

Meeting of the 2020 Student Government Association Budget Appeals Board  
Meeting via Zoom  
April 10th and 11th , 2020

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B.1 Fencing Club (\$1,000.00) - Passed in Full

B.2 Christian Bible Fellowship (\$172.00) - Denied

B.3 Colleges Against Cancer (\$450.00) - Passed for the amended amount of \$250.00

B.4 Choral Association (\$2,055.00) - Passed for the amended amount of \$705.00

B.5 Club Soccer (\$1,600.00) - Denied

B.6 Club Water Polo (\$2,573.00) - Passed for amended amount of \$2,403.00

B.7 Cycling Club (\$557.80) - Passed in Full

B.8 Green Team (\$487.00) - Passed in Full

B.9 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (\$5,900.00) - Passed for the amended amount of \$4,400.00

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B.14 Alpine Ski Team (\$5,874.00) - Passed in Full

B.15 Men's Club Ice Hockey (\$11,000.00) - Passed in Full

B.16 Newman Club (\$1,720.00) - Passed in Full

B.17 Psychology Society (\$140.00) - Denied

B.18 Sailing Club (\$1,100.00) - Passed in Full

B.19 Society of Automotive Engineers (\$2,950.00) - Passed for the amended amount of \$2,255.00

B.20 Society of Medieval Arts and Sciences (\$213.00) - Passed for the amended amount of \$63.00

B.21 South Asian Student Association (\$3,468.50) - Passed in Full

B.22 VOX Musical Theatre (\$7,070.00) - Passed for amended amount of \$2,070.00

B.23 Women's Club Lacrosse (\$50.00) - Withdrawn

B.24 Robotics Club (\$1,651.75) - Passed in Full

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Treasurer's Remarks

VII. Adjournment

### **B.1 Fencing Club (\$1,000.00)**

They are appealing for their Bus to Smith College for a competition. It was under a slightly different name last year on the budget form. The competition requires a bus and it is a very important competition for them.

#### **Questions:**

Is it the same price as last year?: Yes

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: They changed a few words on their budget form so it got cut. It's technically the same thing so they should get it.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full

## **B.2 Christian Bible Fellowship (\$172.00)**

They are appealing for the cost of the NSO Ice Cream Social, including the ice cream and the toppings. The event is open to everyone on campus, it is a main recruiting event for CBF, and it is not a new budget item.

### **Questions:**

Have you requested for it in previous years?: No it was in our budget two years ago.

What do we consider a food meeting?: Normally it means that a club is asking for money for food for their members of their club to eat.

Do we know when they are doing it?: They would be bringing ice cream for one of their GBM's to incentivize new people to join, but it is open to all of campus.

### **Discussion:**

POI: This event does have a historical presence on campus.

PRO: I think they should get some money because of their historical presence and to help them get more members.

CON: It sounds a bit close to a food meeting. We have denied clubs in the past for similar reasons.

CON: Other clubs on campus with events with historical presence have been denied and it wouldn't be fair to fund this one while we have denied others.

CON: I view this event as an internal food meeting and using the food as an incentive.

CON: I do not think the ice cream is integral to the success of the event.

### **Outcome:**

Denied

### **B.3 Colleges Against Cancer (\$450.00)**

They are appealing the costs for FUN Enterprises for Relay for Life. They have used them in the past and have gotten funding requests for it in the past. The company gives them a great discount.

They are also appealing the costs for the Purple Gala. They reuse supplies and get the food donated. They are looking to expand this event.

#### **Questions:**

In the past you haven't needed any funding for the Purple Gala?: Yes

Why the increase for FUN Enterprises?: We don't want to always be FRing for it, we'd rather have it in our budget.

What was the attendance for Purple Gala?: 100 people in the past.

#### **Discussion:**

Motion to amend out the cost of the Purple Gala.

PRO: It would go against our bylaws to fund it.

PRO: It hasn't been in their budget before and they haven't gotten funding for it in the past.

Motion passes.

PRO: They have requested for the FUN Enterprises for Relay for Life in the past and it was successful.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed for the amended amount of \$250.00

#### **B.4 Choral Association (\$2,205.00)**

They are appealing for the Technichords Show, Audiophiles Show, Simple Harmonic Motion Show because they need more money to put the shows on. For A Cappella Shows, LNL has increased their prices. For Tuxes and Dresses, they get cleaned twice a year, but there is an increase of members. For the Banquet they can get it funded because of SGA's bylaws since they are a Class 3 organization.

#### **Questions:**

How many members are in the association?: 150 currently, but they are expecting an increase in numbers, about 20 or 30.

Has the banquet been in the budget before?: No

Have you gotten funding for it before?: No

#### **Discussion:**

POI: They are a Class I organization, so they aren't eligible for a banquet.

