

6th Meeting of the 17th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: CC Taylor Room

Feb. 15th, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.23.407 Active Minds (\$172.75)--PASSED

F.23.408 First Generation Student Association (\$141.19)--PASSED

F.23.409 Sound Logic (\$330)--PASSED

F.23.410 Women's Volleyball Club (\$990.03)--PASSED

F.23.411 Computer and Technology Club (Reclassification)--PASSED (RECLASSIFIED)

F.23.412 Esports Club (Reclassification)--PASSED (RECLASSIFIED)

F.23.413 Competitive Climbing Club (Reclassification)--PASSED (RECLASSIFIED)

F.23.414 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Club (Reclassification)----PASSED
(RECLASSIFIED)

F.23.415 Cheerleading (\$10,099.18)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.416 Society of Automotive Engineers (\$1746.59)--PASSED

F.23.417 Student Alumni Association(Reallocation) (\$650)--PASSED

F.23.418 The Adventurers' Guild (\$60)--PASSED

F.23.419 Wind Band Association (Reallocation) (\$3000)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.420 WPI Equestrian Team (\$118.8)--PASSED

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F.23.423 WPI Equestrian Team (\$29.7)--PASSED

F.23.424 WPI Equestrian Team (\$59.4)--PASSED

F.23.425 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$400)--PASSED

F.23.426 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$200)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.427 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) (\$400)--PASSED

F.23.428 Rangeela: Bollywood and Bhangra Fusion Dance Team (\$916.08)--PASSED

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.23.407 Active Minds (\$172.75)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to purchase the contents of the survival kits (stickers, candy, pencils, etc.) and the bags themselves.

Presentation:

Item: Finals survival kits, which will include stickers, pencils, erasers, candy, fidget toys and more. The survival kits will be distributed at the library lobby during finals week of C term. This event was previously organized before the Covid pandemic.

Total Cost: \$172.75

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Event will benefit all of campus and will be accessible to all students.

PRO: Project aims to improve the mental wellbeing of students.

F.23.408 First Generation Student Association (\$141.19)

Purpose of Funds:

Dessert for the event (catered by Chartwells). It is a collaboration event with Tea Club, so they will be bringing the tea..

Presentation:

Total Requested Amount: \$141.19 (including tax) Funds will be used to purchase brownies, cookies, and dairy/gluten free brownies. Expected attendance is 50 people. Date of event is 2/20/2023.

Total Cost: \$172.75

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Follows bylaws. Event is open to all students. PRO: Event encourages club collaboration

PRO: Event caters to various dietary restrictions.

F.23.409 Sound Logic (\$330)

Purpose of Funds:

To purchase uniform/performance shirts for new members and to replace old, damaged shirts.

Presentation:

Quote Details: 13 shirts (\$18.75 each). 3 screens (\$25 each). Total price on quote is 318.75.

Total Requested Cost: \$329.94 (\$330) total for 13 uniforms.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Uniforms are necessary for the purpose of the club.

PRO: Team will appear more cohesive and united during performances. Uniforms will enhance their performance visually.

F.23.410 Women's Volleyball Club (\$990.03)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will go towards new volleyballs, a ball bag, and an electric ball pump

Presentation:

Requested Items:

20 new volleyballs: \$879.80 total

1 ball bag: \$18.99 total

1 Electric ball pump: \$32.99 total

Tax: \$58.25

Total Requested Amount: \$990.03

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Team has not received new balls in two years. Current balls are damaged and inflated. Replacing the balls are essential to the function of the club.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

MOTION: Remove the cost of the air pump since the Recreation Center provides them.

PRO: Students can use the pumps located in the recreation center for not added cost.

CON: The recreation center pumps do not have a pressure monitor so the air pressure cannot be precisely measured for volleyball playing.

Motion Failed.

MOTION: Vote

F.23.411 Computer and Technology Club (Reclassification)

Purpose of Funds:

Reclassification from Provisional to Class I special interest

Presentation:

N/A

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Club should be properly classified so they can operate under the right rules.

F.23.412 Esports Club (Reclassification)

Purpose of Funds:

Club reclassification from Class VI (provisional) to Class I (special interest)

Presentation:

N/A

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Club should be properly classified so they can operate under the right rules.

F.23.413 Competitive Climbing Club (Reclassification)

Purpose of Funds:

Club reclassification from Class VI (provisional) to Class II (club sport).

Presentation:

N/A

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Club's purpose is centered around a sport so club should be classified as such.

PRO: Club should be properly classified so they can operate under the right rules.

F.23.414 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Club (Reclassification)

Purpose of Funds:

Reclassification from Class VI (provisional) to Class I (special interest)

Presentation:

N/A

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Clubs purpose fits under the description of a Class 1 club.

