Rosy: will they be willing to fund an event for 18 members?

Kayl: I will not be fine funding because it is open to a select few. If it was equipment that would have been better.

Vote for \$233.00

0-for

6-against

1-abstaining

0-absent

6:03

Mock Trial

Rep: tournament request split into two costs. One is due on Oct 17th and the other is for Feb 2012.

Questions

Josh: what happened to the penalty you have to pay?

Rep: consensus was that the penalty be removed from the request. We cannot let UMBC students pay for the fees of past. We are all fundraising for that amount

Samy: you told us without the AMTA fee you would not be able to get the materials. What happens if we provide the \$350?

Rep: we have not removed it. We just separated the request for the tournament fee (\$100), the fee will be paid by us, and the other remaining \$250 is what we are asking for.

Rosy: what is the fundraising strategy for the fee?

Rep: we have \$60 from the fundraising so far \$45 in our carry over account. The rest of the money would be raised during the meeting this week.

Discussion

Samy: there are two new requests that are before the tabled request.

Rosy: we will discuss the tabled request first.

Kayl: these sound like Equipment fees to me

Vote for \$350.00 for the case

5-for

0-against

2-abstaining

0-absent

Rosy: Now let us review the tournament fees

Questions for next request (\$125)

Samy: how are people chosen for the events?

Rep: there will be an audition a month before the tournament by a selected group of faculty. The board of the orgs will use this as criteria to decide who will go .

Samy: how many people can go?

Rep: 10 people will be competing and any more that want to go can.

Kayl: will there be individuals to back up actual players

Rep: yes. There is one timekeeper & events are open to all UMBC students to go.

Morgan: is there any limit to the number of students that can go

Rep: in a team we have 5-10 people and any one that wants to can come.

Morgan: if you can fund on tournament which one will be a priority

Re: the Regional because it is AMTA. It will be beneficial however if we can go to others before then to practice.

Discussion

Damani: Do not see it as a trade off and I feel comfortable funding this

Michelle: I do not think we should ask the org which tournament is most helpful. This gradual learning process should be provided.

Samy: I know this will benefit and we have already funded the fee for the equipment. I see this more as for individuals that go and hence a personal benefit.

Rosy: I understand that view

Kayl: in regards to the mock trial the fact that they can take as many people to see the mock trial can serve as a learning experience to the UMBC

Vote for \$125

3-for

1-against (samy)

3-abstaining (kayl, Damani. Rosy)

0-absent

Vote for \$100

4-for

0-against

3-abstaining (kayl, Damani, Rosy)

0-absent

6:25

Intersarsity

Rep: This is the fall conference to explore faith and bring faith discussion. Money will be towards freshmen and non-Christians. Fundraising is through many alumni

Question

Samy: if you can break down registration account? Like you mentioned freshmen.

Rep: we have 17 freshmen we want to attend the conference (one forth) and there is a region wide conference.

Samy: how many people can you get to go with you apart from your org members?

Rep: we have five non-Christian last year. This year we are, try to get 10 people to go this year. We project about 40 people will go. Therefore, there is a projection of 70-75 individuals in total.

Josh: you will also charge freshmen \$40.what does the extra that other's are saying provide?

Rep: it covers food , logging& materials etc

Josh: did you do fundraising

Rep: yes
Josh: did get money last year?
Rep: we did not get the money. We paid and wanted
Josh: how do you fundraise?
Rep: alumni provide funds and individuals
Michelle: is the \$40 charge the flat rate for every one?
Rep: we send in as one fee and there are no other costs.
Rosy: do you have to charge UMBC students?
Rep: the freshmen are the only ones paying the \$40.
Rosy: what is the benefit? What does it bring back to the campus?
Rep: there is a lot more unity and friendships stuff. There was a lot of outreach
Kayl: is there a cut of UMBC students who can go?
Rep: No, we can bring as many as possible.
Kayl: how do you advertise?
Rep: word of mouth. Flyer, personal invites.
Samy: Concerning funding, if the finance board was not able to fund you can the event still hold?
Rep: yes we will still go some how
Michelle: have you started fundraising
Prep: yes, but official but alumni and others have given some amounts.

