

10th Meeting of the 17th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: CC Chairs Room

March 29nd, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.23.492 Active Minds (\$42.87)--PASSED

F.23.493 Sailing Club (\$100)--PASSED

F.23.494 The Alliance, oSTEM Chapter (\$150)--PASSED

F.23.495 Student Government Association (\$1360.15)--PASSED

F.23.496 Student Alumni Society Reallocation (\$300)--PASSED

F.23.497 Student Alumni Society Reallocation (\$500)--PASSED

F.23.498 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) (\$1305)--PASSED

F.23.499 BRASA (Brazilian Student Association) (\$2550)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.500 DoughClub (\$461.68)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.501 Enactus (\$55)--PASSED

F.23.502 Hindu Yuva (\$918)--CANCELED

F.23.503 Hindu Yuva (\$550)--PASSED

F.23.504 Ketones A Cappella (\$4524)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION

F.23.505 Simple Harmonic Motion (\$6395)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION

F.23.506 The Alliance, oSTEM Chapter (\$784.39)--PASSED

F.23.507 Vietnamese Student Association Reallocation (\$1094.8)--CANCELED

F.23.508 Wind Band Association Reallocation (\$1000)--PASSED

F.23.509 Women in Cybersecurity (\$270)--TABELED

F.23.510 Rangeela: Bollywood and Bhangra Fusion Dance Team (\$807.89)--PASSED

F.23.511 Badminton Club (\$4165)--DENIED

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.23.492 Active Minds (\$42.87)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to create an activity that symbolizes growth during a GBM.

Presentation:

Purchasing flower pots, seeds and dirt for future general body meetings. Materials will be used to symbolize growth. Event is open to all on campus. Equipment will be stored in the club's locker.

Date of event: April 6th

Breakdown:

10 Plant Pots (\$9.89 total)

Flower Seeds (\$19.99 total)

First Packages (\$12.99 total)

Total Requested Amount: \$42.87

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Club supports mental health on campus

PRO: Open to all of campus

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

F.23.493 Sailing Club (\$100)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to enroll in the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association, allowing our school to participate against other schools.

Presentation:

ISCA dues Funding.

Total Requested Amount: \$100

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: SGA has funded competition registration fees in the past

PRO: Club will be able to represent WPI at competitions

F.23.494 The Alliance, oSTEM Chapter (\$150)

Purpose of Funds:

This FR is for EMS services at the Drag Show. We will have around 300 people at the event for 2 hours, so will need 3 WPI EMS responders (Rate is \$50/person).

Presentation:

2 hours, 3 EMS; \$75 per hour

Total: \$300 total

Date of drag show: 4/07/23

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Ensuring proper safety is standard protocol for large events.

PRO: This type of request is commonly funded by SGA.

F.23.495 Student Government Association (\$1360.15)

Purpose of Funds:

Buying food for the event and paying facilities.
Snacks with SGA

Presentation:

Funds will be used to purchase refreshments and pay for facilities at Snacks with SGA event before Relay for Life.

Total for drinks: \$629.18

Total for snacks: \$471.77

Facilities: \$159.20

Total Requested Amount: \$1360.15

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: New version of Relay for Life BBQ that SGA typically hosts. This request serves the same purpose.

PRO: Open to all of campus.

E.23.496 Student Alumni Society Reallocation (\$300)

Purpose of Funds:

Senior Class gifts

Presentation:

Reallocation

From “Senior Welcome Reception” to “Senior class gifts”

Estimated \$300.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Funds are already available to club. Funds will serve a better purpose.

PRO: Similar request was funded last year.

F.23.497 Student Alumni Society Reallocation (\$500)

Purpose of Funds:

Reallocation for TedxWPI event.

Presentation:

Reallocated funds will be use to pay for facilities, campus police, and extra supplies, totalling to \$500.

Reallocating funds from CASE ASAP (conference) Registration fees (\$520) to TedxWPI event.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: The services that club will purchase are part of standard protocol when hosting an event.

Not an unnecessary cost.

PRO: Funds are already available to the club.

F.23.498 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) (\$1305)

Purpose of Funds:

Travel costs to DBF competition

Presentation:

Requesting \$1305 for transportation to annual competition. 10-15 members in this AIAA subcommittee. Club does not have a budget. Annual competition is held in Tucson, AZ. April 13-16. 3 students attending competition. Members were selected by club.

