Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Meeting called to order at: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Sara Kim, Taylor Good, Haneen Daham, Hannah Khan, Devaughn Davis, Daniel Rodriguez, Morgan Mayer, Ayshah Mahmud, Trent Bae

**IGEM**

Description of event:

-genetic engineering competition -funds for registrations

-over summer -international

-run by MIT

Questions:

-Taylor: How’s participation determined?

- complex; group/lab team; vote on people to go; based on loyalty; team actually travels

-Morgan: Explain fee; Next level of competition

-want funding; requesting registration only

-Hannah: How do you become a member of the group?

-anyone can join group; under 23 members

-Taylor: Is this the first year? If not what can UMBC gain from funding this org?

-been around 2 years; formed then broke; first competition; improve UMBC’s reputation; provide channel for research opportunity

-Danny: If funded, How would it enhance student life?

-the prestige; research opportunity

-Hannah: How many members can compete?

-cap; 8 to 12

-Morgan: Does regular fee cover needed materials?

-they provide the bio bricks;

-Hannah: Where is the work being done?

-want to find lab on campus; lab in Baltimore; UMBC donating lab space; if lab opens we’ll use it

-Danny: Is this only advertised to the IGEM group?

-specifically towards group; use project to get members to compete

-Sara: How many confirmed members are there in your org?

-8-10 members

-Sara: Are the 8 members predetermined?

- no; broadcasted during involvement fest

-Sara: Is it summer long?

-yes; if made past regionals; all summer

-Sara: So it won’t be during the current school year?

-no

Discussion:

-Taylor: thinks it’s a great opportunity for research;request is causing a lot of quandaries; would bring glory to UMBC; though not that many involved people; small group; problematic; doesn’t benefit whole campus

-Hannah: difficult; the purpose is to compete; at the same time it’s 8 to 12 people; valuable but small

-Haneen: in favor of funding request; the org can’t help the number of interested people who come; not there fault; interesting event; org shouldn’t be penalized; new on campus; board should give it a chance

-Taylor: it’s international; must make it there first; similar to baja request; should we stake 3 grand on a possibility? personally willing to support; given funding org should advertise more; more student involvement

-Hannah: the team has a cap no matter the outreach or number of members

-Haneen: it’s a competition; there is a unlimited number of people allowed in the club but the team is restricted; new team; capability unknown; we can’t hold org accountable for being new or new event; give it a chance

-Taylor: we should act in the best interest of the student body; disparity between new and old org; can’t tell what benefits popularity; in now way would finance board discriminate

-Hannah: to piggy back of Taylor; there’s a lot of things to consider with a new org

-Haneen: supplies space needed

-Morgan: personally in favor; it’s a small number of members; however people on campus will benefit indirectly; it’s a really cool thing

-Danny: bit of a gamble; long term as in recognition and reputation is good; just a start

-Taylor: just discovered if club expanded UMBC could submit more teams; could cultivate; could leave legacy at UMBC

-Morgan: we have talented STEM majors; could provide opportunity to put UMBC on the map

-Hannah: Now very for it because you can send multiple teams.

-Sara: were funded more money just to allocate to new orgs; move to approve

Vote: 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining

approved $2,750.00

**Stilettos**

Description of event:

Fall 2013 Concert

-hosted by stilettos -free

-invite other acapella groups -open to all students

-on campus - audience participation encouraged

-acapella festival - competing in international acapella competition

-chance for other universities to experience UMBC

Free Hour Concert

-smaller scale -gives exposure

-during free hours - Oct. 23

-in sports zone - cleptomaniacs, mamas boys

-just UMBC acapella groups

Questions:

Fall Concert

-Taylor:How would you describe interactions with other orgs?

-See them as brothers; always invited; see them as family; sing together; grown as community

-Sara:You put 70 as your number of expected attendees; is that from previous or is that the max capacity of the room?

-kind of estimate; usually around 70

-Sara: How are you gonna go about advertising

-flyers, word of mouth, facebook, new idea for video

Free Hour Concert

-Taylor:Do you know how it will work for displacing students who already eat there; How many students would it draw?

-try to use whole room; soundcheck at 11:30 to help not defer people from stage; don’t want to cause too much traffic

-Morgan:What are you doing with themes?

-disney princess theme; masquerade idea

-Haneen:How are you considering incorporating the audience?

-Pep rally kind of; get them pumped; our talent will speak for itself; brighten peoples day

-Hannah: Is it during all of free hour?

