Finance Board Meeting #5

Minutes

Date: October 2, 2012

Commons 318

Call Meeting to Order at-- 5:33pm

**Roll Call**

Mani Gupta

Sam Spehr

Chisom Ebinama

Mark Crenshaw

Donta Henson

**Minutes:**

Move to next week.

**1) BioCom**

Description-

This org is requesting to have pizza at every meeting, which will accompany a guest speaker. The speakers will inform and educate students about the field of BioChom. There are ten to twenty people in this club currently.

Questions:

Mani-Did you include tax in the total for food?

BC-I got it with tax and I know that is had to be without tax. I talked to the secretary about getting the price and the total did come to $23.00. I do have to update the price without the tax.

Sam-Just to let you know the discount that I know is a large cheese is $7. One topping is $8. Delivery charges are about $2 dollars standard. Would you feel comfortable with us changing this amount?

BC- Yes of course.

Sam-The new total is $17 per meeting with delivery for pizza.

Donta-Do you have speakers that are already signed up or do you have to get people to sign up?

BC-We have it already planned out. We also have our speakers planned out for the next two meetings and we know are secretary is planning the other speakers three weeks ahead.

Mark-Has attendance been a problem?

BC-No, we have an average amount of 12 or 13 people every meeting.

Mark-So how many members are in your org?

BC-No I am sure we have more than that, but it depends on the day you come in. The most we have had at one meeting is18.

Sam-These speakers are different or the same?

BS-They are different. We have professors and researchers from out of the school coming in.

Mani-Do we need contracts for the speakers?

Sam-Would they need contracts …

Craig-No, if they are part of the faculty.

Sam-What would the pizza add to the meeting.

BS-The point of the pizza if to have people come in as a sorta of an incentive. We could use the pizza to make it easier talk to teachers and discuss certain topics.

Discussion-

Mark-I do not feel too go with this event, if we fund this pizza for the general body meeting than we would be setting a new precedent. Pizza would not facilitate discussion in my opinion either.

Sam-So you do you think that we shouldn’t fund for pizza in general meeting as an incentive?

Mark-Yes.

Mani-I would not want to fund for this event.

Mani-Move to Approve.

Chisom-Second.

Votes

0 for, 4 opposed, 2 abstaining, 1 not present

$97.95 not allocated to BioChem for there weekly meetings

**2) UMBC Gaming Club**

Discussion-

Chisom-What about the 1000 free copies

(crowd HAHAHAHHAHAHA)

Michelle-We wouldn’t be able to fund events that are just asking for marketing plans. There is a reason we made the 1000 free copies.

Sam-I would like to reiterate that we made the 1000 free copies for a reason.

Mark-How do we know that they haven’t used up all there copies?

Sam-We don’t, but he chose to not come in.

Michelle-Move to Approve.

Mani-Second.

Votes

0 for, 5 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

$195.00 not allocated to WILL for their Gaming Night

**3) Persian Student Association**

Description-

They want to have food at every general body meeting so they attract more members to come in.

Questions -

Mani-What is the role of food?

PSA-To attract more people to show up to our meetings and get our members more involved in our event which is going to be in December. Also the food would be a good way to get more members more involved. Along with that, we want to promote our club as well.

Mani-Are you doing any marketing?

PSA-No, because we haven’t gotten funding for this event. However; we are looking into Marketing Package Number 2.

Mark-What is the event you are hosting in December?

PSA-It is one of our holidays in the Persian Culture. It brings a lot of diversity into the UMBC Campus. The event in December always has a good turn out and it involves people on campus and off campus.

Mani-Have you looked into the 1000 free copies from SGA?

PSA-No

Michelle-Go to the Student Involvement Center and ask for the free 1000 copies.

Discussion

Chisom-I just don’t think it is anything different from the last allocation. It is just an incentive to get people to each meeting. I don’t see food playing a huge role in this event.

Mani-Move to Approve

Donta-Second

Votes

0 for, 5 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

$33.00 not allocated to the Persian Student Association

**4) SASA**

Description-

AJOOBA is a cultural show, which has been held every year for the past 7 years. Tickets are always sold out on the first day. This event is free to all UMBC Students. This gives us an opportunity to share our culture with the UMBC campus. This event will be held on November 9,2012 from 7pm to 11pm at the UC Ballroom.

