Department of Business & Finance

Committee Meeting Agenda

September 13, 2016

1. **Opening Roll Call**
   1. Meeting initiated at 6:27 pm. All members present except Senator Johnson, who came in at 6:42 pm.
2. **Approval of Agenda** 
   1. Agenda approved.
3. **Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes**
   1. Al-Jarba made motion to approve. Seconded. Previous meeting’s minutes approved.
4. **Director’s Report**
   1. Current funds for Student Organization Allocations: $56,418.60 – 98.98%
   2. current funds for Club Sports Allocations: $50,000 – 100%
5. **Old Business**
   1. **Student Organization Presentations and Consideration** 
      1. FY17-001 Washi Con ($3,000)
      2. Gave Director Snyder a sheet detailing breakdown of what is pending reimbursement. Receipts total $3,279. Balance in X-fund = $861. Presented in favor of Washi Con’s importance as a campus event. Wants to foster relationships between EMU and the Ypsilanti community; working with Ypsi Real to do so. Partners with library and hosts off-site events at businesses. Vouched for Washi Con as an inclusive safe space. Academic event, first and foremost, but also “fun and social.” Says that Washi Con takes cost-saving “very seriously”-- i.e. bringing guest speakers via Skype (as opposed to flying them out to Michigan). Staff = entirely volunteers. Event will remain on campus.
      3. Director Snyder clarified that the organization was requesting $3,000.
      4. Senator Al-Jarba asked how many people attended in the past and how many they are expecting this year. 1,000 attendees registered last year; 800 attended. Expecting at least 1,000 attendees this year.
      5. Senator Tharp asked if they had any invoices.
      6. No further questions. Director Snyder entertains motion to move discussion; seconded. Tharp makes point that a lot of the invoices are for off-campus services/products. Director Snyder asked if there would be other purchases outside of the presented invoice. (There would not be.)
      7. Tharp motioned to change allotted amount from $3,000 to $1,735. Seconded. No objections.
      8. Washi Con rep talked about other fundraising events that Washi Con does throughout the year. These other events, she said, raised about $2,000 that went towards incentivizing volunteers and incidental costs.
      9. No further discussion points. Entertain a motion to move to vote. Seconded.
      10. Vote of 3-0-2. Amount is changed to $1,735.30.
6. **New Business**
   1. **Student Organization Presentations and Consideration**
      1. **FY17-003 Persian Students Association at EMU ($105.72)**
      2. Culture Shock OISS Social Event: Association rep explained the primary purpose of event-- raise awareness about stress management; social worker will be on-campus to talk to students about how to manage stress. Event is geared mainly towards international students.
      3. Motion to move into questions. Seconded. Senator Fofana asked if it was their first time doing event. Expecting 250-300 students. Event is open to all students.
      4. Motion to change amount asked for to $92.31. Seconded. Amount changed.
      5. Motion to move into discussion. Seconded. Senator Al-Jarba spoke in favor of event, as did Senator Fofana.
      6. Motion to move to a vote. Seconded. Vote 4-0-1. Motion passes.
   2. **FY17-004 Persian Students Association at EMU ($211.46)**
      1. International Storyteller’s Lounge: In month of November, series continues-- allows students to share personal life stories. Overall goal of event is to foster supportive social environment (to prevent social isolation and improve social wellness of international students). Also allows students to improve their English speaking skills
      2. Motion to move into questions. Senator Al-Farba asked for clarification about amount being asked for.
      3. Motion to change all amounts to $184.63. Seconded.
   3. **FY17-005 Persian Students Association at EMU ($211.46)**
      1. Student Wellness Jeopardy: Students will engage in learning activity based on Jeapordy game. Will emphasize suicide prevention and the campus’s tobacco-free policy.
      2. FY17-006 Persian Students Association at EMU ($211.46)
      3. Food Talk Friday: professional dietician will be on campus and educate students about healthy eating and cooking habits.
   4. **FY17-007 Persian Students Association at EMU ($211.46)**
      1. Techno-filia: provide education about access to technology. Will emphasize the dangers of texting while driving. (Note: all events are LBC-approved).
      2. Motion to move to question. Seconded. Al-Jarba asked how many students will be expected to attend all events; answer = 250-300. OISS helped organization reserve the spaces.
