

SGA Finance Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

#1 Outdoor Recreation Club - Pretty Boy Reservoir Day/Billy Goat Trail

Intro:

- Requesting funding for gas expenses
- Probably won't use all the money for gas, about 50% will go back to SGA

Questions:

- Bee: Could you still have the event if it wasn't fully funded
- could work but not the same turnout
- Augustus: how do you pick the people
- Anyone could come
- Michelle: is the gas expenses just for the transportation to the Billy Goat Trail and not the sushi?
- Just the Billy Goat Trail
- Trent: if we had to only fund one which one would you have funded?
- The pretty boy
- Trent: even if it's less expensive?
- Yeah
- Bee: when legislation passes, would you have time to get money for Pretty Boy?
- Yes, if anything i can pay the funds out of pocket and get reimbursed.

Discussions:

- Ankush: definitely fund one of them if not both of them
- Augustus: fund at least one of them, bc they have to do
- Anthony: one of these events should be funded, might be stretch to fund both
- Bee: Is anyone concerned that we are putting money out there that may not be used and we'd have to wait for the rollback
- Trent: It is a bit of a concern
- Augustus: Whatever money will rollback, it may not even be enough for us to use the funds.

Org: Will be okay with partially funding each event rather than fully funding one over the other

Decision for Billy Goat Trail for \$126.23: 4:0:0:3

Decision for Pretty Boy Reservoir Day for \$107.83: 4:0:0:3

#2 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Bee: The event has to be for everyone and not just the

Trent: We see that you're asking for plaques could you please explain the roles of it when you explain your event

Intro:

- A gala, honoring three african american students and three african american faculty
- Wants to host this because there is a lot of negativity in the african american community
- even it open to everyone
- Plaques are the rewards, given to the honoring students and faculty
- wants food for the guests to eat

Questions:

- Bee: I'm curious about your food quote. How you came to choose the menu options? It looks like the same exact food quote as the event last time that you did not get funded?
- We called Glenmore, it is the same price but a different menu: Vegetarian Lasagna, Baked Chicken and water. Pricing is the same.
- Trent: In our packets we have the food is estimated for 50 ppl but the request it says there will be about 125 people attending. How are you going to distribute it?
- We would prefer to have some food than no food. This is all that we can request, if SGA didn't fund us this is the amount that we can fund ourselves.
- Bee: On RAF listed charge of UMBC fees for \$2. Could you explain that?
- it is \$5 for students and, \$7 for guests. Money used to pay for Glenmore of SGA did not fund us for food
- Bee: Unfortunately, not allowed to charge UMBC students.
- Okay
- Sara: If you're having an open event, you can only bring foods that are at low risks (baked sales stuff, prepackaged).
- Trent: The role of your food?
- It is a formal gala so it is necessary to have food.
- Trent: If board decides to partially fund the food, how low could the org go?
- At least half of it
- Trent: What's the role of the plaques?
- It is an award ceremony, so the plaques are needed to give out awards. It'd be weird to honor someone without a physical representation.
- Trent: We do have limited amount of funds, we are trying to see what's the lowest org's can go tonight. If the board can partially fund, which part of request can you fund on your own?
- The plaques
- Trent: You'd rather have the food fully funded if the plaques don't.
- Yes

Discussions:

- Bee: I'm thinking no, I view the plaques as a giveaway although it is used as an award. I don't think we should fund stuff that may be giveaways. I understand at a gala there would be food, but due to the current state of funding my priority is not for food. I would be okay to fund food if food is the main point of an event like at a cultural event. I guess I'm not in favor of anything.
- Trent: In favor of fully funding for food because the nature of the event is typical to have food. I agree with Bee about Plaques, although it is used to recognize the six people it is not open to everyone. Against decorations but fully funded of food
- Anthony: I agree with fully funding with the food but not the plaques.

Reopening to questioning:

- Ankush: Would you still have the event?
- We can't cancel it because it is next week but we would have to find some way to finance the event.

Ending Discussion

- Bee: I do not feel comfortable funding this.
- Nathalie: I get that the gala needs to have food, but I don't understand the first come first serve.

