

Finance Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: 9/06/11

Commons 318

Call meeting to order at – 4:37

Roll Call

Morgan Russo
Rosy Chirayath
Josh Day
Kaylesh Ramu
Samy Rabb
Michelle Kuah
Damani Lewis

Introduction

Looking at statutes

- Non funded items
- Double charging Students policy
- Carry over account

General advice

- Air of professionalism
- Phrasing questions right

Non-discriminatory clause in organizations

- Restricted status
- Non restricted status

Pizza policy

The policy kept.

Other

Prizes at events (give away policy)
Being respectful

5:32

Finance meeting called to order

Row call

Morgan Russo
Rosy Chirayath
Josh Day
Kaylesh Ramu
Samy Rabb
Michelle Kuah

Damani Lewis

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the year.

- Nomination for chair

Dylan Cook: We have to determine who we want to lead the board. Nominations can be made and the people have to accept the nominations. The votes will then determine the position of Chair and vice.

Are there any nominations?

Kaylesh: nominates Rosy because she did a very good job in the summer. She brings a good voice to the board.

Rosy: I accept

Dylan: Are there any nominations? The floor is now open for questions

Sammy: If you become the chair, what is it you will like to accomplish?

Rosy: she will like to improve on the standards of the financial board.

Kaylesh: how do you see your role changing?

Rosy: she sees her role changing drastically. Initially an ambassador, she was able to develop a passion for the SGA and hence it will be easy to encourage other new ambassadors and aid them keep their interest in the finance board. Her greatest strength comes from the various experiences she has from the 2 years that she has been involved.

- Vote

7-for

0-against

0-absent

0-abstaining

- Swearing in of chair

- Nomination for Vice Chair

Samy is nominated.

Sammy accepts

Questions:

Joshua: what is your greatest strength or main primary growth area?

Sammy: He loves aiding people especially the chair with the student's organization communication as well as others.

Rosy: In what way will you assist the chair during your time as vice chair?

Sammy: aid in the follow up of the students using a blog that is provided for students to be aware of the various functions of the board as well as provide adequate information when necessary. He can help with the meeting with student orgs and other organizations.

- Vote

7-for

0-against

0-absent

0-abstaining

- Swearing in of vice

5:52

1. UMBC COPTIC CLUB

Introduction of event

This is a weekly bible study, lasting for 1-2 hours, where the Coptic students have bible study and then share a common meal. They also have guest speakers on some selected days. There is the need for funds for the food as well as for the honorariums and projectors. The event is open to all umbc students.

Questions

Rosy: does anyone have questions for the event?

Damani : can you explain what materials means?

Rep : sometimes they study a lot of bible books that are written by their specific religious groups for the bible study. It can come in form of print outs or the books. The books are bought and maybe kept

Kaylesh: did you purchase materials last year and do you still have those.

Rep: yes there materials purchased last year.

Kaylesh: do you still have the books with the organization or do you give the members the books?

Rep: sometimes if it is a commentary, the books are returned if they do not need it the following semester.

Michelle: how do these materials come? Are they like books or copies made from another book?

Rep: it is actually a book written by cryptic orthodox writers.

Samy: what exactly are your foods?

Rep: the food is symbolic and is used to bring the students together. It is a traditional meal shared by the students.

Kaylesh: can you explain the cost for the honorariums? Why is it this amount?

Rep: last semester, there were 3 speakers. They each charged \$100 and we put the amount based on that fact. We do want to invite another set of individuals for this semester.

Josh: these speakers have you contacted them and know they are coming for sure?

Rep: we are speculating on who we would invited but we have spoken to them and they would love to come

Discussion

Damani: I am worried about the fact that the materials may not be recycled after the semester is over.

Rosy: are you fine funding everything else?

Kaylesh: I do not feel comfortable voting on the event right now. Since it is a weekly meeting am not sure I am fine funding food every week. However when a speaker is present I see that as a different event on its own and not a regular meeting. I will be fine funding only projectors.

Josh: the event is fine I just need the break down in the food and utensils. I need to know what kind of food you are planning to get. It is more of you want to make the events and the details are vague.

Rosy: are you will to fund everything in the request?

Josh: I will but the utensils because chart wells provides utensils. We have to look at it again.

Damani: I am only comfortable with the projectors; everything else is left to chance. Materials are not sure about. Only with direct quotes can I decide on the others.

Sammy: there is a policy about not providing for food for regular events. We cannot fund all organizations in the similar manner. If a special event however there could be funding.

Rep: the food is selective fasting so there are no dairy products or meat and the food serves as ability for the group to fellowship together.

Kaylesh: I am hesitant because the food is weekly. I do not think we can afford to pay for that unless it is a unique event. The projector I see as a direct element to be there but the food not as much.