Discussion

Damani: am concerned with who is paying what. There is no basis for defining who is a Christian or not. I have concern as to why the freshmen only. This is too pricey.
Samy: this brings up another issue of registration fee but I see the personal benefit and I see it as not fair to every UMBC student. Our goal is to make it equal for all UMBC students. It can happen without SGA's help. Not comfortable funding this. It would not benefit the majority of the student body.
David: can we hold off the request until we have heard other events.

6:45

BSU

Rep: the event is in November. It is like a poetry slam but informal. Focus on Arts poetry and jazz. Performances are open but auditions are to be held. The prices are for basic planning. The performance is from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. 140 people are expected. It is free to all umbc students.

Questions

Michelle: for the food if we allocate all the \$200, will it be used totally?
Rep: the food is optional but we requested that for when the stage is changing.
Josh: so you have the food list for the \$200.
Rep: we have the list and the break down right here
Samy: what effect do you hope to achieve in UMBC?
Rep: we want to make an event for students to come and express themselves and event name is a symbol for linking hearts.
Samy: you said that there will be a DJ? How is that part of the event?
Rep: we thought that the food and DJ is to provide an atmosphere for relaxation and for the students to enjoy the rest of the evening .

Discussion

Kayl: I am comfortable funding the event because they are necessities. I just want specific breakdown of the food. Apart from that, it will be a great event.

Rosy: tabled until the food quote is presented.

Straw poll of individuals for event

6-for

0-against

Request tabled for food breakdown

6:55

INTERPRENUIAL SOCIETY

To advertise the society to individuals on campus

Questions

Rosy: you are bring in a speaker?

Rep: yes

Rosy: is he doing this off his own free will?

Rep: yes

Rosy: do you have the contact information?

Kayl: what is in the advertisement package?

Rep: banner, quarter cards, flyers etc.

Discussion:

Damani: I think it is fine. This is an across disciplinary group so I am for it.

Samy: it is a relatively good price and it will apply to UMBC students as a whole

Vote for \$160

5-for

0-against

2-abstaining

0-absent

7:02

AICHE

Rep: back to school barbeque in walker. This is to build up membership and invite freshmen. Open to everyone. Will be announced at the engineering classes and via the list proxy.

Questions

Samy: what is the event name?

Rep: back to school barbeque

Samy: do you have exact prices for the food?

Rep: no we haven't looked into that yet.

Rosy: we need a food quote and we need to table the request.

REQUEST TABLED FOR FOOD QUOTE BREAKDOWN

QUMBC:

Not coming, they decided to cancel the entire request

7:20

IV

Discussion:

David: Before we talk about the issue of the amount, we have to consider and make decisions about off campus activities.

Samy: it may be unavailable for most students. We also want UMBC students to bring things back to UMBC campus. If it is for personal benefit, I do not think I will fund it. In this case, only freshmen benefit.

Rosy: let us talk about the off campus activities, should proximity be a factor?

Samy: it depends

Kayl: it depends on the experience the students can derive at the off site location. I would prefer an experience that the students can have here on campus. But it would also depend on the kind of event.

David: for off campus events students have a hard time getting there and the benefits do indeed vary.

Morgan: I have a hard time justifying it because off campus, events have huge personal benefits and there may not be any effects on the UMBC campus.

Josh: if it benefits the majority of the students and is open to any one, I think we should fund it. I am for off campus events on that note.

Kayl: if the conference that will allow the leaders to bring back technique that they can teach it will be good.

Rosy: Hence, the consensus is that off campus activities will be funded if:

- It is open to everyone
- Can be done on campus
- Is it worth going off campus
- Does the event help the organization to grow
- Can there be a repeat of the event at umbc
- The cost per person
- Reasonable cost benefit.