      3. Senator Tharp asked about org’s marketing strategy. They will be putting up fliers and posting on FB page.
      4. Motion to move into discussion. Seconded. Al-Jarba spoke in favor of the proposed events.
      5. No more discussion points. Motion to move into a vote. Seconded. Vote of 4-0-1. All allocations are approved at $184.63 per event.
   5. **FY17-008 International Student Association ($1,092.76)**
      1. Winter Welcome Back Party: President of association presented. Expecting at least 110-120 attendees. Dinner party. Assign students to random tables and have them in engage in various ice breakers and bonding activities. Main goal = get students to associate with people outside their own ethnic group(s).
      2. Senator Al-Jarba clarified ask amount. Director Snyder asked if SG would be responsible for funding the raffle; answer = no.
      3. Senator Tharp asked how many total events org was planning. Also asked if org’s event would be able to operate under $1000.
      4. Senator Tharp asked if org was doing any more fundraising events.
      5. Director Snyder entertains motion the $965. Seconded.
      6. Motion to move into discussion. Seconded. No discussion.
      7. Motion to call a vote. Vote 2-0-3. Not a majority.
      8. Director Snyder changed vote to “in favor.” Vote changed from 3-0-2. The motion is approved.
   6. **FY17-009 International Student Association ($688.46)**
      1. End of Semester Party: Planned for after final exams. Partnering with Campus Life and/or Center for Multicultural Affairs. Teach relaxation techniques and facilitate discussion about what challenges students face as international students. Promoting via fliers and social media.
      2. Motion to move into questions.
      3. Motion to call a vote. Seconded.
      4. Vote 3-0-2. The motion is approved.
   7. **FY17-010 International Student Association ($1,002.87)**
      1. Amount is changed to $950 (org will be using money from X-fund)
      2. Event will be on Sept. 30th. Will include a cultural skit, facilitating discussion about culture shock/adjustment, etc.
      3. irector Snyder asked how many attendees are expected. Answer: at least 80. Approximately 200 students in entire organization.
      4. No further questions. Motion to move to discussion. Seconded.
      5. No discussion points. Seconded. Motion to move to a vote. Seconded.
      6. Vote 3-0-2. Motion passes.
   8. **FY17-011 International Student Association ($599.82)**
      1. Halloween Party: Fun and safe atmosphere for international students to experience American culture and dress up in costumes. Will include a dance floor, a DJ (who will be an EMU student), and snacks. Usually hosted in student center; is open to all students.
      2. Director Snyder asked how many attendees were expected. Last year at least 70 students attended. Also asked if marketing materials had been developed; they have not. Senator Tharp clarified that SG logo would be on all marketing materials.
      3. Motion to move to a vote. Seconded.
      4. Vote 3-0-2. Motion passes.
   9. **FY17-012 International Student Association ($408.67)**
      1. Bring faculty from Office of Multicultural affairs and OIS to speak to students about their experiences coming to the US. Usually a smaller event; 50-60 people. Discussion-based.
      2. Director Snyder asked where the event would be. Answer = room 310A in the Student Center. Also asked how the org would target people that are not directly involved.
      3. Motion to move into discussion. Seconded. Motion to call to vote. Seconded.
      4. Vote 3-0-2. Motion passes.
   10. **FY17-013 Phi Sigma Pi ($562.00)**
       1. Christina, current president, presented. Every year, org has to send delegate to national convention.
       2. Director Snyder asked what value she thought sending a delegate to the convention brings to the university. Christina explained that it gives them better strategies to market their events to the broader Eastern community.
       3. Senator Al-Jarba asked how many members they have. Answer = 12.
       4. Motion to move into discussion. Seconded.
       5. No discussion points.
       6. Move to vote. Vote 4-0-1. Allocation passes.
7. **Gallery Comments**
   1. No gallery comments.
8. **Closing Roll Call**

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Attendance of the Senate Business & Finance Committee

Opening Roll Call

P / A / T Director Snyder

P / A / T Director Kindred

P / A / T Senator Johnson

P / A / T Senator Tharp

P / A / T Senator Fofana

P / A / T Senator Al-Jarba

Closing Roll Call

P / A / T Director Snyder

P / A / T Director Kindred

P / A / T Senator Johnson

P / A / T Senator Tharp

P / A / T Senator Fofana

P / A / T Senator Al-Jarba