

7 th Meeting of the 13 th Financial Board FY19
Campus Center Morgan Room
March 20th , 2019
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Unfinished Business

IV. New Business

A.5 Recommendations of the Appropriations Committee

F.43 Art and Design Club (\$105.00) - Passed in Full

F.44 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$84.00) - Denied

F.45 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$1,224.00) - Denied

F.46 Colleges Against Cancer (\$2,490.22) - Passed in Full

F.47 Engineers Without Borders (\$1,728.00) - Passed in Full

F.48 Rotaract Club (\$1,000.00) - Passed in Full

F.49 Student Government Association (\$4,514.50) - Passed in Full

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.43 Art & Design Club - (\$105.00)

Purpose of Funds:

For their kite making event on the 5th of April.

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:

- PRO: I think this is very important, they need their supplies to make kites and students will benefit from it.
- PRO: It will be fun, I was there last year and I enjoyed it.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.44 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers - (\$84)

Purpose of Funds:

To buy ingredients and supplies for the cultural cooking event.

Presentation:

Questions:

- What is the event for? SASECooks
- Why was it tabled? Repeat of events and they're helping other events for promotion for their Pan-Asian Festival Event.
- Didn't they funded two events in one funding request and we funded only one of them in A term?
Yes

Discussion:

- POI: They're hosting an event on Saturday and they also have the Pan Asian festival on April.
- Con: Against this event because of repeat of events; they already have the Pan Asian Festival and another food event.
- POI: We should get more information on if they have the food and materials, since this event is in two days.
- Motion to table this to Financial Board:
 - Motion Passes
- Motion to pass request in full amount:
 - POI: They requested for this same thing for \$116 and got approved for \$84 in A-Term.
 - Con: They already have two other events of that same purpose and one that is pretty massive.
 - Con: Although this event seems pretty cool, I don't think it can improve campus life.
 - Con: With the funding request in A term, having only one of the two events getting approved. I think it says that they did not see that it was beneficial to campus life by having both events. We should follow this trend as well.
 - Motion fails

Outcome: Denied

F.45 African Drumming & Dance Ensemble - (\$1,224.00)

Purpose of Funds:

We need to pay our instructor for leading us in 3 performances. We also need to buy new drum sticks as drum sticks break open, a new drum stand to replace one of ours that has broken, and pay for drum repairs to damaged drums. All of these expenses will happen through our instructor.

Presentation:

They do performances on campus and around the WPI community. Open to anyone on campus and no experience needed. Asking for fund for drum sticks, gigs, new drum stand for lead drummer and drum repairs.

Questions:

- How often do your drums get damaged? Fairly often. They're tough because of the materials, but they do get damaged.
- Where do you store them? In a closet in Alden.
- Is that an adequate place to place them? Yes, they get damaged because of playing.
- How many people are in the club? 16 active members
- How does the board feel about funding this while the club had already "hired" their instructor?
- Did they pay already for their instructor? No
- What has been done before with the the instructor? We have funded this before, but before the events would happen.
- Are they allowed to appeal this if it gets denied? Yes
- Can we table half of this request? No
- Why motion to table? For them to find funds
- In the past, have we passed a funding request that doesn't follow our by-laws? That I know of, no.

Discussion:

- PRO: Seems extremely integral to the club's purpose.
- POI: It is in our By-laws for contracts not to be reimbursed in the Reimbursement law.
- PRO: If we were to say no, they would come up \$900 on their own. It is not an academic club, they do not easy access to external funding.
- CON: This to me is a purchase and we should remain consistent with our By-laws.
- Motion to remove the gigs.
 - CON: We're going to cause them to go in the red, if we were to deny this request and make them come up with the money themselves.
 - CON: I don't think their intent was to get the instructor and have us reimburse them.
 - POI: The event was held in February 9th.
 - Motion fails
- Motion to pass request for full amount
- POI: I think we have discussed this enough to go into a vote.

Outcome: Denied

F.46 Colleges Against Cancer - (\$2,490.22)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to pay for fun enterprises, which is the entertainment portion of Relay, and also some of the decorations that we have already planned that our decorations part of the budget will not cover.

Presentation:

Funds for activities during Relay for Life. Planning to reuse materials for the following years. Expected to attend over a thousand people that includes students and people outside of WPI.

Questions:

Discussion:

- PRO: Being the largest event on campus and seeing the amount of money that other clubs fund for events, it seems logical to fund such popular and successful event for this amount of money.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.47 Engineers Without Borders - (\$1,728.00)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds will be used to pay for travel team housing while in country.

Presentation:

Humanitarian Engineering Organization. Helping 250 people in Cuenca, Ecuador to improve water quantity, quality and access. Seeks external funding as well.

Questions:

- If they are actively seeking grants, would that be used first? Yes

Discussion:

- PRO: It is a great cause and they already completely phase 1 of their project.
- PRO: They looked for external funding and seems integral to the purpose of the club.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.48 Rotaract Club - (\$1,000.00)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used for the venue for the Mr. WPI fundraiser. There was an unexpected cost increase in venue pricing for the First Baptist Church, which is \$1000.00. Other costs are covered within our budget and by fundraising.

Presentation:

Alden Hall was booked. They had done Mr. WPI in First Baptist Church two years ago and saw it was more successful because of the bigger venue.

Questions:

Discussion:

- PRO: Well attended event and the amount of fundraising they have done is amazing and the fact is free to WPI students is really good.
- PRO: They have PR'd this event really well and they expect a great attendance.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.49 Student Government Association - (\$4,514.00)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to provide food to students before the Relay for Life event on campus. This is the same amount that was requested last year, which will provide enough food for everyone given similar attendance.

Presentation:

Had already done this last year and they are requesting the same amount of money. \$10 cost per student from student life fee. Will be distributing surveys for SGA.

Questions:

Discussion:

- PRO: Helps to support relay for life and is not taking too much out of the student life fee.
- PRO: They have done this event before in the past, seems like they know what they are doing.

Outcome: Passed in Full