7:36

Humans VS Zombies

150 people in attendance (last year) requesting for significantly less money this year.

Questions

Rosy: when did you last meet with Shanon?

Re: involvement fest week

Josh: you said that the DJ cost about \$400-700. Do you know whom you are getting and what the actual amount is?

Rep: we are still working on that.

Rosy: how does everyone feel about that? We will table the request so you can get the exact quote from the DJ.

REQUEST TABLED FOR DJ QOUTE

7:47

VISUAL ARTS COUNCIL OF MAJORS

Rep: there are 500 artists. This is the first meeting.

Rosy: there is an issue with the deadline issue. The date of submission does not meet the required 15 days deadline.

Re: we have advertised through word of mouth. This would be a discrepancy in the forms.

Rosy: what do you suggest we do?

Rep: we can change the date

Rosy: that is fine but what do we do to make the rules clear?

Rep: there will need to be a clause that says the day of the event is not included in the 15-day period.

Rosy: thanks for your input. Also we can't have money sent back once it has been allocated.

Rep: that is fine.

Michelle: papa john's offers a discount to umbc students.

Rep: does that affect our selections?

Michelle: No, I am just letting you know for future reference.

Rep: can I move the event until the 11th and look up the food?

Rosy: sure, you just need to send us your confirmation for Oct 11 and we can make the decision next Tuesday.

REQUEST TABLED FOR RESERVATIONS & TIME DEADLINE ISSUE

8:14

CSC

A taste for Caribbean culture with skits and some Ethiopian dances. It is mainly for Christmas

Questions:

Rosy: This event usually takes place in the game room right.

Rep: game room is open to only UMBC students. The capacity is also smaller. Ballroom will give more room for people.

Samy: so you are expecting 450 people.

Rep: no its just for the food planning.

Josh: you are planning to get food for ballroom and not the game room

Rep: yes

TABLED UNTIL FOOD QUOTE GOTTEN

8:24

STUDENTS FOR HOLISTIC HEALTH

Recruitment event to reach out to other students. The advertisement will be via facebook banners and word of mouth.

Questions

Michelle: you said the event would be hosted in the breezeway.

Rep: sorry I meant to say Main Street

Rosy: is this not free food?

Rep: No, we have trivial and then individuals are encouraged to take the food while they ask questions.

Discussion

Kaly: this looks like a good recruitment event with a good location. It seems to be worth funding

Morgan: I like funding recruitment events

Samy: I made sure to take into account when the request was made.

Vote for \$127.25

4-for

0-against

2-abstaining

1-absent

Rosy: are you fine funding prizes at a cultural themed event?

Jpsh: food cannot be considered as a prize because it doesn't last long.

Kayl: I agree

Samy: food is definitely an attraction but should not be the main idea.

8:04

BIO COM

READ THROUGH

Discussions

Samy: this goes against what the whole finance board does. It is not only at the end of the year but it also does not show any impact on the UMBC campus.

Josh: they did not word the request right. I agree with Samy. There are speakers, which are good, but they said party.

Michelle: they called it a party. We did not specific in the request forms that they could not have a pizza party.

Morgan: it could be a recruitment event at the end of the semester.

Samy: it cannot be considered as a recruitment event. Is it possible to do any follow up after that date?

Rosy: we have not defined the pizza policy. How so we see the policy and this end of semester business.

Michelle: we should cut off this discussion because we cannot force organizations about when to have their recruitment events. I see it as a recruitment event.

Morgan: we are not anyone to say when to hold the event or if it will be successful. I think we should just vote on if we could fund it or not.

Samy: okay so this can be considered as a recruitment pizza party. Due to the circumstance, do we need them to identify what they will need?

Kayl: I do not think we should table this. There are many elements to the event. If it was on its own without a speaker, I won't fund it. I see this as an entirely separate event.