David: we will have to remember that you cant request for the same thing twice. We have to decide if the projector is given right here and now or if it will be considered in relation to the separate event later on.

Request tabled because of lack of concrete information

6:16

2. Rock climbing club

Description

Rep: this is the screening of a rock-climbing movie that is to increase the awareness of students about the organization. The event has never been held before but had a great turn out in another location. The date is to be determined. UMBC students will be charged as well as other students.

Questions & Discussion

Kaylesh: will you be willing to have the event without charging umbc students

Rep: we had this discussion with seb. However, we wanted to be certain that any one that gets the ticket will be able to. \$10 seems like the best price. I will not mind the price be reduced and can't be free for the reason that has been just brought up.

Damani: won't it be better to give the ticket at the door?

Rep: that is a good option but it will not encourage others not from UMBC who will have to drive to get a ticket. It needs to give a sense of security of a seat and a ticket. Is the only place to sell tickets at UMBC? If tickets are sold at the door it will be fine

Damani: yes.

Rosy: how many non-umbc are you expecting?

Rep: honestly not sure but about 30-40 students based off of the yearly screening at Loyola's event a few weeks back . Although it is not on the extreme but we would like to get a good number

Josh: can you clarify the giveaway items?

Rep: 10 copies (DVDs), Five copies blue ray and 4 copies past films. Apart from the one copy of blue ray and one copy of DVD we have for the screening

Josh: so how are you people distributing the giveaways?

Rep: we can raffle of the DVD after the use since we only have the license to screen once.

Josh: the sale items?

Rep: the sales items are not really for sale so they will be given away to create more awareness.

Josh: so there will not be any sales

Rep : yeah

Morgan: do you know if there is a cheaper package?

Rep: there is a cheaper package but I do not have the details in front of me. It contains a little smaller than the package on here.

David: the reason why we cannot charge \$10 is that we do not allow double charging. We just want to make sure that the students are not charged twice. It is also the SGA practice not to sell the giveaway things.

Adenike: you are using raffles

Rep: yes. The tickets are provided by SEB and the raffle tickets will be given along with the tickets with or without the sale of tickets depending on your decision.

Request tabled due to the need for father information about the screening package.

6:38

3. HLSU

Introduction

This will serve as the first meeting for the organization. Food (pizza) from papa johns will be served. In addition, it is meant for recruitment purpose. The date is on the 14th in sod 112.

Deadline issues

Rosy: there is the issue of deadline. Therefore, unless the organization can move the date backward we will have to deny this request.

Rep: we can change the event to the day that will be appropriate to the 21st

Questions

Guest: even though the event is pushed back a week is that okay?

Rep: Yes, we always have that room.

Samy: are you sure this is the first real meeting?

Rep: yes this will be for recruitment purposes

Samy: so it is okay to push back the date.

Rep: yeah it is fine

Damani: I noticed that you pushed back your date now. Is there a fixed venue?

Rep: yes

Rosy: any other questions?

Kaylesh: how would you advertise for this meeting?

Rep: we have our list proxy as well as the flyers and it says wed 12-1 in Sondheim building

Damani: you have the advertising for just the regular meeting not just for the 14th?

Rep: we have it for the regular meetings

Discussion:

Kaylesh: I am a little hesitant; we said earlier that we wanted to do pizza for the event. I am only going to be okay funding the event if there was an advertisement of the recruitment ass to the regular meeting on face book or something

Damani: I agree since the quarter cards say. If it is not advertised, I will feel you do not want a recruitment meeting. I will feel more comfortable with a distinction between this event and others.

Josh: how many members do you have and how many people can your room take?

Rep: we have about 30-40 members and the room can contain 50-60 people

Josh: so if the building is too small it will only be members.

Samy: I feel a little uncomfortable that they can even move the date.

Kaylesh: I think funding is fine as long as the org understands that it is for recruitment.

Vote for approving first pizza event for \$80.89

6-for

0-against

0-absent

1-abstaining

6:49

4. ASME

Introduction

This event took place last year and you funded it. Bring students of different companies that will help students understand what the various engineers work together.

Question

Josh: you are the skylight lounge?

Rep: we booked the lounge that can house

Josh: do you pay for the speakers from your own packets?

Rep: yeah, something like gift cards among others and the speakers enjoyed the event. And we are bringing different questions this year. We get the parking permit from the departments

Damani: do you have to pay for your location the skylight hall

Rep: no we only need to pay if we move the tables and we are not so it won't cost for the room itself, but it will cost for the podium and projector.

Josh: what about the other orgs

Rep: we have already done most the planning during the summer

Rosy: how do you plan on advertising?