-probably all; try be done by 1

Discussion:

Fall Concert

-Ayshah: 130% for; not much money requested; helping other orgs; engaging; during free hour in sports zone; benefits whole commons; really good idea for both

-Taylor: very supportive; org trying to promote campus community of acapella; advertise talent across campus; promote community; camaraderie

-Haneen:also very supportive; appreciative; agree with Taylor; presentation very well done

-Hannah: very supportive; opening to all groups; other orgs benefit; really great; fall concert reaching to other schools; love to support

-Morgan:agree with everyone; collaboration and audience participation; move to approve

Vote:6 members for; 0 opposed 1 abstaining

Free hour concert: $200; Fall: $550

**Outdoor Recreation Club**

Description of event:

-stargazing at night

-central pennsylvania

-international dark skies association; rate camp sites

-41/2 hour drive; middle of nowhere

-26 people signed up

-20 guaranteed

-couple off facebook

-4 cars

-480 miles

-$1,084 for gas alone

-$126 in camp fees

-contacted astronomy club to see if interested

-trying to contact council of majors to see if interested; and SGA

-open to suggestions from other orgs

-2 years old; started with 5 members

-200 members in facebook group

-400-500 at involvement fest

-wanna see growth; better marketing; open to suggestions

Questions:

-Taylor:who determines who goes;

-they’re opting in; very open to everyone

-Haneen:how do you go about finding money for equipment?

-using our own; communalize it; worked good in past; idea for equipment

-Sara:Are you planning to just advertise to the club or the entire campus?

-haven’t done any marketing; word of mouth

-Taylor: did you email any orgs

-no

-Hannah: Are you open to members joining?

-continue to advertise; funding only for what we have

-Morgan:Are most of the participants from the club or Involvement fest?

-both

-Taylor: Clarify what my role in the club has been since the end of last fall

-former treasurer, vice president; mostly advisor for procedural things; general tips on fundraising

-Taylor:Clarify my role as an active member?

-not an active member

-Sara:Is it open to just UMBC students?

-I would say yes because of SGA funding

-Hannah:To clarify, is the list of goers confirmed?

-yeah

-Sara:There are 4 cars you said; are students driving; are they determined?

-yes; have list

Discussion:

-Taylor: sold event well; including other orgs

-Morgan: I agree; slight trepidation of list of people going; org tried to reach out

-Taylor: don’t think it’s competition based; wouldn’t fall under same constraints; can’t scale up and cut cost for orgs; given org has hikes that leave UMBC or service related; shouldn’t be constrained to competition based org

-Morgan: understand; didn’t think it had to be competition base; this is the gray area; students that actually had to go off campus

-Haneen: org that exists off campus; Morgan talked about gray area; org didn’t have to leave campus

-Hannah:org did good job with what they had; agree with Morgan’s point; is this off campus event needed for org to function; is this essential to the org

-Morgan: for funding; I feel better about new people coming; file under people that need to go out of campus

-Taylor: distinction need to be made; as orgs grow; there’s limits on who can participate; as org grows participation need to increase as well; problem with scaling with travel participation and travel competition; accessible non exclusive; can they function

-Morgan: definite difference; people who don’t make the mock trial can still attend practices; for audition based orgs there’s still parts’

-Danny:definitely see the distinction; same time; it depends on events

-Taylor: respond to danny; definitely see problem with funding a lot of gas expenses

-Trent: for funding; only so much you can do on campus for that club

-Hannah: goes back to precedent; goes off of precedent

-Ayshah: mixed feelings; think they should fall under two big events a semester 4 a year

-Taylor: reiterate precedent; no binding precedent; most of the orgs events are in Maryland;

-Sara: agree in terms of not being for that term; precedents not binding; set to treat orgs equally;

-Taylor: it’s a matter of logistics for new attendees

-Haneen: we should set cap; instead of precedent; no problem with funding

-Taylor: there’s been a lot of discussion around precedent; need to distinguish between cases; it’s clumsy to say if it’s off campus it’s a travel based org

-Sara: lets discuss the actual allocation request

-Morgan: we're not bound to anything; we don’t have to do anything; take everything case by cse; you're over analyzing a little bit (Taylor)

-Hannen: precedent doesn’t mean its gonna come back; only requesting camp site fee and travel expenses; I am for funding

Vote: $1,210.80 5 members for 0 opposed 1 abstaining fully funded

**Bethel Campus Fellowship**

Description of event:

-every semester -network -bands

-come together to worship God -lots of success -different cultures

-dance -rapid increase in numbers -social event

-guest speakers -cater to diversity

-learn about God -spoken word

-students come together -music

Questions:

-Sara:Do you have conformations?

-haneen had it

-Haneen: Can you give me a brief run-down?