STRAW POLL TO TABLE

1-TABLE

5- APPROVE

Michelle: do you see this then as their one recruitment event?

Kayl: no I see the speakers there and it sounds like another event.

Michelle: then we should finalize what the pizza policy means

Kayl: we should also justify why we fund the events.

Damani: the distinction between a party and recruitment is large. it is important to note the presence of the speakers however.

Kayl: we have funded events with speakers and food before.

Michelle: can we ask for the food quote?

Morgan: also can we have a template for the written request?

David: we spend the same amount of time on written test as we do on those that come in. we should put it at the back of our minds if we want to cancel the written requests later on.

Michelle: maybe not a template but we need to include that we need food quotes

STRAW POLL FOR EVENT

3- Unsure

Morgan: I see this as a pizza meeting.

Kayl: in order to attract people to the speakers food is okay. So yes, I would like to count this as a pizza event also.

Josh: no, it has a political sense to it. I agree that there are speakers but the request wording has the wrong connotation

Kayl: it is good if we clarify why if we do fund the event. We can also ask of the purpose of the event.

Michelle: Should we restrict the word "party" and if used the event will be denied?

Josh: no. It really depends on the event

Rosy: is the pizza policy then strictly for recruitment and retaining members?

STRAW POLL

4- FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETAINING

1-FOR RECRUITMENT ONLY.

Vote for \$140

5-for

1-against

1-abstaining

0-absent

9:12

JSU

The event has occurred every year. A structure is created for people to stay in. after the bonfire during the homecoming events ice cream will be served to people passing by.

Questions

Samy: can you clarify the name "12 days of awesomeness"? What is the purpose?

Rep: celebrates the Jewish culture and autumn festival

Josh: have you had any problems holding the event before?

Rep: no, just once with the weather.

Kayl: what is the purpose of the ice cream?

Rep: to invite people to learn more about the Jewish culture

Kayl: I understand that the ice cream is for recruitment but people will just be talking. Are there any other elements to the event?

Rep: no

Samy: this event is questionable. Ice cream is indeed a tool to bring people and my real questions is not been answered. To me individuals will just sit around for the holidays.

Rosy: so do you have anything else to add?

Rep: no

9:23

ASA

TAKE OUT LINE 8 TO GIVE A TOTAL OF \$4,209.50

Questions

Rosy: when was the last time you meet with Shanon?

Rep: 2 weeks ago

Rosy: get in contact with him

Rep: cry for help is an event that will be focused on a country in Africa to raise awareness about the issues they are experiencing. The theme of this year's event is ENOUGH for IVORY COAST

Questions:

Samy: walk me through your event.

Rep: opening prayer then performances with a short drama; there will be speaker for 20 to 30 minutes and then more entertainment. During the intermission, we serve food.

Rosy: where is the catering from?

Rep: from Baltimore

Samy: can you pass down the breakdown of food and performers?

Rep: sure

Rosy: what marketing package are you using?

Rep: the regular one.

Discussions

Kayl: they are well prepared and they had a good turn out last year. They have speakers as well as entertainment.

Michelle: there are different aspects and they give us the glimpse into their culture. This is a good event.

Rosy: does anyone have any problems besides the stilettos issue?

Damani: this is the first I am hearing of another organization charging another org.

Morgan: sounds like it has happen before

David: If the stilettos come to the finance board, asking for money for the performance that will not be possible because that is a re-embossment for a performance.

Josh: If we approve it, the stilettos can use the money. However, they see fit right?

Kayl: yes. Other performers should not ask for money and this is not a good start.

Damani: this does not foster the spirit of collaboration. This can also cause a new format for student org to manipulate the finance board.

Rosy: does everyone feel this way about UMBC dance team or any other performance groups? Is every one willing to take of the \$50 for the Stilettos?

Vote for \$4,159.50

6-for

0-against

1-abstaining

0-absent

9:43

SASA

This barbeque is to unify all members.