POI: They can't charge for tickets for their shows.

Motion to amend out the cost of the banquet.

PRO: It follows our bylaws. We can't fund it because they aren't Class III, and they didn't put it in the budget or gotten funding for it in the past.

Motion Passes (New total: 1,405.00)

PRO: The request for the shows makes sense to me.

CON: I don't understand where the number is coming from for the Dry Cleaning.

CON: How do we know that that many more people will be joining.

POI: We did approve some of their request already. If they need more, they can always put in for a funding request for it.

CON: I think they can come in and put in for a funding request if need be.

PRO: Although it's hard to tell the increase in cost of dry cleaning, the increased LNL costs makes sense.

POI: They do not pay dues.

Motion to amend out the cost for the dry cleaning.

PRO: They can always FR for it once they know how much they actually need.

Motion passes. (New total: \$705.00)

PRO: It seems like a reasonable request so they can put on their shows.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed for the amended amount of \$705.00

### **B.5 Club Soccer (\$1,600.00)**

They are appealing for the cost of registration fees. They need to be registered for the league. It has been in a previous budget.

They are appealing for the bus travel fees. They're going off past prices and need the busses to go to the games.

#### **Questions:**

What was the \$500 increase in busses?: It's based on an estimate on the number of away games they are expecting.

You didn't have the registration fees in your budget last year. Did you FR for it?: No.

#### **Discussion:**

CON: I think these are things that should be done by funding requests because they weren't in the previous budget or gotten funding in the past.

CON: An increase based on not knowing how many away games there will be doesn't make sense to me. They can FR for it.

CON: If they have enough time to ask for funding for it, then they should do that.

#### **Outcome:**

Denied

## **B.6 Club Water Polo (\$2,348.00)**

They are appealing for the cost of EMS. EMS is required for them to host an event.

They are appealing for the cost of hotel rooms because they are essential for them to go to away tournaments.

They are appealing for the cost of referees because officials are required for official match play.

They are no longer asking for a scoring system.

### **Questions:**

How many members are on the Water Polo team?: About 20

### **Discussion:**

CON: They haven't gotten funding for it in the past and they are looking to increase their budget.

POI: He said they wanted referees because they wanted more matches.

POI: Club sports are mandated to have EMS.

PRO: They need these things to play, so we should just approve it now.

Motion to amend hotel costs to match 66%.

PRO: It follows our bylaws.

CON: They need the money for the hotel and it's not much more.

Motion passes (New total: \$2,403.00)

PRO: It seems like the costs have been previously allocated and they could've used these funds in the past for more matches, so they should get it for next year.

### **Outcome:**

Passed for amended amount of \$2,403.00

### **B.7 Cycling Club (\$557.80)**

They are appealing for an increase in funding in race fees and entry fees. There is an increase in participation.

#### **Questions:**

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: I'm in favor of this. They're just moving what season they're moving the money to.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full



### **B.8 Green Team (\$487.00)**

The Green Team would like to appeal the Off Campus, Boston Local Food Festival line item in our 2020-21 Budget. We requested busing for the Boston Local Food Festival. This line item was cut. They would like to appeal this decision, as the Boston Local Food Fest was one of their big events for A Term.

They have gotten funding for it in the past.

#### **Questions:**

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: They have gotten funding for it in the past, so we might as well approve it for their budget.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full

### **B.9 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (\$5,900.00)**

They are appealing for the cost of Spark Party for food and snacks and supplies. They are appealing the costs of the networking dinner to connect students with companies. They are appealing the costs of the LNL bill for lights and audio for these events, along with materials for their meetings and workshops to teach ECE skills.

#### **Questions:**

Is this the same amount as their budget 2 years ago?: No it's more.

#### **Discussion:**

Motion to amend out the cost of Workshops

PRO: It follows our bylaws

Motion passes (New total: \$4,400.00)

PRO: It has been in their budget before. They just didn't get it last year.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed for the amended amount of \$4,400.00

### **B.10 International Student Council (\$3,429.50)**

They are appealing for the costs of the International Student Orientation. The International House used to pay for part of it, but they won't be paying for as much anymore. They are appealing the International Food Festival. They need to reimburse clubs and they need more money to support these other clubs.

They are also appealing the Off Campus Term Trip but they need more money to put it on.

#### **Questions:**

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: ISC is a prominent club on campus and they do a lot of work with international students, so I think these are good events to have around.

PRO: They are an umbrella club and it's not their fault that they need to reimburse these clubs.

PRO: They mentioned that Chartwells increased their prices and the International house isn't paying for as much which isn't their fault.

