Department of Business & Finance

Committee Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2016

1. Opening Roll Call
   1. Meeting called. All members present; quorum reached.
2. Approval of Agenda.
   1. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
   1. Minutes approved.
4. Director’s Report
   1. Current funds for Student Organization Allocations: $ 42,663.81 (74.80%)
   2. Current funds for Club Sports Allocations: $ 43,232.12 (86.46%)
5. Old Business
   1. Student Organization Presentations and Consideration
      1. FY17-022 NASO
         1. Cultural Arts Night: requesting $250. President of organization Inclusive of all student orgs. Brings awareness to different cultures. Features art, poetry, song, etc. Expecting approximately 70 attendees. Planning on raising about $200.
         2. Vote 5-0-1. Motion passes for $250.
      2. FY17-023 NASO
         1. Fall Feast: part of Native American Heritage Month. Requesting $800. Purpose = educate people about indigenous people and their culture. Students and faculty usually attend. Not using any money from their X-fund for this event.
         2. Discussion: Senator J-D voiced his concerns over the event’s budget; claimed it did not seem very organized. Made motion to drop request down to $400. No objections. Amount is moved.
         3. Vote 5-0-1. Motion passes for $400.
      3. FY17-026 Men’s Club Volleyball
         1. President presented on the club’s behalf. Would like fees covered for their participation in Michigan state tournament. Requesting $350. Tournament occurs at MSU. Have already used approximately $200 from their X-fund.
         2. Vote 5-0-1. Motion for $350 passes.
6. New Business
   1. Student Organization Presentations and Consideration
      1. FY17-031 Persian Students Association at EMU
         1. Event honors traditional Iranian celebration. Requesting $962.17. Have already fundraised $600. Expecting 150 attendees.
         2. Senator J-D spoke in favor of the event’s budget and organization.
         3. Vote 4-0-2. Allocation passes for $962.17.
      2. FY17-032 United Nations Association
         1. Requesting $1,250, which would cover the organization’s registration fee for entrance into a Chicago conference. Expecting 22 students to attend. Have fundraised $80, applied for scholarships, and hosting a raffle. Provost has provided organization with an ample amount of money thus far.
         2. Senator Fofana spoke in favor of the organization’s request.
         3. Vote 4-0-2. Motion passes for $1,250.
      3. FY17-033 AMPlifying the Arts
         1. Java Jam event. Features student artists (including slam poetry, musicians, etc). Biggby provides coffee. Requesting $499 for a PA system. Event will occur at a nearby Biggby coffee shop. Equipment would be stored in their office, which five people have access to. (Note: The B&F committee usually does not grant funds for the purchase of equipment. Director Snyder waived this particular provision at the discretion of the committee.) Expecting between 20-75 attendees. Would continue to use PA system for years to come.
         2. Discussion: Senator J-D expressed his hesitation to support the request.
         3. Vote 1-4-1. Motion fails.
      4. FY17-034 AMPlifying the Arts
         1. Marketing budget & more equipment for GoPros. Requesting $287.98. Senator Tharp made motion to table this request. Suggested that organization goes to Student Center and see if they can get access to any equipment there.
         2. Motion tabled.
      5. FY17-035 AMPlifying the Arts
         1. Money would go towards series of art-focused campus events. Opportunity for campus organizations to socialize with each other. Asking for $405.42-- would cover DIY Pet Rock program in the Science Complex and gift wrapping for “Homemade for the Holidays” event.
         2. Discussion: Senator J-D noted that oil-based paints may be considered office supplies, which the committee typically does not grant funds for.
         3. 4-1-1. Motion approved for $405.42.
      6. FY17-036 AMPlifying the Arts
         1. Event = Homemade for the Holidays. Arts and crafts fair that would occur in the Student Center on December 1st. Gives student artists a platform to sell their work to students and faculty. Asking for $183.50. All but $21 of that would go towards catering; remaining $21 would go towards printing out flyers. Expecting 20-25 artists to participate. Artists must pay $10 to participate in the event.
         2. Vote 0-5-1. Motion fails.
      7. FY17-037 AMPlifying the Arts
         1. Asking for $224. Event = Empty Bowls. Fundraising event for Swoop’s Food Pantry. Marketed towards faculty, alumni, and community members. Event will be held at Bona Sera in downtown Ypsi.
         2. Discussion: Senator Fofana said that the organization would be able to use money from their X-fund for this particular event.