DBF (design/build/fly) is a subcommittee of AIAA.

Requesting for 100% of ground transportation and 66% of accommodations.

Total Requested Amount: \$1305.00

Questions:

Q: What was the selection process for competition attendees?

A: Competition was held to identify who could design the best plane.

Q: Provide more detail to the transportation line item?

A: Cost to rent a bus to the airport and back.

Q: Is this request related to the event that was heard at senate recently?

A: No, the group that had presented was HPARC.

Q: Are there graduate students in the subcommittee or graduate students attending the event?

A: No.

Discussion:

PRO: Club will help WPI at the competition.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Subcommittee does not have a budget.

F.23.499 BRASA (Brazilian Student Association) (\$2550)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be allocated for food, decorations, and prizes. The budget for food will be split between BBQ being served by our members, along with funds for beverages and dessert options. The funds for decorations will be used to buy supplies for this year's event, and items we will be able to reuse in the future. Along with possibly needed items such as tablecloths.

Presentation:

Event: Festa Junina

BBQ to be held on April 20th at the CC Grill.

Festa Junina is an annual festivity in Brazil that occurs in the month of June.

Typically, BRASA holds Carnival in D term, but was moved to C term to boost morale on campus during that term. Club still wants to organize an event for D term, which is why they will be organizing Festa Junina.

Club has increased in popularity. 5% increase expected for event. 200-300 people expected to attend event. Carnival attendance was roughly 300 people.

This event is a fair-themed event. Free to all students (not a ticketed event).

Breakdown:

Food: \$1000 (will be ordering more traditional foods focused on the event; "fair food"). Food items are similar to items from A Term event.

Decor: \$1000

- Bouncy house (\$200)
- Decor (\$650)
- Games for Festa Junina and table clothes etc.
- Apparel: reused costumes like cowboy hats (\$150)

Taxes: \$250

Total Request Amount: \$2250 (over-estimation)

Questions:

Q: Are costs for facilities, campus police, EMS accounted for in this request?

A: Never needed those services. Event will be on the CC patio. Club has never gotten charged for clean-up. Events are always on weekdays. Consulted event plans with Amy from Events Office and received her permission to host event.

Q: Will the layout of the space accommodate 300 people (expected attendance)?

A: Event will be more of a drop-in, drop-out event. However, games will make people stay longer so the event is more of a sit-down event. Club representative hasn't seen a sit-down event that is hosted outside and wants to see more of it.

Discussion:

Motion: Increase the request so that campus police and EMS fees will be covered.

PRO: If these funds are unused, SGA will not reimburse this amount.

PRO: It is important to ensure that students will be safe at the event, especially with the bouncy house.

POI: Additional \$100 for EMS and \$200 for campus police.

Motion Passed (Amended Amount: \$2550)

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Club representatives delivered an organized presentation and were transparent with cost estimation.

PRO: Will enrich campus diversity.

F.23.500 DoughClub (\$461.68)

Purpose of Funds:

The items being FRed are to maintain the space of the food pantry clean, allow students the supplemental items that they would need to make their meals, decorations for the grand opening of the food pantry, and some club merch to promote DoughClub's food pantry initiative.

Presentation:

Food Pantry Funding Request

Launching a food pantry in April 19th. Pantry will operate during Innovation Studio operation hours, which are outside of the dining hall hours. Goal of funding request is to maintain food pantry. Club received Chartwells approval.

To counter the concern that this food pantry will be similar to the THRIVE food pantry, this club intends to provide free meals to students who are food insecure, rather than ingredients. THRIVE focuses more on ingredients.

Breakdown:

Supplementary items, merchandise to promote the club and advocate for resources. Invoice is attached.

Total Requested Amount: \$567.93 (Tax not included).

Purpose of the pantry is to provide small, ready-to-eat meals, not uncooked ingredients.

Questions:

Q: Who will be getting merchandise?

A: Club members, sponsors, executive club members.

Q: Has merchandise been purchased?

A: No

Q: How many members are in DoughClub?

A: 23 members.

Q: Is program open to all of campus?

A: Yes.

Q: Has club looked into external funding?

Q: Received a \$5,000 donation from an engineer. This is club's only funding source. Applied for grants, but not much success.

Q: Has club looked into fundraising?