PRO: It seems like an important event for international students.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full

### **B.11 Japanese Cultural Club (\$170.94)**

Appealing for the costs of Sushi Night. They need more amounts of ingredients for the sushi. It takes note of increased prices and the need of increased amounts. They also sell Boba and Kimbap. They make the sushi themselves and sell it.

#### **Questions:**

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: The prices are from Chartwells so it's based on the rates.

PRO: Seems like a big event for them and it would be integral to the purpose of their club.

PRO: They're in collaboration with other clubs and it seems like a great event.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full

## **B.12 Ketones A Capella (\$220.00)**

They only host one event per year. They got \$50 less than they requested the year before. They are appealing the cost of equipment to be able to put on their show. It is the bare minimum they need to put on the show. They use LNL equipment.

### **Questions:**

Where were you going to have the show?: It would've been our first show in Alden.

Are the shows open to the public?: Yes

Are they free?: It is free for WPI students.

Do you have an estimate on how many people would be there?: We would plan for about 250 seats, but we expect at least 100 people.

Why was it cut in the first place?: There was no description so it got cut.

### **Discussion:**

POI: They are a newer club on campus. They haven't had years to build up savings.

PRO: I don't see any reason as to why they shouldn't get the money. It's been a successful event.

### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full

### **B.13 Marching and Pep Band (\$500.00)**

The need to get their uniforms cleaned and dry cleaned. They have more members now and the given amount isn't enough to get all of the uniforms cleaned. If they can get their uniforms cleaned, they won't have to replace them as frequently.

#### **Questions:**

How many members are you expecting for next year?: We don't know exactly yet, but we only have 222 uniforms so it won't go over that number to be cleaned.

Do you have dues?: No

#### **Discussion:**

CON: They could wait to see how much it would be exactly and FR for it.

PRO: We know they won't have more than 222 uniforms.

PRO: I'm in favor of this. It seems reasonable to be able to cover the cost of cleaning their uniforms.

CON: I think an FR would work better once they have an exact number.

PRO: They're only cleaning them once a year, so they should get to.

PRO: They already have money allocated for cleaning their uniforms, they just need some more.

PRO: It makes sense for them to have this money. There's no point in pushing it to approve it later.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full

### **B.14 Alpine Ski Team (\$5,874.00)**

They are appealing for lodging for the first 4 races. They're asking for 66% of lodging. The team has grown over the past two years. They require more rooms which is why they need more money. The team covers a lot of costs, so they're looking to get more funding from SGA.

#### **Questions:**

#### **Discussion:**

POI: Their budget had been cut in the past because their per capita was more than double the student life fee.

PRO: It was in their budget before.

POI: They pay for a lot of it out of pocket and fundraise a lot.

PRO: These are legitimate costs that fall within the bylaws. The nature of the sport causes it to be more than other sports.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full

### **B.15 Men's Club Ice Hockey (\$11,000.00)**

To stay operational, members would have to pay \$750 to compensate for the price of the ice rental. It is unreasonable to ask of the club members.

#### **Questions:**

Why was your budget cut?: Not sure. Overall it keeps going down.

How many members are on the team?: About 30.

Is there any out of pocket costs for members?: Around \$450, but subject to change based on equipment and other variable costs.

Do you know how much funding you received from SGA last year for the Ice Rental line item?:

No, but the total budget is lower than last year.

Do you still do ice time at the Worcester Ice Center?: Yes.

Any fundraising?: Not aware, but SGA always suggests fundraising as an alternative funding source.

#### **Discussion:**

POI: Ice Rental line item is same as last year, but transportation to and from practice was proposed in the budget differently. Reallocation for ice time was not approved this fiscal year.

PRO: They can't practice without ice time. The Worcester Ice Center is very expensive.

CON: More ice time can be Funding Requested. They received the same amount of money from last year for this line item.

PRO: See this as a reallocation within their budget. This is a very expensive sport. It is unfair to ask the members to pay out of pocket.

PRO: No need to deny the request now to FR later.

POI: Women's Ice Hockey receives \$7,000 for ice time practices.

#### **Outcome:**

Passed in Full



**B.16 Newman Club (\$1,720.00)**

Appealing the cost of Campus Wide Events, Catholic College Nights, Mens and Womens Nights and Social Events. The budgets for these events were cut last year for lack of detail and were later approved in appeals when further clarified. This is reflective of the cost that was ultimately approved last year.

**Questions:**

How many members attend these events?: Between 20-25

**Discussion:**

PRO: It should be passed. It was put in their budget last year, they just added more detail, which is much appreciated.

**Outcome:**

Passed in Full

**B.17 Psychology Society (\$140.00)**

Appealing the cost of Campus Wide Events and Social Experiments, along with the cost of supplies for their general body meeting.

**Questions:**

How many members are in your club?: 20 official members. 5-6 active members.

Were these line items previously in your budget?: I believe so.