-still up in air; generally band starts off; video made; band performs; spoken word; still discussing order; panelist this year; flaky; generally music and poetry; main speaker

-Haneen: Can you explain the role of food in your event?

-to make sure people are taking care of; make sure everyone eats; for speakers breaking their fast; to make sure they eat; draws people to come

-Taylor: What draws event from similar religious events?

-so many different people; idea of fun varies; different themes; different ways to go about

-Ayshah: For Papa Johns did you use the org discount?

-yes

-Hannah: Pizza you said was mainly for people to help break fast and performers?

-yes

-90 juice boxes number of attendance 125

-amount of food should match attendance

-Taylor: how does this event appeal to non christians and free thinkers?

-putting it out in an open place; you can stay or leave; people interested in art; come for bands; can express concern/approach

-Haneen: for snacks, cookies, and candy you have enough to feed a lot of people. Would you be open to reduce the amount of food requested?

-yeah

-Hannah: would it be possible to table it(for today)

-Craig: happened in past

-Sara: Was the contract price negotiable?

-asked their prices; gives us range; chose $500 which was the lesser price; speaker doesn't set price; no room for negotiation

-Sara: If we did table it would it hinder your debate?

-kind of

-Hannah: would it be fair to give you guys a moment?

-that’s fine

-Sara: How many exact slices?

-8

-Sara: Are you ordering from peapod or picking it up yourself?

- the food just gets there; we have people to pick it up

-Sara: Do you know if the delivery fee won’t change?

-yeah, it won’t change

-Sara: were not able to fund sales tax

-Hannah: do you have a copy of the invoice?

-yeah

-Sara: new total is $100.82

Hannah: final total?

-$255.52 total for event $1,900.02

Discussion:

-Hannah: really liked adjustment; hesitant on papa johns

-Taylor: quandary for religious events on school funds; religious context set it apart

-Morgan: I am for funding event; not pizza; don’t want to feel pressured; don’t see pizza having that important of a hold; org should take as a compliment; they don’t need food to sustain event

-Haneen: every org is unique in its own way; don’t have to discriminate against org

-Ayesha: I would go to learn about culture; pizza not best way to spend funds

-Sara: subtracting $154.70 total is $1795.32

-Hannah: support; religion is a touchy subject; there’s differences in every org; shouldn’t make bigger difference

-Taylor: don’t think should use public funds to found religious events

-Morgan: very much in favor of funding event even though I’m not christian

Part 2

-Haneen: how well org will run event; didn’t get solely preaching section

-Hannah: in support for same reason Morgan is; Taylor may have been taking out of context; what he was saying made sense

-Danny: It’s based on religion but not closed off

-Taylor: looking at good duse of student activities fees

move to approve

Vote: 5 members for 1 opposed 1 abstaining

Partially funded

**IEEE**

Description of Event:

-Arduino microcontroller

-workshop

-computer chip

-sense environmental/control

-make LED light/buzzes

-great for hobbies

-better for academia

-good for research

-can make robots

-60 signatures of interest

-encourage freshmen to join

-student development in use of electronics into their careers

-goals: teach students; engage students; provide tools for their careers

Question:

-Taylor: Where will you store it?

-in the IEEE room; all secure

-Taylor: have you used any advertising strategies to reach campus?

-no; plan on talking to head of department to send an email list; UMBC spotlight

-Morgan: are you gonna do anything to broadcast to non stem majors?

-definitely

-Sara: What is the exact number of graduate students in your org?

-2

Discussion

-Haneen: IEEE good investment; a lot of outreach; significant progress; in favor

-Taylor: echo Haneen; everything’s reusable; presentation really set the standard; in favor

-Ayesha: echoes Haneen and Taylor; presentation amazing; for funding event

-Morgan: supportive of funding; and working with org

-Hannah: Supportive; the nature of event; consistent; help for students to gain learning experience for possible career; goes past just the event

-Danny: goes off Hannah; event prepares students for field; really good

-Taylor: these events finance board should be proud to consider

Vote: 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining; fully funded

**Human V.S. Zombies**

Description of Event:

-in game room

-video games

-board games

-humans v.s. zombies game

-anyone can participate

Question:

-Taylor: Have you reached specific orgs?

-couple of fraternities/hobby groups; wanna go to their meetings personally; gaming club

-Hanna: What is the role of food?

-light refreshments

-Hannah: how big are the platters?

-platters are a dozen; $15 per dozen; 2 sandwiches feed 1 person

-Ayesha: when is the food?

-front desk as serving area; there will be someone to monitor food; attendees will be given wristbands to indicate if they have eaten or not

-Danny: where are you storing your equipment?

