

18 th Meeting of the 13 th Financial Board FY20
Campus Center Morgan Room
October 2 nd , 2019 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Unfinished Business

F.118 SocComm Films (\$350.56) - Passed in Full

IV. New Business

A.14 Recommendations of the Appropriations Sector

F.129 Interfraternity Council (\$438.36) - Passed in Full

F.130 Progressive Activism Club (Reclassification- Class I) Passed to Class I

F.131 Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Hispanics and Native
Americans in Science (Reclassification- Class I) - Passed to Class I

F.132 Society of Magicians (Reclassification- Class I) - Passed to Class I

F.133 Vegetarian Club (\$68.00) - Passed in Full

F.134 Engineers Without Borders (Reallocation- \$490.00) - Passed in Full

F.135 Freestyle Wrestling Club (\$1,819.00) - Passed in Full

F.136 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$2,274.00) - Tabled

F.137 Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering (\$174.95) - Passed in Full

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.118 SocComm Films - (\$350.56)

Purpose of Funds:

The purpose of these funds is to move the supplies from the storage area to Fuller Upper for the weekend films. The supplies are heavy and our current cart is old and is breaking down.

Presentation:

Questions:

Why does it have to be stainless steel? To make it durable.

Discussion:

PRO: I believe it is so expensive so they get something long-lasting for future use.

POI: They were complaining about their cart the other day.

POI: I looked up carts for the same cart for 200\$

Motion to table this to financial board

Motion passes

POI: We found a cart that was the same quality for \$200? Yes

PRO: Makes sense to go with a company that you know works.

CON: Outrageously expensive with the same quality.

CON: Didn't consider other options.

Motion to table this so they can research other options

Motion passes

Outcome: Tabled

Discussion re-opened

Presentation:

Their old cart is breaking down.

Questions:

How long have you had your cart for? Over ten years.

Discussion:

PRO: Although it is very expensive, they had their old cart for over ten years and if they keep it in the same conditions I bet they can have this one for even longer since it is better quality.

PRO: I can prove that their cart is very old, when it was rolling around I thought their projector was broken.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.129 Interfraternity Council - (\$438.36)

Purpose of Funds:

Nutella fest and smash your stress

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:

POI: I am worried they already bought these supplies since the event is tomorrow.

POI: We can withdraw the funds if it is actually a reimbursement.

Motion passes

Outcome: Passed in Full

By-law: SGA does not fund reimbursements.

F.130 Progressive Activism Club

Current Classification:

Class 6 - Provisional

Requested Classification:

Class 1 - Special Interest

Current Club Membership:

10 active members

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: Very straightforward request.

PRO: They do in fact have a different mission than the other political clubs that are more social based.

Outcome: Passed to Class I

F.131 SACNAS

Current Classification:

Class 6 - Provisional

Requested Classification:

Class 1 - Special Interest

Current Club Membership:

11 active members

Presentation:

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Hispanics and Native Americans in Science

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: Sounds great.

PRO: Sounds like a special interest club.

Outcome: Passed to Class I

F.132 Society of Magicians

Current Classification:

Class 6 - Provisional

Requested Classification:

Class 1 - Special Interest

Current Club Membership:

15 active members

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: They're awesome.

PRO: Definitely qualifies as a special interest club.

Outcome: Passed to Class I

F.133 Vegetarian Club - (\$68)

Purpose of Funds:

To bring the non-dairy community together and introduce plant based ice cream options to the masses.

Presentation:

Questions:

Is it open to all of campus? In a room on cam

Is there a program associated with it? We are going to promote the lifestyle and education that you can sustain the lifestyle.

What is your projected attendance? 20

How many active members do you have? 10

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

POI: Where are they doing the event? We don't know.

CON: I am against if this is in a classroom because it won't be open to all of campus.

CON: This club advocates for a lifestyle they don't need food.

PRO: This is a club that hardly comes to financial board.

POI: What is the difference of this club and cheese club?

POI: My point of view is that cheese club orders a lot more food than this for their events.

POI: Cheese club has a lot more members.

POI: I see it as a cultural organization where they want to advocate and promote vegetarianism, without food.

PRO: I'd be for it if this is actually for campus wide and promoting their vegetarianism.

POI: Cheese club can function without cheese as well. They can talk about cheese just like the vegetarian club talks about vegetarianism.

Motion to table this to financial board

Motion passes

Motion to pass request in full

PRO: Very similar to the idea of cheese club.

PRO: Based on the numbers that they are expecting, I am for this because its double the amount of active members that they have.

POI: As someone who is dairy free, these ice creams are very expensive.

Motion passes

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.134 Engineers Without Borders - (\$490)

Purpose of Funds:

Budget Reallocation-National Dues: Chapter Dues to Volunteer Village accounts for execs and travel team

Presentation:

EWB-USA eliminated the annual fees, which were \$500.00. EWB would want those funds to go towards their volunteer village accounts.

Questions:

Is this a one time fee or annual fee? Annual fee

Why multiple and not for one for the whole club? We have different projects and it will act as a linked in profile for each of the projects for our members..

Is this going to be like a reimbursement? Whatever is easiest.

Discussion:

POI: Do we see this as a registration fee?

No, it is used to promote and network.

POI: Even if it was a registration fee, it would be funded in total because it promotes the purpose of the club.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.135 Freestyle Wrestling Club - (\$1819)

Purpose of Funds:

We need new exercise equipment so we can have better workouts and improve our skills in freestyle wrestling

Presentation:

They practice in the WPI wrestling room for six hours a week during A and D-Term. Seeking funding for 25 jump ropes. They have three different types of jump ropes because of member's different body sizes. Also asking for a wrestling sled and strap and jamballs. They were able to get a 50% discount for the jamballs.

Questions:

Have you spoken to the recreation center to see where to store these items? In the NCAA wrestling room. How many active members do you have? 30 active members.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club and did a good job finding discounts.

PRO: Some of the things look expensive at first, but compared to other options it looks worth it.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.136 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers - (\$2274)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used towards 2/3 of lodging cost in Pittsburgh.

Presentation:

Questions:

Discussion:

POI: Where is the \$2274 actually going to? We don't know.

Motion to table this indefinitely

POI: We go off of what we present and they are not here to present.

Motion passes

Outcome: Tabled

F.137 Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering - (\$174.95)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to purchase electrical project starter kits. These kits will be used by the teams who decide to pursue an electrical project and will serve as a basic starting point for them to design their project.

Presentation:

Twelve-hour hack-a-thon. Not limited to just for females. Seeking funding for five starter kits for robotics.

Questions:

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the event and club.

PRO: They reached out to their department as another funding source.

Outcome: Passed in Full