A: Non-profit organization. Don't want to collect money from students to pay for meals. Purpose is to provide free meals.

Discussion:

PRO: Noble cause that will combat an important issue on campus.

MOTION: Cut out cost of confetti

PRO: Confetti is not allowed according to WPI policy, stated by 25Live rules.

Motion: Cut out funds for TV, TV mount, and powerstrip.

PRO: The large displays in the Innovation Studio can be used to advertise the pantry.

Motion Passed.

PRO: Instead of funding a TV, funds for printing should be added to advertise the pantry. .

Motion: Increase the requested amount by \$40 for printing.

PRO: Funds will be used to help promote the club, without excessive cost of a TV.

Motion Passed

CON: Concerns about the sustainability of the pantry, such as supplying utensils.

Motion to vote at an amended amount of \$461.68.

F.23.501 Enactus (\$55)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds raised for an entrepreneurial movie night hosted by Enactus in collaboration with SocComm will be used to accommodate the projection cost by LNL for the event. The event organizers can help create a more immersive and enjoyable movie-watching experience for attendees, which can encourage engagement and participation in the event. The event itself is being hosted by Enactus and SocComm, Enactus a club focused on creating social impact through entrepreneurship. The entrepreneurial movie being showcased is likely to be one that highlights the importance of innovation, creativity, and problem-solving, all of which are key values that Enactus seeks to promote. By hosting events like this, Enactus is able to raise awareness about the importance of entrepreneurship and social impact, while also providing networking opportunities for its members and attendees.

Presentation:

Club promotes an entrepreneurial mindset and hosts career development events. Event: Collaboration with Social Committee Films. Club has hosted a lot of serious events and wants to organize a relaxed, casual event.

Total Cost: \$55 (Facilities cost), Social Committee is covering popcorn and rights to film

Date of Event: April 14, 8-10pm

Open to all of campus

Questions:

Q: Did club get the movie rights?

A: Social Committee will get it.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Will help promote the club.

PRO: Club collaboration is encouraged

F.23.502 Hindu Yuva (\$918)

Purpose of Funds:

The Northeast Hindu Yuva Leadership summit is a gathering of young Hindu professionals, entrepreneurs, and students in the Northeastern region of the United States. The summit aims to provide a platform for attendees to connect, engage, and learn from each other and prominent leaders in the Hindu community. The funds requested for this summit will go towards various expenses such as registration fee, travel, and accommodation for exec members of Hindu Yuva. The funds requested will contribute towards making the Northeast Hindu Yuva Leadership summit a successful and meaningful event that empowers the next generation of Hindu leaders in the Northeastern region of the United States.

Presentation:

Request was canceled.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.503 Hindu Yuva (\$550)

Purpose of Funds:

Educational and cultural exchange: A trip to a Gurdwara can be organized to provide an opportunity for people to learn about the Sikh faith, culture, and history. This involves visiting a Gurdwara, attending religious services and ceremonies, and interacting with members of the Sikh community. Community service: Gurdwaras are known for their tradition of providing free food (langar) to all visitors, regardless of their background. A trip to a Gurdwara can include volunteering at the langar or participating in other community service activities. The funds raised for a Gurdwara trip can be used to cover various expenses such as transportation, accommodation.

Presentation:

Event: Gurudwara Trip

Trip is open to all of campus. Trip aims to promote culture and encourage charity work.

Date of event: April 9th.

Expecting 55 people to attend. Will be taking 1 bus. Trip is for cultural enrichment and promotes spiritual wellbeing.

Cost of 1 bus: \$550

Location of Gurudwara (Sikhism temple): Westborough, MA. Request follows WPI rules.

Questions:

Q: Is there a registration fee?

A: Basic registration for headcount, but no fee..

Discussion:

PRO: Promotes cultural enrichment.

PRO: Trip is open to anyone on campus, not exclusive to club members.

F.23.504 Ketones A Cappella (\$4524)

Purpose of Funds:

Paying for LNL services at our annual D term show

Presentation:

LNL Funding Request

Event: Annual D Term show. Date: April 16th. Club hopes to use individual microphones at event. LNL is willing to provide this service but requires more wireless mics to rent. Mics will be rented from LNL supplier. Need 32 mics so that transition between groups is faster and more efficient. This efficient system was tested at past shows.

Total Requested Amount: \$4524.00 LNL Quote is attached to the presentation.