Questions -

Mani-Who did you hire again?

SASA-We have dance performer’s that are coming in.

Mani-Are you paying them?

SASA-Yes.

Sam-So you are not requesting funds for contracts.

SASA-We are not requesting for contracts.

Sam-But they are off campus so you are going to have to get contracts.

SASA-O yeah we will get right on that as soon as possible.

Mani-Can you walk us through the event

SASA- Drummers during the seating

Introduce the Team

Performances (10 Teams)

Mark-What other orgs are going to be participating in this event?

Sigma, ADA, Garba, Classical Team, Solo performances, and so many others.

Mark-So there are going to be a lot of people participating?

SASA-Yes.

Chisom-Have you reached out to the orgs that a performing confirming their attendance?

SASA-Yes.

Sam-So the rest of the performers are students right?

SASA-Yes.

Discussion

Donta-I like it. It sounds like a really good event and it seems like a far reaching event.

Chisom-I agree with Donta, but it seems like from recent events cultural events are always funded for. We really need to keep in mind of that, because I don’t think we should fund every cultural event. For this event, I do think we should fund this event, because it reaches out to the whole entire campus. It seems like a really enjoyable event to attend. I am just saying for the future, we should keep what I said in mind.

Michelle-I agree.

Mani-Move to approve.

Donta-Second.

Votes

5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

$1,820.64 allocated to SASA

**5) Bethal Campus Fellowship**

Description-

Over the weekend this org wants to have a showing of a movie to give students some time to take a break from school. They have already started to advertise for this event.

Questions –

Mani-Do you have a break down for the pizza?

BSF-Yes.

Mani-Do you have the Sportszone reserved?

BSF-Yes.

Craig-Have you spoken to the Events Office?

BSF-Yeah with Miss.White?

Craig-No I mean did you reserve the space with Jackie.

BCF-We went on R-25 and spoke to someone about reserving it.

Sam-How are you marketing?

BCF-Spotlight, Facebook, and passing out flyers.

Mani-Can you explain the role of pizza?

BCF-To get people out of their dorms. When people are watching a movie its best to enjoy a nice slice of pizza.

Mani-What would happen if you did not have food?

BCF-People would be disappointed. We advertised for food and I just think that food and a movie makes sense.

Discussion

Donta-I think that night sounds like a something that’s fun. I do think that it’s presumptuous for them to advertise for food without this being allocated. We are kind of in a rock and a hard place. I am on the fence with this org.

Mani-Are you on the fence because they advertised it with food?

Donta-No.

Mark-I am for the movie, but I am not so sure about pizza

Sam-Explain

Mark-She said she wanted the whole movie aspect. But I think that pizza is not a necessity.

Mani-Move to Approve.

Chisom-Second.

Votes

0 for, 5 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

$90.54 allocated to WILL for their event Wonder Women

**6) Baja SAE**

Description-

Last Week Recap: They had to reduce their allocation to a range around $8,000. They separated their costs into highest priority, needs, and wants

Questions-

Mark-Go more into what the “Needs” stand for.

BAJA-The email that we sent out had a lot of the break down. The needs are the tires and wheels of the car. We are working on sponsorships to get tires to test, but if we don’t get them than we wont have tires to test.

Discussion-

Mani-I think that we should fund for it to the amount Chisom agreed to.

Donta-I second what Mani said.

Mark-I think we should fund for what they need, because what if the car doesn’t work.

Sam-To me what I see as the highest priority is what they must have for the car to function. The needs seems to be things that are things that sponsors can look into paying for.

Back to Discussion

Sam-I feel like you clarified it well. How are we feeling as a board?

Michelle-I remember our meeting we set a range no less than $8,000.

Sam-Are we just looking at the Highest Priority or line items 1 and 2.

Craig-Yes

Only for Line Item 1

Three for just line item 1, two for both line item 1 and 2.

Striking Line item 1. So how are we feeling?

Chisom-This is a great event. If I had the option to fund the whole event I would. It is something that is different and it involves a lot of the campus.

Chisom-Move to Approve.

