Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2013

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

Roll Call: **Trent Bae, Robert Hubley, Ayshah Mahmud, Daniel Rodriguez, Sohini Kundu, Taylor Good, Sara Kim, Hannah Khan, Haneen Daham, DeVaughn Davis, Morgan Mayer**

**Gospel Choir**

Description of event:

-winter concert

-every year

-around december; first week

-invite students; people outside

-open to everyone

Questions:

-Haneen: Can you give us a breakdown of the contract?

-$1,000 for director, William is the soundcheck; Larry Coleman and Jeffrey are drummer and bassists; they’re paid lower; doesn’t come as much

-Hannah: How are you guys using your marketing plan?

-pass out flyers; invite people to come; word of mouth; social media

-Haneen: You said Wilkins has been coming on a weekly basis for free but he wants payment for the event?

-yes

-Taylor: Is the payment a payment for services rendered for the concert? How does that work?

- In a sense, it’s for rehearsals and concert; for Jesse Wilkins

-Sara: Services rendered cannot be paid for before an allocation request is submitted and approved.

-worded wrong; not necessarily for rehearsals; he’s the director, worked with renowned Gospel artists, and commutes back and forth so he gets paid more

-Sara: Can you explain the contract?

-Larry and Jeffery wanted 5 negotiated to 4

-Sara: Are further negotiations possible?

-yes for some; not Jesse

-Sara: I heard the event is open to non-Christians as well?

-the goal is to introduce them to God for non-believers; not specific part of minister to non-Christians

-Hannah: Are the contract people UMBC students?

-no; none of them are UMBC students

-Sara: What’s the ratio between UMBC students that attend your event and non-UMBC students?

-50%

Discussion:

-Taylor- Most concerning; we can’t pay for work that’s already been rendered; asking for a grand for one night to step; like to ask org to negotiate

-Morgan- Feeling the same as Taylor; I’m not super-comfortable with that either

-Hannah- I agree with what everyone else said

-Sara: Is there anyone that is okay funding the contract in full?

-Ayshah: Can someone clarify how this event is different from culture shock? I’m confused

-Taylor: The difference is the gospel choir is the performing group; the org is putting on the concert for the student body

-Morgan- The way I see it’s different is someone has rendered services before the show; I would be for tabling because it sounds like there could be more negotiations

-Haneen: Can Taylor clarify himself?

-Taylor: If the org is uncomfortable negotiating down a price they could contact a member of UMBC faculty

-Morgan: As long as we negotiate prices; I have no problem; I just want to make sure I’m not gonna make a decision I think is gray-area; it’s a double check

-Taylor: I agree with a double check

-Hannah: Agrees

-Haneen: Do we want them to come back with a price negotiation?

-Haneen: I think maybe a reduction; I would like to see some sort of a reduction; just a clarification of some sort to signal that the org was successful with their negotiation

-Hannah: I like Taylors idea of doing a little bit of research, then I would feel comfortable; it depends because I don’t know what a normal 3-hour concert looks like on contract

-Hannen: The only problem I have is holding an organization to a contract standard; maybe a last resort

-Sara: To clarify: the board doesn’t know how much a pianist gets paid for an hour. The board can ask faculty whose expertise is in this field.

-Taylor: It’s just empowering the org to better negotiate

-Craig: Group may not want the change; haven’t heard whether you expect them to go lower; can’t place a number on the comfort they have with an individual

-Morgan: Not sure how I feel about the looking at the prices thing; if the org wants this guy i’m all for it; I just want to make sure he is not expecting more money

-Sara: Asking for a gauge

-Hannah: Want to clarify why I want a gauge; I just want to clarify why Jesse’s being paid; just want to make sure it’s a reasonable price for a contract

-Sara: To clarify, we want to make sure the performers aren’t getting paid for work already done

-Morgan: If this is what they want I’m gonna take it as it is; think it’s up to the members

TABLED

Vote: TABLED

**Crypto Currency Club**

Description of event:

-Hack UMBC

-Hack-a-Thon

-not stealing

-legal; ethical

-Comp Sci majors

-24 hours

-coding competition

-3 facets: Improve student life, public opinion, innovation

-fun

-highly competitive

-partnered w/ UMBC chapter

Questions:

-Morgan: In the last slide you have food but that’s no in the allocation request

-probably accident; food covered by sponsor

-Trent: This is the first event; How did you come up with the number of expected people/ How will you advertise to people who aren’t comp sci majors?