Q: Is this a ticketed event?

A: External guests will pay for a ticket, but not WPI students.

Q: What is the ticket money used for?

A: Saved within the club, since the club is new. Club is open to using ticket sales to fund show supplies.

Q: How much in revenue does club make from external ticket sales?

A: There are about 100 external guests per show. Rate of the ticket multiplied by 100.

Q: If there are 17 performers in the group, is there a second performance group?

A: Yes, there are 3 more WPI groups that will be performing. An external group is also expected to perform too. Thus, 32 mics are needed. Mics will be used for sound engineering too.

Q: Can the club request funds from the external performers too?

A: Not done before. Each A Capella group usually requests funds through SGA.

Q: Clarification on past shows club representatives are referring to?

A: Each A Capella group hosts their own annual concert.

Questions:

Q: How many people are in Ketones?

A: 17

Q: Expected attendance of event?

A: All of Alden seats normally sell out at these events. 300 people

Discussion:

POI: LNL in discussion to buy their own mics, rather than renting.

MOTION: Add a stipulation that ticket sales must be used to offset cost of show.

PRO: Follows the bylaws.

PRO: Relieves financial strain on SGA.

Motion Passed

PRO: It is fair to fund mics now, especially since LNL is looking to buy their own mics in the future. Mics are an essential part of the event.

E.23.505 Simple Harmonic Motion (\$6395)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to rent microphones, speakers, and lights for LNL for our end-of-year show.

Presentation:

Event: A Cappella Festival (Microphones)

Individual mics are better for performances. There is a noticeable difference when performing. LNL has greater ability to elevate performance.

Total Requested Amount: \$6395.00

32 wireless mics. Event details: April 2023 in Alden Hall.

Questions:

Q: Is this a ticketed event?

A: Free for WPI students to attend. There is a fee for external attendees, which is the standard policy.

Q: Where does the collected ticket money go?

A: Funds are used to purchase pizza/meals for guests who are coming a long way, people who do tech setup, and commissioning arrangements.

Q: The previous request that was heard was very similar yet \$2,000 less than this request. Why?

A: The timing of the event created an increased cost. Friday night show versus a Sunday night show. Can contact LNL and speak with them if needed.

Discussion:

MOTION: All ticket sales must fund direct costs of the event

PRO: This is the standard protocol, follows bylaws, reduces cost on SGA.

Motion Passed

E.23.506 The Alliance, oSTEM Chapter (\$784.39)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to host events during Pride Week, a celebration previously held last year in D-Term to raise awareness, foster a community, and celebrate sexual and gender minorities on campus. The two expenditures we are planning on are a pride flag giveaway to show celebration and allow students who might not be able to procure said flags a way to show their pride as well as a Pride themed cupcake giveaway that we did last year. We are also requesting funds to pay for a year long subscription to Canva Pro for our PR chair, used to increase the quality of our education material, advertisements, and diversity enrichment.

Presentation:

Pride Week.

Open to all students on campus.

Cupcake event (pride themed cupcakes)

Total cost: \$784.39 (Canva pro, cupcake catering, pride flags)

Purpose is to raise awareness. Cupcakes catered through Chartwells

Event starting April 10th

Questions:

Q: What is the expected headcount for the events?

A: 50 people for Dinner, 60 people for Cupcakes etc.

Q: Location of event?

A: on Higgins lawn

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Help promote diversity on campus

E.23.507 Vietnamese Student Association Reallocation (\$1094.8)

Purpose of Funds:

Reallocation from Merchandise to Senior Dinner

Presentation:

Request was canceled.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.508 Wind Band Association Reallocation (\$1000)

Purpose of Funds:

Bus Rental

Presentation:

Reallocation from the \$8,000 in their account to pay for transportation.

Use \$875 to pay for transportation to the April 1st Boston trip. Approved by SAO.

Around 30 people will be traveling. Going to concert and will be touring the Museum of Science.

Total Requested Amount: \$875 (for bus travel)

Travel Itinerary: Alden to Museum of Science to Quincy Market to Concert to WPI.

Questions:

Q: Have any of the funds been used to purchase anything?

A: Nothing has been paid for. Waiting for confirmation after request is heard.

Q: How many people will be attending?

A: Around 30 people.

Q: Clarify the reallocation details?

A: Socials to Funding Trip (tickets). Funds from additional \$8,000 of unallocated money.

