Date: Tuesday, October 29, 2013

Meeting called to order at: **5:30pm**

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

**Gospel Choir (cont.)**

Description of event:

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Questions:

-Taylor: After presenting your response from Jesse Wilkins; talked to faculty; was told professional pianist get around $35 per hour at this level of performance; standard rate

-Sara: We’re not basing our decision solely on that; we know pianist have different rates

-Our pianist is also our director; not at school; is professional; played on well known gospel artists CD’s; very essential to event; directs us during concert

-Taylor: What is the role of the director?

-Gives us the notes for the songs; directs us to which song to go to

Discussion:

-Sara: We did ask for two requests; got confirmation for one; not the other

-Haneen: I’m fine with funding; he is a large part of the concert; He is a professional and I don’t think it’s fair to hold every pianist to that standard

-Taylor: I think it’s unfortunate that the org will have to find themselves making up the differences; think $1,000 is unreasonable; really frustrated to see the cost run-up to what they have; would like to see the gospel choir include rehearsal fees in the future; want to have it struck-out; other costs are reasonable

-Sara: So, hypothetically, If we were to cut Jesse Wilkins, what’s the point of funding the event?

-Taylor: It’s unfortunate; but funds would come back to Finance Board

-Ayesha: I’m on the fence about it; put out idea of maybe a table; try to negotiate price; that’s just my perspective

-Hannah: Yeah, I’m pretty on the fence about it too; it is annually; done before; maybe the person is used to this; at the same time $35 is a tenth of this price; would be for partially funding

-Sara: I hear three options: table; no funding; partially funding

-Daniel: I do agree with Haneen; would be in favor of partially funding

-Morgan: Agrees; it’s not fair to hold contract to standard; I wanna say I agree to partially funding; I don’t know if it’s fair to say because it’s a high price don’t fund

-Hannah: Just to clarify; I’m not using the standard rate; looking at value; the cost v.s. what your getting; I’m looking at it from the idea of using the standard rate as a model

-Taylor: Price inflation is easy when personal relationships are involved; I would be for partially funding if the negotiated price is very close to the rate advised for

-Sara: The org did not state that

-Taylor: I’m not saying that; not fully; I’m stating that the personal relationship between the org and this person is factoring into the contract price

-Sara: Tor restate org: the contract price is for the performance fees; helped with performance; he’s a professional; worked with professional artists

-Haneen: Did the club mention the carryover account?

-Sara: Can’t make assumption; org can spend that however they want

-Haneen: I don’t agree with partial funding; the org doesn’t have enough to fund that event; I don’t think it’s fair to use relationships in this; he is a professional; can charge his own rate

-Sara: Now we’re gonna have a straw pull; options: table, no funding, partial funding

4 for fully funding; 0 striking out; 0 table; 3 partially funding

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

funded: $3,513.15

**Chess Club**

Description of event:

-Yearly

-December

-Well-known

-Tournament/Learning Exp.

-UMBC made its name as chess champs

-Won the most

-Requirement: to have played in UMBC tournament

-Goal: to get UMBC involved in chess

Questions:

-Hannah: To clarify state funding; their not funding average UMBC students?

-Yes

-Haneen: What’s the difference between the chess team and the chess club?

-A team, B team, and C team; chess team is about the A team

-Ayesha: How are you selecting who can go?

-Have to qualify in tournament in september

-Haneen: So both the chess team and the chess club go to the conference?

-yes; the two teams; different sections

-Sara: When you stated UMBC has been champions the most was that the club included?

-Once; in 90’s B-team won

-Hannah: What funding have you used in the past?

-Used Finance Board before; no exact date

-Haneen: Among the other teams; do you place well?

-yes

-Sara: Hypothetically, if we chose not to fund would you still be able to go?

-I don’t think so

-Sara: If you were to be partially funded, how much would you be able to fund?

-not sure

-Sara: There’s 9 people in B-team?

-no 4; A-team has alternates; are UMBC students

-Sara: So we’re paying for four people

-Daniel: To clarify: you said there is a UMBC tournament in September?

-yes; how we decide who enters this tournament

-Daniel: Since that tournament has passed; are the four members pre-selected?

-they will play against each other

Discussion:

-Haneen: For funding; appreciate work they have been doing; ask rank to see how much it cost to how well they’ll do; members could work up to A-team

-Sara: The A-team is based on scholarship

-Taylor: To clarify; the actual chess club isn’t restricted; I am all for the event

-Hannah: The biggest thing that makes me comfortable is that this is for people who aren’t on the A-team to have this chance; how they prepare

-Morgan: Definitely see benefit to campus; concerned about number; large number for small number of students

-Sara: I agree completely

-Hannah: I viewed it as the reason why it’s so high is plain tickets; not orgs fault

-Morgan: (to board) want to hear your reasoning on viewing it different from FASA; member going v.s. value brought to campus

-Taylor: This org presented well; great allocation request; sold me on impact on UMBC; asking for bare minimum

-Daniel: Commend org on representation of event; agree with Hannah; providing experience; bring back reputation

-Trent: I like how they said it isn’t just on competition; mentioned background in chess

-Haneen: Rather fully fund then not fund at all

-Daniel: Even if it was $50-100 would be something to partially fund; would for partially funding

-Taylor: Would rather fund fully

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

Funded: $2,940.40

**JSA/CSA**

Description of event:

-Tea ceremony

-Demonstration of different styles

-Groups of 20 each

-Teach how were gonna do ceremony

-30 minutes; 15 minutes preparation/demonstration

Questions:

-Hannah: Where do you plan to store?