-need connection; advertise; expected number is the max

-Hannah: Where’d you guys get housekeeping from?

-spoke with someone; gave us estimate; because we’re using room for 24 hours

-Daniel: HOw is the panel of judges composed?

-two are professors; some non-technical; one or two from business; somebody strictly educated in business

-Daniel: Do you have any confirmation from the companies?

-yes

-Morgan: How are the teams gonna be comprised? Is there a set number?

-four or five people; can come with teams; or make teams; registration open november 1st

-Sara: You mentioned the Baltimore Sun news wrote about Hack-a-Thon. Did they write about UMBC’s Hack-a-Thon specifically?

-yes

-Sara: Please give me a walkthrough of the day.

-come through eat dinner and talk; stuff people can use to build with; station with staff all night; stop at like 3 a.m.; pitch ideas to judges

Discussion:

-Taylor: Quite familiar with the style of the event; org on point with Hack-A-Thon; glad org is stepping up to host this; completely for event

-Haneen: Appreciate presentation; that they have companies coming in

-Trent: I really like the event; it’s beneficial to student life

-Robert: Great event; worried about someone who isn’t a comp sci major

-Taylor: I can clarify; mentors serve two purposes; mentors serve comp sci element; can have mentors for business element and design element; there to fill gaps not teach

Vote: 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining; 0 not present

Fully Funded $2,671

**Persian Student Association**

Description of event:

-yalda night

-celebrate and spread culture

-need security

-some outside performers/minimized

-Dr. Haj; persian traditional music

-food isn’t to attract people; to point out style of Persian culture

Questions:

-Taylor: That was a really articulate presentation, thank you for that; understand significance of food; finance board taking steps to cut-down food waste; we want to adjust food to match the number of expected attendees; if board ask you to try to meet our request for foods to meet the number of attendees do you think that would be possible? Would you be able to table?

-good question; cut-down from last year; gave discount from place they ordered; make since to have a little bit of extra so everyone can taste the culture; the numbers are base on last year; never had much of an extra; everyone gets food

-Sara: We do understand you want to feed your guests but the funds are from student allocation fees that every undergraduate student pays; we would like to minimize amount of food. Is that something you're able to do?

-Sohini: Is this open to only UMBC students?

-no; outside

-Morgan: The dance team are performing; is there an off-campus group?

-no; on-campus $150 for costumes

-Robert: after the performance will there be one on one time when you go up to Dr. Haj?

-has been happening; people like it

-Haneen: What are the pomegranates? Decorations?

-symbol of yalda night; have to have; part of decorations; people can take them

-Hannah: For the costumes, did you guys have performers last year? Did you have costumes?

-yes had performers last year; some had costumes; asked to reuse whatever they can; was gonna use costumes this year for next year; stays within board

-Hannah: I’m asking so costumes won’t get lost; we don’t want to lose an item we funded that can be reused.

-Taylor: You have a contract. Did you reach those prices through negotiations at all? How final are those negotiations?

-yes; finalized

-Taylor: For clarity's sake; they’re through with negotiations and you don’t expect to be able to negotiate further down, correct?

-these are the least; real prices much higher

-Trent: What is the ratio between UMBC and non-UMBC students?

-mostly UMBC

-Trent: Is there a charge for Non-UMBC students?

-$20

-Robert: do you have a system to prevent people from getting seconds?

-there is a line, don’t encourage

-Hannah: Is it buffet style?

-served

-Sara: Do you have a specific breakdown for the costumes?

-no; specific costumes; typo quantity should be 6

-Sara: Do you have confirmation for the dance team?

-no written confirmation; member of dance team present

-Sara: If your event were to be tabled would that hinder your event?

-no; that would work

Discussion:

-Haneen: I really like the event; support tabling

-Sara: What do you think in regards to storage space?

