

Finance Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: 10/18/11

Commons 318

Call meeting to order at – 5:33

Roll Call

Morgan Russo
Rosy Chirayath
Kaylesh Ramu
Samy Rabb
Damani Lewis
Joshua Day

5:34

Debate club

Team made up of active members will like to represent UMBC at a tournament at AU. The request is for the registration fee. Goal of this is to make the debate club strong. Due to lack of funds, the debate club has been very inactive. The money is much needed to boost the team.

Questions

Kayl: how many other tournaments are organized?

Rep: we have two more. One in George Washington and AU

Samy: how many active members do you have?

Rep: there are few people coming to the meetings due to the tournament preparations. Due to the cost, not all are willing to go. The amount of active members will depend heavily on if we can be funded or not.

Rosy: so how many members are on the team?

Rep: twelve people in six teams

Rosy: can anyone come and watch?

Rep: yes. We encourage people to come and learn.

Josh: what exactly does the registration fee cover?

Rep: it is \$100 per team so for six teams will give \$600

Damani: when is the tournament?

Rep: 4th to 5th of November

Discussion

Morgan: it is expensive

Kayl: I want to fund the tournament. I feel it will go a long way to keeping the org open. The members will only stay if they have an experience to gain.

Damani: form the last request there was the same price issue. I feel these tournaments are what the org needs.

Josh: I was on the fence with the last tournament request but I think Kayl makes a valid point, without an actually debate the org cannot thrive.

Morgan: I understand that the point of keeping members but I am not sure about funding

Kayl: how does everyone feel about the price its self?

Straw poll

Partially fund-7
Not partially funded-3
Denied-0

Vote for \$300

4-for
1-against
1abstaining (Rosy)
1-absent (Michelle)

Rosy: what is the difference between this request and the others we have seen so far?

Damani: it is different

Samy: we have had a discussion on this tournament issue. This thing should be there. Without the debate, the org will not survive. I looked at how the now looks and the future will look.

Sarah: was it different because the price that was lower?

Damani: it is not the price both are essential and are not taught in the classroom setting. When compared to the MSL request, you need to fund it in order to attract others

Morgan: I guess I did not understand MSL when they request was discussed

Rosy: so I guess we should consider for future reference.

Kayl: we had turned down MSL because we had turn down debate initially

Rosy: that is fine. I just want us to find consistency and keep it

Damani: we should ask if the event is cogent. We have to add that to the questions experience

Kiyan: I think the board can grown and learn from other allocations for the future

Rosy: for trials, we look at the cost per person if it can be done on campus, what experience is achieved and how it benefits UMBC students.

5:56

Chris (Retriever weekly)

Damani: I am passing out the final constitution for the Retriever Weekly. I want us to take a few minutes to read it. I am also passing down the legislation. A joint legislation is different from the regular one. It has to be approved by the senate and finance board. The major change is that any officer can run for election for editor-in-chief instead of an officer of 2 semesters. It is internal mechanisms but just to bring it to your attention.

Vote for legislation

6-for
0-against
0abstaining
1-absent (Michelle)

6:03

VSA

This event is a traditional way to show off culture to the UMBC community. Far is like a type of soup. The amount was gotten as an estimate from last year.

\$700- food

\$100- utensils

Questions

Kayl: will a commuter be able to get into

Vote for \$1255

5-for

0-against

1abstaining (Rosy)

1-absent (josh)

Meeting adjourned 10:32

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