

Finance Board Minutes: Tuesday, September 03, 2013

5:35 Meeting called to order

Roll call: Sara, Haneen, Taylor, Danny, Hannah, Ayshah, Morgan

Nominations for chair: Sara Kim, Danny Rodriguez

Sara won. Votes were 4 Sara, 3 Danny

Muslim Student Association

Kickoff Event

-Introduction to MSA

Haneen asked what other events MSA holds.

Ahmed explained MSA holds lecture events and recreational events.

Aysha asked how MSA is advertising.

Ahmed explained MSA is using flyers and word of mouth.

Danny questioned the success of last year's event.

Ahmed said about 50 people, fairly successful.

Taylor asked how the event will proceed if the Finance Board doesn't fund it.

Ahmed explained they'll use their org's fund, and all items listed are necessary.

Taylor asked if UC312 is the only place that can accommodate the event.

MSA explained UC312 was the only one available during that time and day.

\*Line item #6 was changed to 270.00 because of sales tax, making the total \$347.50

Aysha asked how food is used in the event

Ahmed said it is used as incentive, and as interaction with alumni.

Haneen asked if last year all of the food was eaten.

MSA said yes.

Sara asked what the role of alumni is in the event.

Ahmed explained that they will be speaking about their experiences.

Discussion

Morgan brought up that the serving size from the caterer is 70, whereas the number of expected attendees is 60.

Taylor doesn't see what contribution food is making to the event, because he feels food shouldn't be used for recruitment purposes.

Haneen brought up that food is an ice breaker in this event, and it is not a dinner-sized serving.

Morgan brought up that the food being served is not necessarily cultural.

Haneen pointed out that Muslim is not necessarily a particular culture.

Taylor brought up that Shareef's Grill is Halal.

Sara L. brought up the question of should we fund food only for religious or cultural groups?

Opened back to questions:

Taylor asked if the advertising involves food.

Ahmed explained that the flyers do not mention food, but the Facebook page probably will.

Opened back to discussion:

Sara brings up an event MSA held last year that incorporated a non-cultural food as a means to teach things about the culture.

Haneen brings up that the event takes place in the evening and is 3 hours long, and that the portion sizes are not large.

Taylor brings up that he feels food should not be funded for recruitment events. He said that since this event is not only a recruitment event, it also includes a professional event with alumni, he is on the fence. He said that he would not want to fund a higher portion amount than expected attendees. He also questioned the necessity of the food.

Morgan brought up that she feels time of day and length of event should not impact the consideration of funding the event. She also brought up that food is not necessary in this event.

Sara asked the board if changing the serving size to match the expected number of attendees would make the Board more comfortable with funding food.

Danny said it would change his mind.

Back to questions:

Ahmed agreed that he would decrease the serving size to match number of expected attendees.

Approved 6-0-1

Fully Funded 287.50

Pre Med Society

Introductory Meeting

Questions:

Aysha asked what is going to happen during the meeting.

PreMed explained they are going to tell new students about the structure of PreMed Society and to connect with existing members.

Hannah asked how the food will be distributed.

PreMed says they are going to be handing out the pizza and keeping track.

Sara asked whether this is their recruitment event, and who the pizza is intended for.

PreMed said the pizza is going to be served to new and existing members.

Danny asked how many members are in the PreMed society.

PreMed said there is 150 members.

Craig asked about the discount from Domino's.

PreMed explained that a member not present negotiated the discount.

Discussion:

Taylor is not comfortable with funding food for recruitment because he feels it does not serve the interest of the student body. He feels as though an organization should be able to sustain itself without using free food.

Hannah explained to the org that if all of the student organizations requested for simply pizza, it would use a lot of the SGA funds.

Haneen brought up whether or not the discount is a reason to fund the event.

Taylor thinks we should be funding based on principle, so not to consider the discount.

Opened back to questions:

The org asked whether or not the “1 pizza recruitment event” rule from 2 years ago still stands.

Sara explained that we are still developing precedents.

The org suggested that we set a cap for food at each recruitment event

Sara L. explained that a cap on an event can get tricky based on membership size.

Morgan asked how the org would proceed with the event if pizza isn't funded.

PreMed explained that the pizza wouldn't count as marketing, it would be more of a reward for people who came to the event.

Taylor re-asked the previous question.

PreMed said that if food doesn't get funded, the org wouldn't purchase the food because they don't want to use the org's fund for it. The org also brought up the point that the event occurs during lunch time.

Haneen asked if the org uses food incentives during weekly meetings.

The org said no.

Haneen asked if they see repeat members during their meetings.

PreMed explained it's difficult to tell because their club size is so large.

Aysha asked if this event occurred last year with pizza funded as well.

PreMed said yes.

Sara asked if it was funded by Finance Board.

The org doesn't know.

Haneen asked if they have other sources of funding.

The org doesn't know.

Denied

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Hong Kong Student Association

Mid-Autumn Festival

HKSA explained that the Mid Autumn Festival is a very important part of Chinese culture. It is a celebration of the moon for changing the season to promote the crops. The event would be a celebration of this Chinese custom.

Questions:

Haneen brought up that the room request is pending.

HKSA said that Harbor isn't taking reservations until September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Taylor asked if HKSA is the only org that celebrates Chinese culture, and if there was any room for collaboration.

The org explained that Chinese Student Association could collaborate, and they are co-hosting.

Sara asked for a walk through of the event.

HKSA: People enter Harbor MPR and see the decorations, tea will be served, a power point of the history of the festival will be shown, a play will be shown, moon cakes will be served.

Taylor asked if the costumes are reusable.

HKSA said yes.

Taylor asked how many mooncakes will be purchased.

HKSA: 4 moon cakes per box, at 9 boxes. (moon cakes are large enough to be split multiple ways)

Aysha asked the role moon cakes play.

HKSA explained that the moon cakes are a key part of the culture of this event.

Haneen asked if the same is true for the tea.

HKSA: yes

Hannah asked if a play occurred last year.

HKSA: No

Taylor asked about advertisement and how many new people are expected.

HKSA is using flyers, email, and word of mouth. Last year, 30-40 people attended who weren't part of the org, but they are anticipating more.

Morgan asked how items will be stored.

HKSA explained that they have a locker, but not definite storage yet.

Sara asked if the org would be comfortable ensuring that the costumes would be stored in the locker.

Taylor noted that there are more mooncake servings being purchased than expected attendees, and if they would be comfortable cutting how much they are ordering.

Sara asked how they came up with 200 expected attendees.

HKSA said it was based on past events.

Haneen asked how many attended last year.

HKSA said it was at least 150.

Discussion:

Haneen wants to cut the number of moon cakes being ordered.

The Board agreed, there are now 7 boxes of moon cakes being ordered for a total of 245.00.

Taylor voiced that he feels this is a good investment for student life because it is educational. Also, most of the materials being ordered are reusable.

Hannah said that she agrees with Taylor, and the event is well thought out and unique, and she is excited to see it advertised well.

\*we can't vote on the event because the location is not confirmed.

Event was tabled.

Vice Chair Elections:

Nominations: Morgan and Danny

Danny won. Votes were 4 to 3.

2 absences are allowed throughout the year. Attendance policy will be decided upon next meeting.

Food is allowed during meetings.

Emails:

Sara- PreMed, HKSA

Morgan- MSA

Meeting adjourned at 7:52