Rep: we used my umbc spotlight and the other organizations are advertising to their members and departments and we also go to classes. We have flyers and the professors help as well.

Morgan: I really like your event and I plan to fund it. Don't you need to pay extra for the room?

Rep: we only need to pay for the equipment not the room.

Josh: do you see the event going up to using the UC?

Rep: yes if we can get our young ones to follow our example

David: have you send out the advertising?

Rep: not all off it yet, but we needed to send out information for some time. It wasn't a lot of advertising.

Discussion

Kaylesh: sounds like a good event. I feel great funding it

Damani: I agree

Vote for approval of event \$832.40

6-for

0-against

0-absent

1-abstaining

7:01

5. Korean Bible Study

Introduction

This is to advertise the new club and its weekly activities

\$115 – banner

\$100- buttons = 500 in number

Questions & discussion

Rosy: do you know what is going to be on the banners?

Rep: we are working with what the designer is giving us

Discussion

Michelle: I want us to fund the buttons because they are new and the group is not for Koreans alone and most people e don't know about it

Kaylesh: I am fine with the banners. However, I cannot say for the buttons because more individuals will see it as a giveaway and more orgs will want it. I see it as a luxury.

Damani: I think the buttons is a good investment since it is meant to advertise as compared to flyers but I am unsure at this time.

Josh: the button will be a luxury because the group is small and I think banners and quarter cards are okay. I do not think you need buttons at this point.

Decision on funding of button package for any organization

2- Against 4-unsure

More discussion

3- Not certain, 1- yes, 2- no

Move to approve package without buttons

Vote for request amount \$155

5-for
1-against
0-absent
0-abstaining

7:38
MCS Com

Read through

Discussions

Is this a Recruitment or regular event?
Issue of manipulation of students by departments
Move to approve

Votes

6- for
0-against
1- abstaining
0-absent

7:52

FMA

Introduction

Slide show by member
Corrections made to slides

Questions

How long will the event last?
It will last for 2 hours?
Who is the food provider and is there a back up?
It is a local restaurant and they will have a contract which will give us a great deal with the tea.
Photograph. Is it needed?
Since this is the first of its kind we were hoping that the pictures can be used to encourage more people to come out.
Issue concerning combat so as not be a sports club
The combat will be regulated so there is no harm to the public.

Discussion

Catering is fine since they can have a contract.
Combat types. As long as they are not against the sports club rules then we can fund them
Photography. We can't fund the pictures because other orgs will come asking for pictures
Where can students get pictures?
It will be on the club website and on my UMBC

Wiliness for photography
Straw poll

3-against
3-for
1-abstaining

Votes
6- for
0- against
1- abstaining
0-absent

8:27

CWIT

Introduction

Question

Will there be a Charge on students?
What are the Requirements to join the organization?
Can we have the Laser tag details?
60 people will go on a first com first serve basis/
Where will the lunch take place?
At the Erickson field
How long is the bus trip and details?
It is a 15 minute drive and it is a umbc rented bus
What about other non-members?
Are free to join when necessary

Discussion

Laser tag is more of personal way to team build not for the general public
It is limited to only a few peoples hence would not benefit UMBC
Individuals may just come for the laser tag since there are 60 spots
Is food necessary for the bonding?
Do you need to rent a bus? Carpooling can be better.

Votes

0-for
6-against
0-abstaining
0-absent

Second Event

Introduction

Questions

How will people move between rooms?
There will be food along the hall way as people move from the question type room to the presentation area
How will the food be arranged on that day?
What kind of advertisement is there?

We have posters and will email our list proxy. Face book will also be used

Discussion

Everyone likes the idea

Votes

7 for
1-against
1-abstaining
0-absent

8:58

Humans vs Zombies

Questions

- Are bandanas reused?
- Yes they are kept track of and we can always get them back after games
- You can use copiers to hand out flyers for free

Discussion

Agree

Votes

6- for
0- against
1-abstaining
0-absent

9:08

Anime Society

Read through

Discussions

- Decisions about the marathon fee
- A lot of unanswered questions & uncertainty about the difference between events

Request is tabled due to unclear terms

9:16

Roll Call

Morgan Russo
Rosy Chirayath

Josh Day
Kaylesh Ramu
Samy Rabb
Michelle Kuah
Damani Lewis

Organizations appointed

Daejayan International---- Not present---- Kaylesh

UMBC Coptic Club -----Kaylesh

UMBC Rock climbing Club----- Kaylesh

HLSU----- Damani

MCS Com---- Michelle

ASME----- Morgan

KBS----- Damani

FMA----- Samy

CWIT (2)----- Joshua

Wushu---- Absent

UMBC Humans vs. Zombies---- Morgan

UMBC Anime---- Rosy.

Meeting adjourned 9:19.