

1st Meeting of the 17th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: CC Chairs Room

Jan. 11th, 2023

6:00 - 7:00 pm

I. Call to Order II.

Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.23.317 Biomedical Engineering Society (\$1370)---PASSED

F.23.319 WPI College Conservatives (\$90)---Passed in Amended Amount

F.23.320 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1660)---Passed in Amended Amount

F.23.321 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$1500)---PASSED

F.23.322 Club Tennis (\$1560)---PASSED

F.23.323 The Social Committee Big 3 - Reallocation (\$163.66)---PASSED

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas VI. Adjournment

### **F.23.317 Biomedical Engineering Society (\$1370)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

Purchase 25 tickets to the Boston Museum of Science, as well as to cover transportation to and from the museum.

#### **Presentation:**

Ticket prices are discounted.

25 tickets total + transportation

#### **Questions:**

Q: Was this request not denied previously?

A: Yes, there was no justification as to why this was a good event for the club before.

Q: Did they ever seek departmental funding for this?

POI: SGA does not have a bylaw against this type of event.

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Good activity for the club

PRO: Club justified how this event would be an educational experience for the members attending

CON: Most other clubs ask their members to pay for their own tickets

CON: The educational level of the museum is not at the level of university education and anyone can go see it

PRO: Transportation is necessary

PRO: SGA has no reason to deny a request that doesn't go against the bylaws

PRO: Ticket cost doesn't seem to be a registration fee

Motion to cut the cost of the tickets down to 66%

PRO: Should be considered as a ticket

CON: It is not a registration fee

Motion failed

#### **Outcome:**

PASSED

### **F.23.319 WPI College Conservatives (\$90)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

To help initiate the conversation of relevant social queries, both relating to campus and world topics. Such world topics could range from economics to conservationism, and would be discussed through a series of informative table sitting and poster campaigns.

#### **Presentation:**

Event: Penny for Your Thoughts

Table sitting in the Campus Center

Funds will be used to purchase: poster boards, printing, sharpies ,post-it notes, candy Open to all of campus

Asking relevant questions so students can express diverse views

#### **Questions:**

Q: What club is hosting this event?

A: WPI College Conservatives

Q: What exactly is the event?

A: Post-its will be put on posters with people's thoughts on relevant social topics. Participants will get candy.

Q: Are clubs allotted an amount of money at the beginning of the year or do they only request for funds?

A: Some clubs have budgets where the money is given at the beginning of the year.

#### **Discussion:**

CON: If someone wants give their opinion will they wouldn't need candy as an incentive. Food should not be used as an incentive.

PRO: Candy would be an effective incentive in attracting participants

PRO: Candy will catch people's attention and they will be exposed to important social topics.

CON: Price of candy is inexpensive and can be purchased personally by the club members

Motion: Amend out cost of candy

PRO: Candy is not essential to success of event

CON: Most organizations that tablesit provide candy

PRO: There are most cost-effective candy selections at stores like Walmart.

Motion Passes

PRO: Line items can be reused for multiple events and be used for marketing efforts in the future

PRO: Club will be given necessary supplies for event (ex. sharpies)

**Outcome:**

Passed in Amended Amount

**F.23.320 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1660)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Bus and Registration fee

**Presentation:**

Registration for 20 individuals; \$50 each

Total Registration: \$1000

1 Bus cost: \$1000

Total Request Cost: \$2000

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

Motion: Amend Registration Cost Down to 66% of Presented Registration Cost

PRO: Follows bylaws.

Motion Passed (New amount: \$1660)

PRO: Transportation to event is necessary for attending competition

PRO: SGA has covered registration fees in the past

**Outcome:**

Passed in Amended Amount

### **F.23.321 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$1500)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Drum rental and transportation fees for 7 practices and 3 events

**Presentation:**

Payment will be sent to APDE Instructor, Emmanuel Attah Poku. Total cost of drum rental and drum transportation: \$1500.

**Questions:**

Q: Why has the club not purchased instruments (drums) instead of renting them?

A: Not enough storage space is available.

**Discussion:**

PRO: Equipment and transportation are integral to the function of the club

CON: Since they are hosting multiple events club will need more funds in the future

POI: Even if club found storage space, there would be a wait to actually acquire instruments.

**Outcome:**

PASSED

**F.23.322 Club Tennis (\$1560)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Covers the cost of \$10 indoor practices at Paxton Tennis & Fitness Club for C Term

**Presentation:**

Indoor Practices 1/17/23-2/21/23

4 courts for each practice; each court is \$32; each practice is 2 hours

Total for once practice: \$256

Total for all 10 practices: \$2560

Money already allocated in budget: \$1,000

Total Requested Amount: \$1560

**Questions:**

Q: Has this club requested a similar request before?

A: Yes, SGA has funded this before as there are no adequate practice spaces on campus

**Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

**Outcome:**

PASSED

**F.23.323 The Social Committee Big 3 - Reallocation (\$163.66)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Event: Trip to Apex Entertainment with executive board and new members would make them go over their budget by 163

**Presentation:**

Funds will be reallocated from NACA- Hotel (line item) (\$699.79 remaining) to Retreat Activity (line item) (\$500).

Additional \$163.66 is needed for event. Funds will come from NACA- Hotel line item.

**Questions:**

Q: When is this event?

A: January 14th 2023

**Discussion:**

POI: According to new bylaws, SGA only funds up to 66% of other retreat costs

PRO: Funds are already in their budget

**Outcome:**

PASSED