**Discussion:**

POI: No previously approved budgets. One funding request for apparel was approved.

CON: These seem like good ideas, they seem to not know much about the way SGA does budgeting. Perhaps we should recommend they meet with a financial senator.

**Outcome:**

Denied

**B.18 Sailing Club (\$1,100.00)**

They are appealing the cost of the Regatta Point Membership. They were previously sailing at Webster, but it changed to Regatta. The name in the budget changed, but it is still for the ability to practice and sail. It was something approved in last year's budget.

**Questions:**

Did they have to pay fees when they sailed at Webster?: Yes. The membership at Regatta is a condensed fee.

**Discussion:**

PRO: It is about the same amount as last year, for something previously approved. We should approve it, so that the club can sail.

**Outcome:**

Passed in Full

**B.19 Society of Automotive Engineers (\$2,950.00)**

They are appealing the costs of wheels, tires, hardware, and general materials.

**Questions:**

How many times do you anticipate traveling to the track?: About 5. Number requested is 66%.

Do you have any company sponsorships or donations?: Yes most of our funding comes from outside SGA.

Was travel FR'd for in the past?: No

**Discussion:**

POI: All items except travel were cut due to lack of detail.

PRO: We should approve items cut for lack of detail in budget.

Motion: Take out cost of travel.

PRO: I'm in favor. It was not previously funded.

Motion Passes

PRO: They already seek a lot of outside funding.

**Outcome:**

Passed in the amended amount of \$2,255.00

**B.20 Society of Medieval Arts and Sciences (\$213.00)**

They are appealing the costs of bamboo, strapping tape, chain mail, and leather.

**Questions:**

Was leather in a previous budget or FR'd for?: No.

**Discussion:**

POI: Bamboo is more expensive. Strapping tape and leather was ordered in bulk several years ago, but they want to buy more.

Motion to amend out leather and strapping tape.

PRO: In favor not a yearly recurring expense.

Motion passes

**Outcome:**

Passed in the amended amount of \$63.00

**B.21 South Asian Student Association (\$3,468.50)**

They are appealing the costs of the Freshers Party, Rasleela/Diwali, South Asian Celebration, Holi (Festival of Colors). They attempted to simplify the budget but it caused confusion so events were cut despite being previously funded. Overall the request is less than last year.

**Questions:**

**Discussion:**

PRO: The presentation clarified line items and seems to be a sort of reallocation within budget from last year which SGA has previously funded. They are asking for less.

**Outcome:**

Passed in Full

## **B.22 VOX Musical Theatre (\$7,070.00)**

They are appealing the costs of Royalties for Fall and C-Term Musicals, Props, External Lights and Sound, Publicity and Programs. Last year's props budget was mistakenly not added last year. Lights and sound FR was just approved. Publicity is essential to educating the public on the show and promoting ticket sales.

### **Questions:**

How much were you approved for the external lights and sound?: In total \$6,000.00 with the recent funding request and last year's budget.

### **Discussion:**

POI: Everything except the lighting was cut to match last year's budget.

POI: Extra costs for lighting might be better to FR for based on each show.

Motion to amend out \$5000 increase for lights

PRO: Extra cost for lights can be FR'd for if necessary.

CON: Lights and sound are already in the budget.

CON: Theater is very expensive. The cost for the external lighting they are asking is very conservative.

PRO: Should try to utilize LNL as much as possible before seeking outside funding.

CON: LNL cannot be used for every production.

PRO: Vox searched for an outside lighting resource when LNL was double booked last year. Not guaranteed to happen again so not necessarily eligible to put in budget yet.

Motion Passes

PRO: All previously funded by SGA. All increases have been justified.

POI: Publicity and programs does not fall under the program and promotional material bylaws.

PRO: New total reflects line items funded in past budgets.

### **Outcome:**

Passed for amended amount of \$2,070.00

**B.23 Women's Club Lacrosse (\$50.00)**

They are appealing the cost of their national dues, which have increased.

**Questions:**

**Discussion:**

**Outcome:**

Withdrawn

**B.24 Robotics Club (\$1,651.75)**



They are appealing for the costs of Operating Expense, Vex U, and the Combat Franklin Institute Event. These are line items that were approved as reallocations. Operating expenses are essential to building and operating robots. They do not contribute to an increase in overall budget.

**Questions:**

The overall budget is \$700 less than last year. Where did the extra money come from?:

Transportation and travel for competitions were increased due to more students and equipment.

Will the NY competition be a regular yearly occurring event?: Yes. Might not be that location, but the robotics team always attends one regional event.

**Discussion:**

PRO: The expenses were previously budgeted and FR'd for.

PRO: They attempt to cut costs by holding regional events at WPI instead of traveling.

**Outcome:**

Passed in Full