

16th Meeting of the 16th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: Taylor Room in the CC

September 14th, 2022

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

State of the Treasury Presentation

Equestrian Team Data Presentation

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.167 Women in Electrical and Computer Engineering (\$34)- Passed in Full

F.179 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Club (\$14.78)-Passed in Full

F.180 Society of Automotive Engineers (\$479.50)-Passed in Full

F.181 A Moment of Magic (\$215.84)-Passed in Full

F.182 African Drumming Ensemble (\$1350)-Passed in Full

F.183 Alpha Chi Rho (\$530)- Denied

F.184 Computer and Technology Club (\$4950)-Passed in Full

F.185 The Panhellenic Council (\$350.56)- Passed in Amended Amount

F.186 Vietnamese Students Association (\$1357)-Passed in Full

F.187 Vietnamese Students Association (\$1291.50)-Passed in Full

F.188 WPI Emergency Medical Services (\$975)-Passed in Full

F.189 Robotics Club (\$1663.15)-Passed in Full

F.190 Equestrian Team (\$586.80) - Fall comp. 5- Tabled

F.191 Equestrian Team (\$1500) - Bus for comp.- Tabled

F.192 Equestrian Team (\$586.80) - Fall comp 3.- Tabled

F.193 Equestrian Team (\$300) - IHSA- Tabled

F.194 Equestrian Team (\$586.80) - Fall comp. 4- Tabled

F.195 Equestrian Team (\$586.80) - Fall comp. 2- Tabled

F.196 Equestrian Team (\$586.80) - Fall comp. 1- Tabled

F.197 Equestrian Team (\$586.80) - Fall comp. 6- Tabled

F.198 Student Government Association (\$11795)- Passed in Full

F.199 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1000)-Passed in Full

F.200 Competitive Climbing Club (\$700)-Passed in Full

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.181 A Moment of Magic (\$215.84)

Purpose of Funds:

We will purchase items needed to store our costumes as mandated by our national organization.

Presentation:

Purchasing a wig rack, 2 garment bags, and garment rack

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits purpose of the club

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.182 African Drumming Ensemble (\$1350)

Purpose of Funds:

Funding for drum rental and transportation fees for 7 practices and 2 events.

Presentation:

Drum rental fees breakdown:

\$50 per event for 9 events/practices

and

\$100 per event for 9 events/practices

Questions:

Q: How many members do you have?

A: Fourteen attended the last meeting. Generally averaging 15 members.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Fits the bylaws.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.183 Alpha Chi Rho (\$530)- Denied

Purpose of Funds:

Funds will be used to buy food and food supplies that will be open to all of campus to eat.

Presentation:

Representatives were absent.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

N/A

Outcome: Denied

F.184 Computer and Technology Club (\$4950)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to buy supplies and run events for this club

There is an additional \$100 added to the total funds requested to account for shipping and any fluctuations in price.

Presentation:

Items:

- Framework laptop \$819 x4
- usb modules x10
- display modules x6
- storage modules x3
- 4 chargers, 4 retail keys, 4 ssd, 10 SODIMM

Items for members for general use:

- Spiderx pro and elite
- Adapter
- Network switch

Questions:

Q:How many members in club?

A: About 60 registered members on techsync. About ten come to every meeting and ten others who can't make it to meetings are active on the club discord server.

Q:Have you purchased any items yet?

A:No

Q:Have you talked to the CS department head about extra laptops they don't use?

A:We have talked to them but the laptops are very outdated.

Q:Where do you plan to store the laptops?

A: Club has a locker upstairs in the campus center to store all items.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

CON: Giving this small group of technically ten members more per member than the value of the student life fee.

PRO: SGA uses the student life fee to allow students to explore interests they would not normally be able to explore.

PRO: Could help them to expand their club

Outcome: Passed in full

F.185 The Panhellenic Council (\$350.56)- Passed in Amended Amount

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used support a program for Wellness day that builds the community while also driving traffic for Pep Rally. These funds will be used to cover the cost of materials for this event which include: sand, a small pool to house the sand, building tools, and a tarp for under the pool. This event is to increase student attendance at pep rally by having the prize of ultrafan shirts be announced at pep rally despite the event being held on 9/23. This will give Panhellenic Council more representation and exposure and provide a great wellness activity for wellness day!

Presentation:

Funding for sand, kiddie pool, tarp, supplies.