-Haneen: I don’t see the problem; they said that they can ask their advisor to store the items in his/her office

-Hannah: I think the event is great because the performer is also teaching culture; agree on table; like to see storage on campus for costume sustainability.

-Sara: Is anyone opposed to tabling the event?

-nope

-Taylor: I’m fine with costumes; purchasing to decrease long-run costs

TABLED

Vote: TABLED

**Anime Society**

Description of event:

-promote knowledge of the culture of anime

-promote anime culture

-promote diversity through common interest

-mainly focuses around cosplay event

-gives students chance to express creativity

Questions:

-Trent: How essential is the photographer to the event?

-He is a UMBC student; apart of a larger organization; give cosplayers a chance to put themselves out there

-Hannah: Do you know if the student is on payroll?

-I don’t think he is; can check

-Haneen: Are you hiring a student as a member of that org?

-yes

-Sara: Is the org affiliated with UMBC?

-no

-Haneen: Is the $50 negotiated?

-yes; wanted $65

-Hannah: Can you describe the role of food? Why this specific food?

-role of food is for intermission; incentive to stay; snack table during intermission; finger food; ease hunger

-Taylor: How necessary do you think the role of food is? How would it be affected without?

-food to keep them around; incentive to stay

-Taylor: Finance board want to fund food as incentive to come to the event?

-Daniel: How is the prize funded?

-fundraising

-Hannah: Can you explain how your using the marketing package?

-mostly UMBC based; putting on facebook; social media

-Danny: How did you come up with the number of expected attendees?

-skylight has limit of 100 people

-Sara: If the board chose that funding a photographer wasn’t necessary, how would you go along with that?

-would fundraise to make it work

-Sara: You feel like it’s possible?

-Time crunch; but possible

Discussion:

-Haneen: I really like this event; his enthusiasm; I do like the photographer; photos immortalize the event; would be in favor of cutting food

-Morgan: I really like the event; this is awesome; personally not in favor of funding the food; not in favor of funding the photographer; not for paying UMBC student with SGA funding

-Robert: I’m in favor of funding the photographer; but would like to find someone who’d do it for free

-Hannah: The event is very new; will bring new things

-Taylor: I believe we should cross the line item for food; agrees with Morgan; not in support of funding photographer

-crossing out food; $749.84 new total

-Haneen: In favor of supporting photographer; he’s not coming as a UMBC student; don’t see photos as a give-away, it’s memorabilia and a way for the org to advertise its event if they plan on hosting it in the future; for funding photographer

-Morgan: disagree; photographer really cool idea; still see as a giveaway

-Hannah: For funding photographer because I believe we are funding a professional from a company at a discounted rate; not as UMBC student

-Devaughn: Sup guys; I’m for funding a photographer; So says the secretary (laughs)

Vote: 6 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining; 0 not present

Funded $749.84

**EESA (cont)**

-Hannah: Wanted to hear a reason for some line items. The money is not as important as the value of what it is going towards.

-Taylor: same with Hannah: wanted to hear rationale; reject need to be centerpiece

-Taylor: requested mints; mints are a luxury item; reasonable to make small cuts as we see fit

-Morgan: I really appreciate that you guys did what we asked for; I still don’t see it as something that’s super vital

-Sara: Some members feel like mints are luxury items.

-I agree

-Morgan: I’m ok with the balloons; personally I don’t see my job as being your event planner; I trust you and your reasoning; I don’t feel that way about the mints

-Robert: you said the balloons have a purpose?

-want to represent both countries

-Taylor: When did the countries split?

-Sara: Any members opposed to striking out mints?

-subtract $47.88 from line 3

-$2951.12 for total

Discussion:

-Morgan: Talked about reasoning behind mints; I’m glad the org to an initiative; told reasoning; for funding

-Taylor: echo

Vote: 4 members for; 0 opposed; 2 abstaining; 1 not present

Partially Funded $2951.12

**Caribbean Student Council**

Description of Event:

- Christmas Bashment

-expose to Caribbean culture

-food,music,dance

-Caribbean food

-Caribbean christmas theme

Questions:

-Hannah: Give me a rundown of the event throughout the night?