-In the cabinet

-Haneen: I need to understand how the event proceeds. So the ceremony happens once?

-No numerous; 10 for japanese, 10 for chinese

-Sara: Elaborate? Has to be 10?

-Yes

-Sara: If it’s in 30 minute intervals will the attendees be aware?

-Will post; similar to classes

-Haneen: How does this relate to your culture?

-Event ties into Chinese/Japanese culture; art form; performance

-Daniel: What do you plan to do for advertising?

-My UMBC; general body

-Hannah: If you ever need advertising or outreach email me

-Sara: Let’s just say I want to go; how do I know how to sign-up? Is it first come first served?  
-Yeah; open to everyone

-Haneen: Where’d you get the number 100 people?

-Maximum capacity; overall several hours

Discussion:

-Haneen: definitely different; don’t think it’s restricting; issue with marketing; how they plan to advertise for it

-Hannah: like collaboration

-Daniel: agree with Hannah

-Trent: Like how they only requested 10 cups; reducing number of cups requested

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

Funded: $972.48

**GES**

Description of event:

-Professional panel

-Help student network/connect with professors

-Invite different professors to talk about jobs

-Three sections: panel, moderator, questions at end

-Dinner with students

-Extend to general body

-Food; panel; network

-3 confirmed to speak; available Nov. 18

-Open to everyone

-Advertise through social network, myUMBC, flyers

Questions:

-Morgan: A little confused; thought you said 15 students selected?

-There are three speakers confirmed; invitations are out; dinner with panelists; intimate dinner with panel; panel is open to everyone

-Morgan: Is the dinner the only spot for reserving for active members?

-wouldn’t say reserving; broadcasting to general body after

-Trent: Pizza for 50 people?

-Yes

-Taylor: Can you speak on the panelists qualification? How it will benefit students?

-Environmental specialist; 3rd person works for MD league of Consolation Voters; very qualified; variety

-Sara: Regarding food; there is a UMBC discount; going into detail; this year the board set precedent for serving sizes to meet the number of attendees; one slice per person

-Morgan: Another precedent; we don’t want to scrutinize request for food; funding comes from everyone; question food; food funded generally in refreshment style

-Sara: Would you rather have cheese or pepperoni or both?

- 1 cheese; 2 pepperoni

Discussion:

-Morgan: Completely comfortable funding event; really beneficial; org advertising outside itself; comfortable with food

-Hannah: Comfortable also with food being offered; the difference heres is the beginning is specifically a dinner

-Robert: (to board) encourages attendees to stay; want to know your opinion on that

-Morgan: Food is refreshments; this event can hold its own; refreshments only creating atmosphere

-Taylor: Event filling gap; agree with Morgan

-Hannah: I don’t see food as incentive; it’s not so students will show up

-Haneen: I think personal dinner is ok

-Morgan: I had a concern about the dinner; org explained nature of the dinner; I don’t think pizza is necessary even though it’s a dinner

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

Funded: $215.50

**JSU**

Description of Event:

-Dinner with holocaust survivor

-Had before/slightly different

-Put holocaust in context of what was going on

-Discussion; not huge dinner

-Company agreed to partially fund event

-Open to JSU advertising on myUMBC; anyone can come

-Very important initiative to Judaic student department

Questions:

-Robert: Org indicated problem with change of guest speaker last year; will that happen again?

-Can’t predict

-Taylor: Will you be providing resources for students who don’t know the cultural context?

-yes

-Morgan: Talk about last years event. How do you think it went?

-There’s a change of location; commons more comfortable; we were all clustered around speaker; discussion focused around dinner

-Morgan: Do you have access to who went that were in JSU versus who wasn’t?

-no

-Hannah: You mentioned non-UMBC students?

-no; commuters; why we estimated more

-Hannah: Where did you come up with 45 for attendance?

-rough to estimate; based on last year

-Trent: To clarify: the amount requested; is that the half price?

-no; cost based on invoice of catering

Discussion:

-Ayshah: Really like; personally really interested; reaches out to everyone; org did really good job with food; asking for bare minimum; want your idea of how would this be different from other request

-Morgan: Think event is awesome; personally think in this case the dinner isn’t necessary but would compliment the event

-Haneen: For funding event too; see event as professional event; feel like food would compliment

-Taylor: like event; sounds great; important; support dinner; creates atmosphere; allows casual conversation

-Sara: Wouldn’t Finance Board want to consider the orgs abillity for other funding?