Questions

Samy: do you have a contract?

Rep: no

Rosy: do you need to have a contract for a barbeque?

David: No, you just need a food quote from vendor

Michelle: how many people are you expecting?

Rep: any one that can is free to come.

Michelle: how many people do you plan to provide with food?

Rep: about 150

Kayls: is there anything else going on?

Discussion

Michelle: I see this is a recruitment event with food.

Rosy: any other statements?

Vote for \$385.96

6-for

0-against

1-abstaining

0-absent

9:54

ROCK CLIMBING CLUB

The new amount is \$600

The event will be held at lecture hall 1

Discussion

Samy: it is a great event to get people to know about rock climbing and getting Umhc students to come.

The price is also reasonable and its worth funding.

Josh: I would fund it too

Vote for \$160

6-for

0-against

1-abstaining

0-absent

9:58

BSU

We want to let people know about the club. This is a recruitment event. This is to spark interest in an event that coming up later.

Questions

Michelle: is there a quote change?

Rep: no, same with what is on the request. Advertisement will also be by word of mouth and facebook.

Discussion

Kayl: I see this as a recruitment event.

Vote for \$102

5-for

0-against

2-abstaining

0-absent

10:04

LINUX USERS

READ THROUGH

Discussions

Kayl: the flash drives will not be giveaways. The company that produces the software does not make the CD's any more. The flash drives can be reused in the org.

Michelle: I feel comfortable funding this. They seem well prepared and can reuse the flash drives. It has always been successful.

Vote for \$73.50

5-for

0-against

2-abstaining

0-absent

10:10

OFF CAMPOUS EVENTS

Damani: if the experience is gotten on the off campus site can it be brought back to UMBC?

Josh: I think we should ask for the purpose of the event and work from there.

10:12

IV (CONTINUED)

Morgan: Do not want to fund it. I do not see the big deal about the conference, if they have gone so many times, they should be able to teach their new members.

Josh: it cannot possibly be brought back because it is a regional event and it is meant mainly for IV members. The rep also did not say anything about what the conference would entail.

Samy: to follow Morgan, it has a high personal benefit. The amount asked is 31% of the activity fee yet some students will have to pay for the event. There is the issue of double charging and benefits are not equally shared.

Damani: I have decided on how I want to vote.

Michelle: I do not want us to use the fact that they have gone to the conference before to judge this event. I see this as an event where students are also charged. I would have funded the event if there were not inequality in the distribution.

David: you have to make sure to prioritize the requests. Will it be good to invest \$2000 on this or is there a possibility that we can find another region where the investment will be worth the while.

Kayl: I look at the structure and there is a lot of leeway time. If there were a conference with a strict structure not a mini vacation, it would be good. The money is better spent elsewhere.

Vote for \$2000

0-for

6-against

1-abstaining

0-absent

REJECTED

10:25

JSU (CONTINUE)

Damani: if they are talking about recruitment then that is fine.

David: it would be generous of this board.

Kayl: yes

Michelle: I feel I need background of the event before making a decision

Josh: this will be the one recruitment event then.

Rosy: Yes, this will be recruitment.

Vote for \$255

5-for

0-against

2-abstaining

0-absent

QUESTIONS FOR 2ND REQUEST

Josh: what is this about?

Rep: free food

Discussion

Kayl: this is not acceptable

Vote for \$750

0-for

5-against

2-abstaining

0-absent

EMAILS

Gaming club- Michelle

Mock Trial – Damani

IV –Samy

BSU-FST

Entrepreneurial –Morgan

AICHE- FST

Human vs Zombies- FST

Visual Arts Com –FST

Bio Chem –Josh

Caribbean S.C. – FST

Students for Holistic – Michelle

Linux User's Group- Samy

JSU- Morgan

UMBC Accounting- Damani
ASA-Josh
SASA-Rosy
Rock Climbing –Kayl

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