-gonna have stage lit and music playing; start around 8; 8:30 MC would come up; introduce first performer; segment where executive board performs

-Taylor: As far as the food goes; I like the food description of what you chose; want serving size to match the number of attendees; is there any way your org would be able to reconcile the number of servings and the expected attendees?

-under expected amount

-Taylor: Looking for commonly identifies grouping to match number of attendees

-Sara: To clarify: we ask every student org. What exactly is a serving size from what you specified?

-harder to specify; what would your suggestion be? we want to get a picture

-Sara: I don’t mean to micro-manage; I trust the the student org knows the portion sizes.

-we feel like this is a perfect fit; don’t want to be exactly because everyone’s not getting that food

-Hannah: We do prefer if serving size matches the number of attendees; 250 of combined types of meat

-we understand; just going off of people usually getting both; if they don’t get both they don’t get meat

-Taylor: I just like to clarify; to a certain extent we do; we’ve seen similar requests; definitely understand where your coming from; student funds arent’ meant to serve as dinner; it’s great that finance board has taken on the standard of matching serving size to people; keep in mind your asking allocation from student funds

-Morgan: Speak on Craig; understands where you're coming from; more comfortable; I would be more comfortable if it was half a serving of one type of chicken and one half for another; our intention is to give students a taste of your culture

-Sara: I called the student organization and told them last week about the food precedent that the Finance Board set this year.

-thought it was a misunderstanding; can speak with them and see what we can do

-Hannah: Seems like a really good event; food not there to feed people dinner; supposed to be small taste of culture; were not trying to serve a dinner

-totally understand now; what would be a good price range you’d want us to get in?

-Sara: Not to minimize your student org; the quantity of food

-Hannah: How do you guys plan on using the marketing package?

-quarter cards; game room; spotlight

TABLED

-Hannah: In the screenshot a person mentioned if they needed a speaker system; and they would workout fee

-told dj; we could supply;he said he’ll bring his; need to take off cost

-Hannah: Do you think you’d be able to have these new numbers for next week?

-yes

Vote: TABLED

**SSDP**

- president contacted Eric; brought price down to $400; Change line item 1; total $400

Vote: 3 members for; 0 opposed; 2 abstaining; 2 not present

Fully Funded $400

**PAKSA**

Discussion:

-taylor: opposed this request as the original

-Ayesha: Understand where your coming from; how far is the event from today; could affect event

-Hannah: on Nov. 22nd

-Morgan: In some ways like a sunk cost; this is what they need; echo what Taylor said; personally in support of funding this

-Taylor: don’t agree with comparison of sunk cost; finance able to get money back; opportunity to change our mistake; to say you can still do this but you must fundraise

-Sara: Org really need essentials to operate

-Hannah: similar to what Morgan said; agrees with that

-Taylor: see where you're coming from; inconvenient

-Hannah; we did vote on it; going off what morgan said;

Taylor: can compare re looking this to FAFSA; don’t see distinction

Vote: 4 for; 1 opposed; 1 abstaining; 1 not present

$200

**Relay for Life**

Description of Event:

-relay for life kick off

-3rd time

-get word out about relay

-kick off

-event in april

-to get people fundraising

Question:

-Hannah: Explain what the kickoff is going to entail

-event in commons; food; registration drive; give people motivation to relay

-Taylor: requested funds for costumes; explain use; how will costumes be preserved?

-Theme carnival/circus; really to implement theme; costumes as marketing; preserving won’t be that hard

-Hannah: where do you keep costumes?

-in original packing; store in cabinet on campus

-Hannah: Just to clarify why i’m asking; the money we’re allocating comes from student fees; if costumes given to students were to get lost, funds disappear.

-Daniel: no marketing package; how do you plan to advertise?

-flyers; already been done

-Hannah: are members of the committee wearing costumes?

-yes

Discussion:

-Taylor: great event; good cause; great to see org clowning around on campus for event

-Hannah: agree with taylor; interesting spin on marketing.

Vote: 5 members for; 0 opposed; 1 abstaining; 1 not present

$349.27

Meeting adjourned at: **10.09pm**