-Hannah: For me it’s the principle behind it; is other funding a legitimate reason to cut it down; it’s the principle of cutting it down

-Haneen: I think if they say the have other sources of funding it should be a plus; we should go with what they said on paper

-Taylor: From what I gathered, org mentioned some would be funded; I am completely for funding in entirety; shouldn’t punish org for being prepared

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

Funded: $454.55

**PSA (continued)**

Yalda Night

Questions:

-Taylor: I thought the pomegranate was a decoration?

-decoration edible; emailed Hannah and Haneen; $92 added to the list; $2.50 for third extra chair; three technicians for soundcheck; really necessary

-Sara: Walk us through the current items?

-set $277; $2.50 added; audio $920; contract $900; costume $200; decorations $280; total:$8,680.93

Discussion:

-Haneen: Really like event; really interesting

-Taylor: Org complied with request; prepared; appreciate org; event sounds great; definitely for it

-Haneen: Move to approve

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

Funded:$8,680.93

**CSC**

-Sara: We have a new breakdown; explain?

-cut everything to what’s most important; got prices from caterer; got price down to $920

-Sara: Commend org on new price

-price of total went down; DJ bringing sound system; don’t have to pay audio/visual; $340; total: $2,795

Discussion:

-Haneen: really want to commend org on bringing down prices; good event; for funding

-Taylor: agree with Haneen

-Haneen: Move to approve

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

Funded:$2,795

**FASA**

Morgan: Move to renew request

Haneen: Second

Description of Event:

-Annual event; “Dialogue”

-Connects schools

-One of the biggest events

-Talks about current issues in Filipino community

-For everyone

-Recent earthquake affects people in general body

-See as more of importance to see event

-For anyone that wants to be involved

-Mold future leaders of FASA

-Learning from workshops

Questions:

-Created new request form; same distance; removed gas reimbursement; changed hotel; went on website; stated New Hampton; staying at Hampton in New York Airport; $1,293.90; $600 delegate fees; accommodations $1,423.29; total: $2,023.29; Main concern with advertisement, don’t want people to get free ride who aren’t as involved; hosting school made youtube video to advertise; FASA is an open org; people are there because they want to be; event has enormous impact on Pistahan; purpose to be involved; show dedication

-Sara L.:(question for board) They’re not competing; you weren’t asking Chess Club questions about recruiting; help me understand the differences

-Taylor: So other than the Finance Board page you're not planning to advertise?

-Don’t want freshman seeing something and being discouraged; talked about Dialogue during involvement fest; we do advertise when people sign-up

-Taylor: How does this event benefit other UMBC students?

-Freshman learning how to be a leader; might impact someone else’s life; opens up a persons mind; freshman get involved on campus

-Taylor: After our initial decision, there was discriminatory allegations against Finance Board?

-No comment

-Morgan: Alleged comments weren’t in public record; can’t address in public; my decision doesn’t have anything to do with that

-Daniel: So you guys are a part of a bigger role in D6? What’s FASA’s part in D6?

-Goes to other school events; working with Filipino young professionals

-Daniel: Any impact in larger role of D6?

-Yes; the national director came from our FASA; one of the reason everything shifted positively

-Sara: You decreased the number of delegate fees. Is it because people were cut?

-Some Volunteered to help decrease costs

Discussion:

-Morgan: Talked to several members; hard decision; in a tight spot; felt info was misrepresented in the meeting; met with org; they completely understood; willing to work and cooperate; made sure they knew just because we were meeting it wasn’t gonna get re-opened; felt info needed wasn’t brought out during request; appreciated hearing them talk about how they were going to advertise; last meeting I felt like it was an event for FASA; in thinking more in-depth; realized there is much more potential in event; glad to hear org explain; applaud org on bringing the number of delegate fees down; if anyone is confused, I’m more than willing to clarify

-Haneen: Goes back to my original argument; org attracts certain groups of students; org is opened to all students on campus; impossible for org to be all encompassing; still UMBC students; event allows org to grow as individuals; can relate back to campus; not fair to strip org of that opportunity; org takes event very seriously

-Hannah: Disagrees with Haneen; reasoning a little different

-Morgan: Reiterate; when I met with org we didn’t intend to be like this is what’s wrong fix it and we’ll change our votes; we just wanted to clarify why we made our decision and our reasoning

-Daniel: I felt that info was missing during our first meeting; see influence on campus

On Chess Club V.S. FASA decision

-Taylor: Chess is a skill; funding talented individuals to go out to Texas

-Sara: I Reiterate the fact they said they learned leadership skills at event

-Haneen: Event not specific to FASA

-Taylor: Don’t see a substantial difference; concern with cost; don't’ see cost being significant difference; concern with openness of the event; on a principle basis I’m no for this event; acknowledge a little more inclusion; org advertising in inclusionary manner; agree with Hannah statements that event will be for FASA; think leadership training is personal; how has UMBC participate in FASA; don’t see event as bringing renown back to UMBC

-Morgan: It’s not my job to tell org how to advertise; never felt comfortable with telling org; you don’t know how far this could reach; it’s up to the orgs social network; I specifically recall them saying how they’ve been telling people on campus

Haneen: Move to approve renew

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

Funded: $2,023.29

Meeting adjourned at: **9:13pm**