Donta-Second

Votes:

5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, and 1 absent

$7,997.40 allocated to BAJA Sae

**4) PAKSA**

Sam-So she said when she put in UMBC address they didn’t give her a shipping amount, but when she put her address she got an estimate. However; when I asked about party city some of them are going to be shipped or picked up, so she picked $200 as a rough estimate of all the extra charges, but I told her that that could cause conflict with the board. It cost $4.97 for shipping of the backdrop from that place to Baltimore.

Chisom-Maybe we should call them, because I want to fund what they are asking for

Donta-I think that they had to have gotten these number from somewhere. So I don’t think we should call her.

Craig-I think that we should.

Donta-I understand, but if Michelle wouldn’t have looked it up we would be having this discussion.

(Sam calling PAKSA)

Sam-So the total for decorations is $146.00 and the grand total price of $2886.55 is confirmed. As I remember from last week most people for this, so do I have a motion to approve.

Chisom-Move to Approve

Donta-Second

Votes-

5 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

**5) Bethal Campus Fellowship(LISTEN TO**

Discussion-

Topic: Should we pay a UMBC student for their involvement in a event.

Mani-I think that if an event needs a DJ or something the president should step up.

Michelle-Not necessarily presidents are more of the point of contact. He shouldn’t be forced into doing something that isn’t even his responsibility.

Sam-Wait is one of the performers a student?

Group: Yes!

Sam-He may not be asking to get paid maybe its compensation.

Mark-I also know there are going to be a few speakers at this event.

Sam-There are several.

Craig-These should not be read as contracts, more as if they are okay with that amount people offering to them. For the finance boards well being, we should know where each amount is going.

Michelle-I knew that is was a honorarium, but is it just me or does it seem like these emails are more of contract.

Sam-Do we want to call her? So we know if we don’t fund for these contracts will these people still come.

Donta-I think she got confused with what she had to do. I think she misunderstood the contracts.

Chisom-She made it very clear that they were giving her the money. The way this email is structured it seems like it’s an agreement.

Michelle-I am a little concerned. If this vote this week doesn’t go, will the performers still show up. I feel like we should definitely call her to clarify.

Donta-I don’t remember if we were going pay students for performing. I am fine with cancelling Joshua.

Chisom-We cant just strike one person and pay for the others without justification.

Donta-SGA should not fund for events when performers are apart of the group.

Craig-I wouldn’t expect the president to be the DJ of his clubs event.

Sam-So how are we feeling about contracts?

Michelle-I think that a student in an org should kind off step up and perform in their event free of charge. I think if a student is investing time into their clubs event, the orgs themselves should pay him/she for their time.

Craig-I don’t think it’s a policy, but it’s more of a precedent.

Mani-Joshua is in Ki Alpha, so he is not apart of the org.

Michelle-This request should be separate from the contracts to the honorariums and the one paid contract that is $400.

Sam-Okay then we have Honorariums at $525 and $400 for contracts. How do we feel?

Mark-Contracts, yes. Honorariums should be given from the org not the students. So there is some kind of compensation

Chisom-Mark pointed out a good point. Contracts have to be paid for in order for the contractor to come in. The Honorariums on the other hand are options. If the org is really thankful for what they did, they should pay it from the orgs money not the student bodies.

Sam-Striking line item number 9; honorariums.

Donta-Orgs come to request money, I don’t want to micromanage. So I am really on the fence with this one.

Mani-I want to fund for this event, but not for the whole thing.

Michelle-I don’t think we are micromanaging, I think that we are trying to save. I will say though I am not comfortable with the production of short films for $400.

Sam- Straw Pool for Just the Contracts or both.

4 for contracts and 2 for both.

Striking honorariums.

Chisom-I still want to fund for this, but I don’t think food is necessarily needed in this event.

Mani-Ka Alpha has an event like this, but they didn’t ask for food.

Donta-I think that we should keep the food. The program is education and the pizza is a nice plus to keep people active.

Michelle-I view food differently. Ki Alpha was denied food and they figured a way around it. Also we should be paying for pizza for $500, that’s a little over the top.

Sam-Striking the food.

Votes:

4 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining, 1 not present

$1898.14 allocated to Bethel Campus Fellowship

**Roll Call**

Mani Gupta-BCF

Sam Spehr-PSA,

Chisom Ebinama-BAJA and PAKSO

Mark Crenshaw-UMBC Gaming Club

Donta Henson-BioChom

Michelle Kuah-SASA

End Time- 8:15