Total requested amount: \$175.28

Questions:

Q: After the event what happens to the sand?

A: Panhel will handle disposing of it

Q: How big is the kiddie pool?

A: Three feet in diameter

Q: Are you (representative) on panhel?

A: No, representing the people organizing the event as it is a collaboration event. Panhel had a showcase

Q: Where is the kiddie pool going to be stored after the event?

A: Panhel will keep it

Q: Will Panhel keep all the items?

A: Possible for this event to become a legacy event that Panhel will host for a pep rally.

Q: Mentioned that the pool is three feet in diameter- is that big enough?

A: Yes, participants will compete in team shifts.

Q: If funds allow, would you want more kiddie pools?

A: Yes that would be ideal.

Q: How many kiddie pools would you think would be a good amount?

A: Two to three, but another tarp would be necessary.

Discussion:

POI: We can amend the request to any amount we would like.

PRO: SGA should give Panhel more kiddie pools for the event, meaning they would also need more sand and another tarp.

Motion to double the request for regular sand

Motion approved for \$350.56

PRO: Advertises pep rally

PRO: A good activity for wellness

PRO: Good way for panhel to advertise

Outcome: Passed for the amended amount

F.186 Vietnamese Students Association (\$1357)

Purpose of Funds:

It would be used for ingredients and supplies to sell mochi waffles and drinks on campus. It would promote Vietnamese Culture through flavors and textures present in Hawaiian culture.

Presentation:

Collab with Shaka, new Hawaiian club

Questions:

Q: What is the date of the event?

A: Not determined yet

Discussion:

Q: Can clubs sell food?

A: They cannot make money from an event using SGA funds

Any funds raised must be going to offset the cost to SGA

PRO: Club will not be profiting using SGA funds

PRO: A good event to advertise the club

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.187 Vietnamese Students Association (\$1291.50)

Purpose of Funds:

Ingredients for banh mi and coffee to be sold on campus

Presentation:

Event on the 21st of September.

Questions:

Q: Have you completed the exemption form with chartwells?

A: Yes, the club has been approved.

Q: Are you going to sell items?

A: Yes. Items are open to anyone.

Q: How much per item?

A: \$7 per sandwich

Discussion:

See previous FR (FR. 186)

PRO: fits the purpose of the club

Outcome: Passed in full

F.188 WPI Emergency Medical Services (\$975)

Purpose of Funds:

We are a student-run organization that volunteers 24/7 at WPI when school is in session. In service, a supervisor is required to be on shift at a time. These supervisors can work up to 24 hours for a shift, and all supervisors are working at least 24 hours per week. When supervisors are on shift, we have to be on campus. That being said, most of us live off-campus and do not have meal plans, so when we work shifts, we have to spend our own money. Since we are volunteers, most of us find that we are losing money the more we work. Dean Snoddy reached out to us about acquiring funding from SGA for the purchase of a voluntary meal plan to be used for supervising first responders. This meal plan would go into use immediately and we hope for it to be utilized through this remaining fall semester. The meal card will be stored with PD and signed out when responders go on shift, and returned at the end. Our Service Lt, Lauren Vitellaro will be tracking the meal plan card sign-out sheets as well as the Get App for meal swipe and balance monitoring.

Presentation:

Funding for meal swipes for supervisor shifts.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Important service on campus, but is this something SGA should fund?

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.189 Robotics Club (\$1663.15)

Purpose of Funds:

We will use the funds to purchase a new storage cabinet for all of our parts and tools.

Presentation:

Supplies have moved from recreation center to sagamore building.

Currently there is no room for storage. Shared club space.

Funds will be used to purchase large storage cabinet to store expensive parts.

Cabinet description: 6'x4'x2' storage cabinet with heavy weight tolerance

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Important to have so items are not stolen

Outcome: Passed in Full

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F.198 Student Government Association (\$11795)- Passed in Full

Purpose of Funds:

Pep Rally items and vendors

Presentation:

N/A

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Good items for pep rally

PRO: Will bring people to event hosted by SGA

PRO: Apparel matches beach theme

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.199 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1000)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds for tryouts this saturday (September 17) with a mock competition

Presentation:

Competition cost is \$1000

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Essential to the club

Outcome: Passed in Full

E.200 Competitive Climbing Club (\$700)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds to purchase lead climbing classes.

Presentation:

Location: CRG Worcester

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

Outcome: Passed in Full