-have own locker room; club inventory

-Hannah: explain the club inventory process?

-keep very little in the apartments; at end of year offices bring in equipment; we go through it; label it

-Hannah: were asking because if the finance board funds decoration and someone lost equipment we lost something we funded with students money

-Sara: is there any way to make this event known campus wide?

-thinking about putting event on spotlight; planning to use free black and white copies

-Hannah: how did you arrive at 100 people attending?

-only allowed 150 people in game room; have 60 to 70 confirmed

Discussion:

-Taylor: Event sounds great; event sounds fun

-Haneen: second it; event sounds fun

-Sara: commend for keeping group accountable of equipment

-Ayesha: like how you guys are collaborating with other orgs

-Morgan: commends org on keeping food to the bare minimum

-Ayesha: liked food because it’s appropriate to the event; after mission people will get hungry

-Haneen: like how food isn’t the main attraction

-Hannah: move to approve

Vote: $924.33 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining; approved

**Anime Society**

Description of Event:

-two episodes of two series

-bring your own anime

-completely legal

-no ads

-more enjoyable

-planning fundraisers

Question:

-Danny: how will the account be managed? when is it accessible?

-only officers can use account; only will be used during meetings; it’s the clubs account

-Taylor: how do you think the student body will access benefit of the account?

-bring people together for appreciation of japanese cartoon; don’t need own stuff to enjoy

-Taylor: So it’s not exclusive to the anime club whatsoever?

-no

-Hannah: elaborate on the differences in the premium and free versions?

-premium has HD; fairly big visual difference; access to simulcasts

-Taylor: how do you see yourself sustaining the subscription?

-cosplay contests planned; will fund prizes; raffle and marathon

-Trent: How many officers are there?

-4

-Sara: how many members are there in your org?

-2,230

-Sara: Content based, is there any difference between premium and free?

-no; can’t remember any large difference; no simulcasts

-Hannah: I think in the invoice it says there are limited titles

-Ayshah: How long do these advertisements take?

-between 3 or 8 seconds for each

-Hannah: did you guys try the free trial? how did it workout?

-yes; members annoyed by advertisements

Discussion:

-Morgan: completely comfortable funding; subscription will advance club meetings

-Taylor: agree; helping org add content and reduce cost; I support this

-Hannah: like the idea of fundraising; was concerned about subscription use; more comfortable knowing it’s only used for meetings; move to approve

Vote: $83.40 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining

**PAKSA Culture Shock (Continued)**

Question:

-Sara: what made your org comfortable with the $6,500 funding?

-with how much we could generate with donations and fundraising

-Hannah: Did you consider the money you could generate if you had more time?

-no because were limited to one big event per semester

Discussion:

-Ayesha: took in account that the Culture Shock is the cheapest route; one of their major events; took poll and they actually liked Culture Shock; outside sources never heard of it but really liked it; org is requesting pretty reasonable amount; Culture Shock is a popular name

-Morgan: what they're asking for is still high; impressed with orgs work ethic; willing to compromise; org is trying hard; i’m leaning toward yes; events is something that’s gonna be a good time

-Hannah: I appreciate how much org is working; people would like to bring Avril Lavigne; not in budget; love act; but hope they can understand why the price is so concerning

-Taylor: Appreciate how org is trying; price too much

-Ayesha: Avril Lavigne would be expensive; culture shock is the cheapest option

-Morgan: wasn’t trying to compare orgs; a lot of money involved

-Hannah: Can you repeat the price of the contract?

-Morgan: new contract price is $6,750; new total is $8,652.50

-Trent: How this event will impact would contribute to UMBC’s diversity

-Taylor: It’s hard to justify the expense of Culture Shock

-Danny: Great event; we’re all conflictive on price; it’s a tough decision

-Taylor: we have to think of students here and their entire well being; is the cost worth it?

-Ayesha: I see it as if I saw a request of food of culture for $4,000; that’s how I see the contract

-Sara: straw poll vote: if you're good with contract-3

If you're not ok: 3

-Ayesha: my view; shouldn’t look at it as if later we’ll regret it

-Taylor: really liked food metaphor; applying to fans of culture shock; not sustainable investment; no lasting contribution; not in best interest of student body

-Morgan: could influence rep of UMBC as a whole; showing off our diversity

-Hannah: Morgan helped clear things up in my mind; we’re funding something student body will love

-Trent: Event will help our reputation

-Taylor: disagree that event will have future impact

-Taylor: don’t see it adding up in the end

Vote: $8,652.50 4 members for; 2 opposed; 1 abstaining

Meeting adjourned at: **10:35 P.M.**

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