Discussion:

MOTION: Change route from WPI straight to BSO concert (no stops in between).

CON: SGA cannot control clubs' decisions on how funds should be spent. Funds are already in their account.

PRO: Stops to Quincy Market and Museum of Science are irrelevant and unnecessary to trip's purpose.

PRO: Stopping at the destinations in between WPI and the concert does not create a large price fluctuation.

Motion fails.

F.23.509 Women in Cybersecurity (\$270)

Purpose of Funds:

We will be using these funds for our tshirts that we purchased for our club.

Presentation:

Requesting funds for T Shirts.

T-shirts have never been purchased by the club. Each shirt costs \$10. Purchasing 27 shirts.

Total Requested Amount: \$270.

Club is selling the shirts. Not a merchandise item.

Questions:

Q: Who are the tshirts for?

A: They are for anyone on campus. Club is planning to sell them for \$5. Some will be reserved for the executive board.

Q: What will the generated revenue be used for?

A: Future general body meetings so they can be more interactive.

Discussion:

MOTION: Table to next Financial Board

PRO: Will allow SGA to have the opportunity to consult with club on how to adjust their request.

F.23.510 Rangeela: Bollywood and Bhangra Fusion Dance Team (\$807.89)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds will be used to purchase windbreakers for our competition team members. This item will be worn at off-campus performances and competitions, making the team appear more visually cohesive and united.

Presentation:

Requesting for jerseys and miscellaneous items.

Jerseys will be considered as merchandise items and will be worn at performances. They are individually customized.

Request follows bylaws (50% of each item, \$25 max.)

Total for Jersey: \$525

Miscellaneous items: bandage wrap, wrap tape, foam roller, which are all regarded as safety equipment. JBL speaker for team to own to help with practices.

Total miscellaneous cost: \$282.89

Total Requested Amount: \$807.89

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Speaker will allow club to efficiently practice.

PRO: Bandage wraps will help prevent injuries and maintain safety.

PRO: Jerseys (Merchandise) will help increase the club's recognition on campus.

F.23.511 Badminton Club (\$4165)

Purpose of Funds:

Training + Transportation

Presentation:

Funds for Boston Badminton Club Training

100 PE students in club.

Issue with current practice location (Harington): surface is not good enough to practice on safely. Injuries are more likely to occur. Slipping can occur while playing at Harington. The gym's floors are multipurpose and are used for a variety of clubs, which can also damage the floor.

An off-campus training center has been located to perfectly suit the needs of the club. Safe and ideal facility. Location: Boston Badminton Club in Westborough, MA.

There is an initial fee, membership fee, walk-in fee, and bussing costs.

Total Requested Amount: \$4165.

Club had consulted with Ann.

Players whole will practice at the facility and will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis.

The level of skill will not matter on who is chosen, yet the more advanced players will most likely have that opportunity to train at the facility. The players will train for 3 hours at the off-campus facility each time.

Questions:

Q: When are the practices?

A: Sundays from 6-9PM.

Q: Has the club looked into carpooling instead of taking a bus since party is only 10 people?

A: Ann advised for club to take a bus.

Q: Has the club inquired about requesting a deep cleaning service for Harington floors?

A: The floors are not conducive to proper badminton playing. The floors are dusty and used for multiple purposes.

Q: Why are only 10 students going to the facility when many more people or part of club and are signed up for PE credit?

A: Club is only allowed to book 2 practice slots at the facility. It is unethical to fit more people than allowed.

Q: Is this the closest facility?

A: Yes.

Q: Is club requesting for travel services through AAA? Have they looked into other vehicles, other than a bus?

A: Yes. Taking a bus is the standard process for all other club sports. Club looked into Zipcars, but they're not consistent enough.

Discussion:

CON: The injuries that were presented are not specific to badminton playing.

CON: It is not fair to restrict the number of people who can play at the facility, especially since many people are part of club.

PRO: The injuries are valid and moving to a safer location is necessary.

PRO: Moving to another facility will reduce injuries.

CON: Will cost \$100 per person to play.

CON: Playing at the Harington gym could be inconvenient for other club sports as well. Would not be fair to allow this club to practice at another facility, but not other clubs.

CON: Typically club sports who practice off campus do so because there is inadequate space on campus. For example the Cheer Team. This club is able to practice on campus and should continue playing on campus.