         3. Vote 0-5-1. Motion fails.
      8. FY17-038 Women’s Lacrosse
         1. Request = $300. Would go towards Oakland tournament, which has already occurred. Tournament occurred on October 8th.
         2. Vote 5-0-1. Motion for $300 approved.
      9. FY17-039 Women’s Lacrosse
         1. Request = $650. Covers WCLA league dues for the spring season.
         2. Vote 5-0-1. Motion for $650 approved.
      10. FY17-040 Middle Eastern Student Association
          1. Event’s purpose is to educate student body about different countries in the Middle East. Requesting $780.10. Already held a “Dine and Donate” event, which raised $80. Expecting 50-60 attendees. Event will occur on November 1st.
          2. Vote 3-2-1. Motion for $780.10 approved.
      11. FY17-041 Roller Hockey Club at EMU
          1. President of the club presented on its behalf. Request = $3,590; covers fees to practice in skating facility in Canton. Practices are open to any EMU students. 9 athletes currently on the roster; 3 expected to join next semester. Hosting a Dine and Donate event at BWW, sell raffle tickets at Red Wings games, etc. Rose over $5000 through fundraising efforts last year.
          2. 4-0-1. Motion approved for $3,590.
      12. FY17-042 Roller Hockey Club at EMU
          1. Covers league fees. Request = $5,550. Split into two requests per bylaw stipulations.
          2. Vote 4-0-2. Motion approved.
      13. FY17-043 Roller Hockey Club at EMU
          1. See above.
      14. FY17-044 Gospel Choir at EMU
          1. Event = College Night. Invite surrounding Michigan colleges to create a night of fellowship, worship, and celebration. Requesting $275. Have invited ten university gospel choirs, three of which has confirmed their attendance. So far, expecting 100-150 attendees, not including EMU students.
          2. Vote 5-0-1. Motion for $275 approved.
      15. FY17-045 Kingdom Come
          1. Event = Comedy Night. Open to all students, faculty, etc. Requesting $700.50. Have fundraised $100 so far. Expecting 80-100 attendees. First year holding this event. Event occurs this Thursday. Senator J-D made motion to move amount down to $400. Senator Fofana objected.
          2. Vote to amend amount: 2-3-1. Motion fails.
          3. Discussion: Senator J-D expressed hesitation to fund the event, as did Senator Tharp. Senator Al-Jarba and Fofana advocated for approving the organization’s request, even if not for the full amount.
          4. Senator Fofana made motion to drop amount to $492.50. Approved.
          5. Senator Tharp encouraged the organization to change the date. Organization representative said that it would be easier to hold the event at the scheduled date but with partial funds.
          6. Vote 5-0-1. Motion for $492.50 approved.
      16. FY17-046 NAACP
          1. Event = Black Male Showcase. Request = $1,318.96. Expecting close to 100 attendees. Holding a fundraiser next Thursday at the Rec IM. Sixth year hosting this event. Not using any money from their X-fund for this event; saving it for a later date.
          2. Vote 4-0-2. Motion for $1,318.96 approved.
      17. FY17-047 Men’s Club Lacrosse
          1. Requesting $4,254.95 for league dues.
          2. Vote 4-0-2.
      18. FY17-048 Latino Student Association
          1. Event = 3rd annual Day of the Dead event. Will be held at Big Bob’s Lakehouse. Requesting $198. Organization is saving money in their X-fund for upcoming events. Has already put hundreds of dollars into the event.
          2. Discussion: Senator J-D spoke in favor of the organization’s request.
          3. Vote 5-0-1. Motion for $198 approved.
7. Vice Chair Election
   1. Senator Fofana and Senator J-D spoke to the committee (and audience members) on their own behalf.
   2. Senator J-D voted Vice Chair of the committee.
8. Resolutions
   1. BF17-002 Bike Fixing Station
      1. Director VanLandingham spoke on behalf of this resolution. Bike fixing station would be located at the Student Center. Have partnered with Campus Life and RHA for funds. Funds would go towards a small pump attached to a large metal tower with various tools attached to it.
      2. Senator J-D commented that any long-term expenses of student government traditionally come from its reserves and that this would be an appropriate use of those funds. Director Snyder responded that SG has already used over $9000 of those funds in the first two months of the fiscal year.
      3. Vote 5-1-0. Resolution is approved by the committee.
9. Gallery Comments
   1. None.
10. Closing Roll Call
    1. All members present. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.