Straw Poll

Option A: Plaques

Option B: Strike out Plaques (4)

Decision \$450.00: 4:0:0:3

#3 French Club

Questioning:

- Bee: I'm not seeing any plates, are you providing plates?
- We are providing them
- Ankush: Is it just people in the club
- Anyone can come
- Augustus: It is a question for Sara about the food preparation?
- Sara: That is a good point, because of food rules at UMBC
- Probably just 2 officers cooking

Discussions:

- Ankush: It should be fully funded
- Bee: I agree, good idea for small orgs
- Anthony: I agree, bare minimum
- Augustus: I agree

Straw Poll

Option A: Fully Fund (4)

Option B: Opposed

Decision for \$42.13: 4:0:0:3

#4 Debate Club - Princeton

Questioning:

- Augustus: Given the limited the amount of money, what amount of money would you feel comfortable receiving funding for?
- \$360 would be the optimal amount for 3 teams. But, \$120 (1 team) or \$240 (2 teams) will be okay.
- Trent: \$120 for each team, but in the quote it says it is \$125 per team
- We spoke with Anthony, the standard amount would be \$120, but we have always requested \$125.
- Nathalie: Transportation?
- Several team members have car so we all chip in for gas
- Bee: Assuming legislation would be done in 48 hours, are you going to be able to get the money to go?
- You can pay for registration after the tournament
- Nathalie: You wanted to send 3 teams or is that required or is that because you would like to have 3 teams?
- It is important to showcase our school but 3 teams would be preferable.
- Nathalie: Just in case we only fund 1 team, would you be able to fund for 1 or 2 more teams?
- Sending any teams would be preferable, but we contacted Princeton for space for 3 teams but it is highly competent.

Discussions:

- Bee: Partially funding the \$120 for 1 team.
- Augustus: I agree
- Trent: I actually am in favor for fully funding. Although we have limited money, we have enough money to fund all three.

Straw Poll

Option A: Fully Fund \$360 (1)

Option B: Partially Fund \$120 (3)

Straw Poll #2

Option A: Partially Funding \$120 (4)

Option B: No funding (0)

Decision for \$120.00: 4:0:0:3

#5 Apostolic Campus Ministry

Questioning:

- Ankush: Said the total attendance is 30 but 5 people from UMBC
- It was a mixup, it should be the opposite
- Trent: In our packets, you included an email about cancelled event and the price for the LCD. Can you clarify?
- We cancelled the event because I forgot to ask for the movie rights last time. So now this is the event.
- Trent: It says it will be \$10 an hour for the Equipment but you requested \$30 for a movie that will be an hour and a half?
- Wasn't sure whether it would be \$10 for the equipment for the room?

Discussion:

- Anthony: In favor of fully funding, good idea to bring people together
- Nathalie: Very good idea, I agree
- Bee: I agree

Straw Poll

Option A: Fully Funding (4)

Option B: Opposing (0)

Decision for \$280.00: 4:0:0:3

#6 Bethel Campus Fellowship

Intro:

- Org asked if they could just pay for the contracts and they would only ask for \$625

Questioning:

- Anthony: What is the goal of the event?
- Create an atmosphere to experience God. Anybody can come.
- Bee: How are you planning on advertising? Also it's at ITE, so how would you direct people or is it majority UMBC students
- Majority will be UMBC, we did marketing ourselves. We reached out through flyers and social media

Discussion:

- Bee: All for letting org pay for contracts if they want. It's great they feel comfortable doing that. Appreciate effort to extend SGA funds. In favor of partially funding \$625
- Augustus: I agree
- Anthony: I support fully funding

Straw Poll

Option A: Fund the contracts

Option B: Not funding the contracts (4)

Straw Poll #2

Option A: \$625 (4)

Option B: Opposed

Decision for \$625.00: 4:0:0:3

#7 Mama's Boys

Intro:

- Annual for Mother's Day Concert
- way to connect with audience to expand the acapella community

Questioning:

- Anthony: How have mothers played a role?
- The founding mothers used to fund for these concerts, and a lot of mothers come.

Discussion:

- Bee: Everything I look for: collaboration, brings recognition, brings UMBC together. In forever of fully funding
- Nathalie: I agree
- Anthony: I agree

Straw Poll

Option A: Fully Funding (4)

Option B: Opposed (0)

Decision \$571.50: 4:0:0:3

#8 United Christian Council

Questioning:

- Anthony: How do you plan on making this event known?
- We created a facebook page and we are having a marketing package.
- Anthony: Have you considered Television Packaging?
- No, but we are a collaborative team so we advertise through other groups
- Bee: So you don't need AV?
- As far as we know, no.
- Anthony: Do you think people of other religions will feel comfortable at this event.
- Yes, this is our 5th time doing this event and it was always a great turnout. MSA and some people from the Jewish community came.
- Bee: Who are you bringing in and what equipment do you need?
- Our speaker attends Frostburg, is a student, and is a \$0 contract fee. Just the mics but we are supplying those ourselves and not in the AV fee.

Discussion:

- Anthony: Fully funding
- Bee: I agree
- Augustus: I agree

Decision \$450.00: 4:0:0:3

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM