

17th Meeting of the 16th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: Taylor Room in the CC

September 21st, 2022

6:10 pm – 6:50 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

\$10k Idea Reboot!

III. Old Business

F.190 Equestrian Team (\$586.8)- Passed in Full

F.191 Equestrian Team (\$1500)- Passed in Full

F.192 Equestrian Team (\$586.8)- Passed in Full

F.193 Equestrian Team (\$300)- Passed in Full

F.194 Equestrian Team (\$586.8)- Passed in Full

F.195 Equestrian Team (\$586.8)- Passed in Full

F.196 Equestrian Team (\$586.8)- Passed in Full

F.197 Equestrian Team (\$586.8)- Passed in Full

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.201 Audiophiles A Cappella (\$74.16)- Passed in Full

F.202 Audiophiles A Cappella (\$320)- Passed in Full

F.203 Student Government Association (\$200)- Passed in Full

F.203 Alpha Phi Omega (\$4425)- Passed in Full

F.204 Men's Club Rugby (\$437.52)- Passed in Full

F.205 Men's Club Rugby (\$400)- Passed in Full

F.206 Men's Club Rugby (\$3185.4)- Passed in Full

F.207 Society For Medieval Arts and Sciences (\$156)-Passed in Full

F.208 Student Alumni Association (\$460)-Passed in Full

F.209 The Guitar Club (\$250)-Passed in Full

F.210 Active Minds (\$1700)-Passed in Full

F.211 Student Government Association (\$5805)-Passed in Full

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

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F.197 Equestrian Team (\$586.8)

Requests F.190 to F.197 were presented, discussed, and voted upon as a single request since they were similar in content.

Purpose of Funds:

Competition entry fees (\$586.80 per competition) and bus fees (\$1500 per bus travel).

Travel form has not been filled out yet due to the competition location not being selected yet. It will be filled out as soon as this information is known.

Presentation:

Club is discussing a five year plan to wean off of SGA contributions.

Club made around 6-7k in fundraising last year

Money will not be given back if a comp is missed

Club is intending to double fundraising this year

SGA contribution per member has reduced from the last year → \$2390 to \$1310

Competition uniforms will not be requested this year

Club will be increasing member and fund raising contributions by 50%

45% reduction in per member cost to SGA

Should be paid through ann's budget for the coach

FR items: competition team fees and bus costs

Competition entry fees for 6 competitions

23 riders per competition

Questions:

Q: How was the competition schedule decided?

A: Shows were decided in a regional meeting from the year before.

Q: Explain cost reduction piece about uniforms; will members pay for uniforms going forward?

A: Would be easier for members to pay for using fundraising and reuse the ones SGA paid for last year

Q: How many freshmen are in the club?

A: The five new members for this year's team are freshmen (5 out of 22 members)

Q: Are these six competitions for this year?

A: 6 competitions for the October- November season- there will be more in the spring.

Q: How did the competition members place last year?

A: Riders only have the opportunity to practice once a week, but the team was still successful.

One member got "high point rider". Team is ranked 7th out of 15. In every show people placed in the top three.

Q: Why is it so hard for the team to play as a varsity sport?

A: WPI cannot afford another varsity sport and Ann McCarron recommended running the team as a club because GA will be able to supply the team with more money.

Q: Where is the double in fundraising statistic coming from?

A: They have doubled how often they will be table sitting in the Campus Center.

Q: What's the total amount for all the competitions per member?

A: The calculations would involve 9 coaching and 12 entry fees.

Q: Do you charge other schools to participate in the home show?

A: Other teams pay entry fees but the representatives believe that the money goes toward IHSA (equestrian competition organization).

Discussion:

CON: Fundraising amount doesn't seem feasible.

POI: A lot of the other schools listed have a larger endowment and student life fee.

PRO: Equestrian team brings a lot of value to campus

PRO: Over the summer there were about ten high school seniors who reached out to the club president to show interest

Q:Confusion about the mandatory transfers for the coach fee

A:Ann McCarron's money is SGA money. The representatives referring to mandatory transfers means it comes from the SGA budget

Q:Should we restructure the club?

A: SGA is unable to do that and SGA cannot make them a varsity sport.

Q: Is it true that the club is requesting half as much this year?

A: It seems like they are requesting half as much only because they requested the maximum amount of the cost last year.

PRO: SGA should let them attempt to fundraise up to what they intend to fund raise.

CON: To the above statement, as we progress it will become harder to pull out SGA funding, especially if fees increase

Q: If the club's fundraising endeavors fail, can they request for the funds?

A: Yes they can.

Q: In terms of fundraising, what does it go towards? Minimizing what SGA pays or what the club pay?

A: Minimizing the cost to SGA

Last year's numbers: \$37000 from what SGA gave the club plus \$5k from mandatory transfers

Motion to call to question.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.203 Alpha Phi Omega (\$4425)

Purpose of Funds:

We will be holding this event to help Boy Scouts earn their merit badges. This is an event our organization has held multiple times in the past but this year we are being charged for our CORI forms through WPI because we do not get them free through the boy scouts but WPI Pop office said that we could not use those forms and need to do a separate CORI through WPI and each one will cost \$75. We have 59 members who are going to be participating in this event and helping us run it. We did not expect this cost for this event and do not have it within our budget to cover the CORI forms and the cost of the event as well. We would really appreciate help covering the cost of these forms since they are something that is required for the event to take place. These forms also last for four years so if our members participate in the future they will not need to be covered for future years.

Presentation:

Around 100 individual will participate

Club was unaware of the \$75 cost of the CORI forms.

Fees were waived in the past.

Questions:

Q: What does CORI stand for?

A: It's a background check to work with boy scouts as they are 11-17 years of age.

Discussion:

PRO: Without the CORI form the club is not legally allowed to go work with the boy scouts.

PRO: Fits the club and their events. They cannot do their events without this.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.204 Men's Club Rugby (\$437.52)

F.205 Men's Club Rugby (\$400)

F.206 Men's Club Rugby (\$3185.4)

Minutes below are in regards to F.204, F.205, and F.206.

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to purchase team equipment for the WPI Men's Rugby team, to pay NEWCRC league dues, and to purchase uniforms so they can compete.

Presentation:

Items:

- Uniforms: Former members took the uniforms when they graduated.
- Team equipment: Team has insufficient equipment. Future equipment will be kept in the team locker.
 - Items team will be purchasing: balls, tees, cones, ball bag etc
- League dues
- Spring and Fall dues

Questions:

Q: What are you going to do to make sure the uniforms are returned going forward?

A: Each player will be financially responsible. Spreadsheet will be used to document who has what items.

Discussion:

Q: Should SGA view league dues as registration fees?

A: Historically SGA has not.

PRO: Items are necessary for the club to function.

PRO: The team needs the uniforms to play in competitions.

Call to question

Outcome: Passed in Full

E.207 Society For Medieval Arts and Sciences (\$156)

Purpose of Funds:

To pay for props and costumes for the NPCs.

Presentation:

Event: Newbie Night

NPC's need apparel

Questions:

Q:What is the theme? Is it a pirate theme?

A: Yes, it's pirates. PC's will be questing to stop the pirates in the event.

Discussion:

PRO: Event they are hosting fits the purpose of the club.

Outcome: Passed in Full

E.208 Student Alumni Association (\$460)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to buy supplies to facilitate our A-Term de-stress event during finals week to help the campus relax and unwind during the busy week that is the end of the term.

Presentation:

“snap crackle pop” themed items

Questions:

Q: Is this an event you have held previously

A: Yes they hold one each term. As it is a different themed event each time, it's not included in the budget.

Discussion:

PRO: SGA has funded it previously.

PRO: Fun themed event to de-stress

Call to Question

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.209 The Guitar Club (\$250)

Purpose of Funds:

We are having a guest speaker come to campus to teach a beginner guitar lesson to several students in Guitar Club. We are requesting money to pay him for this lesson.

Presentation:

Bill Roy from Union Music; has been teaching for 28+ years.

Questions:

Q: What other events does the club have planned for the year?

A: Guitar related movie night, GBM, social/collaborative gear swap. currently planning events for upcoming B term?

Q: Do you have guitars that can be lent out to members?

A: No but the club is working on it.

Discussion:

PRO: Fantastic opportunity for them to grow quickly and establish their presence on campus

Call to Question

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.210 Active Minds (\$1700)

Purpose of Funds:

Mental Health and Well-Being Workshop

Collaborating with Center for Peer-Well Being and SAO

Presentation:

Dr. Steiner will be presenting and creating individualized plans for mental health,

massage therapy, dog therapy, meditation, yoga

Active minds is asking for \$1700; the remaining of the \$3500 will be covered by the other offices they are collaborating with.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: SGA supports collaboration between clubs.

PRO: This will help support mental health on campus.

Outcome: Passed in Full

F.211 Student Government Association (\$5805)

Purpose of Funds:

Items for Pep Rally

Presentation:

Items funding will be used for: food trucks, EMS, photo club, campus police, printing, LNL
Requesting for \$5805.25

Questions

Q: Open to all of campus?

A: Yes

Q: Operating budget?

Q:How are you advertising for the event?

A: Instagram advertisement

Discussion

PRO: Food trucks will cater to students with dietary restrictions.

PRO: Pep rally brings excitement to campus and unites the student body.

Motion to Call to question: Passed

Outcome: Passed in Full