PRO: Club should be properly classified so they can operate under the right rules.

F.23.415 Cheerleading (\$10,099.18)

Purpose of Funds:

NCA Nationals Registration

Presentation:

Total Requested Amount: \$13643

Funds will cover cost of music, registration for coaches and athletes, and ground transportation.

There will be 17 students attending with, 4 returning students.

Team received bid to nationals. Team is responsible for flights and food. Request approved by Ann McCarron.

Team members joined cheer team with aspirations to attend nationals (NCA). Team has been working very hard to prepare. Team is dedicated and deserves to attend competitions. Last year, team placed 7th out of 17 teams as the only club team in the division.

Questions:

Q: Is the presented cost for registration the full amount?

A: Yes.

Q: Where is the music from?

A: Through a company. Team's appearance is part of scoring rubric.

Q: Music is part of registration cost?

A: Yes.

Discussion:

Motion: Amend the music and registration to 66%.

PRO: Follows bylaws.

Motion Passed

PRO: Promotes WPI on a national level. Items are necessary to attend competition.

PRO: Team shows dedication and commitment.

New Amended Amount: \$10,099.18

F.23.416 Society of Automotive Engineers (\$1746.59)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to purchase materials for additional club projects. We are rewiring and fixing up one of our old cars. We are also fixing up our tool cart that goes with the car during competition.

Presentation:

Parts and materials to do necessary upkeep for one of club cars. Total requested amount is \$1,746.59, which will fund equipment, car supplies, tools.

Questions:

Q: How many cars does club have?

A: 3.

Q: Elaborate on tools?

A: Club will be purchasing a new toolkit for convenience of carrying tools. When going to competition they need to bring a toolkit to help carry their tools.

Discussion:

PRO: Items are integral consumables.

PRO: Fits purpose of club

F.23.417 Student Alumni Association(Reallocation) (\$650)

Purpose of Funds:

Reallocation

Presentation:

Event: TEDxWPI. Club is restoring an old event back to campus. Collaboration with TED. Event will comprise of Ted Talks from 4-6 students. Club is working with Dean of Students office. Event will be held in Alden Hall on April 1. Audience can attend for free. Good opportunity for speakers to network and use their public speaking skills. TEDX can provide a license to increase exposure of WPI. Reallocation from \$1170 CASE ASAP registration fee to TEDxWPI event (\$650). Funds will be used for LNL services (based on quote), videographer, other extra expenses.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Event will promote WPI and increase community engagement.

PRO: Funds are coming from their budget and being used in a more appropriate way. PRO: Showcase WPI students and their talents. Serves the community and enriches student life.

F.23.418 The Adventurers' Guild (\$60)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to provide snacks and prizes for the top winners.

Presentation:

Event: Anticipation of Spring Scavenger Hunt. Funds will be used to purchase prizes and food.

Food Items: water bottles, granola bars, snacks.

Prize: \$20 worth of gift cards.

Expected attendance: 20

\$2 for printing.

Total Amount is \$55.

Requesting for \$60.

Questions:

Q: Explain more about the club?

A: Aims to bring fantasy to real life through puzzles (quests, treasurer hunting etc.)

Q: When the event?

A: February 23, 2023

Discussion:

PRO: Cost effective way for club to gauge more interest.

PRO: Fit the purpose of the club.

PRO: Gift card amount follows the bylaws.

F.23.419 Wind Band Association (Reallocation) (\$3000)

Purpose of Funds:

Fund Composition Piece

Presentation:

Total of club's budget: \$8,363. Club wants to use \$5,000 of the total funds to pay for commission piece from Dr. Thomas Duffy. Last year's commission was \$3,000. Club wants to continue the trend of performing commissioned pieces.

Reallocation details: Unallocated funds in budget to music composition.

Club enjoys working with well-established composers. Club received a shout out when the piece they performed last year received an award.

Questions:

Q: Was last year's piece funded through a request or was part of the budget?.

A: Already in club's budget when they were part of the Symphonic Association.

Q: Regarding the music composition, does WPI own its rights? Are there benefits associated with the composition?

A: Club would own music rights.

Q: What is the average cost of performance music?

Q: Cost varies depending on whether it's a new piece or from music library. Variable amount. The commissioned piece cost is more than cost of renting or purchasing music since it is a custom piece.

Q: Why is this year's commissioned piece estimated for \$5,000 when last year's was \$3,000?

A: Composer finished Masters in composing so there is an increased price.

Q: What is the price range for purchasing regular music or rented music?

A:\$600-\$700.

Q: If request is passed in full, club will only have \$3,000 in budget. Is that enough to sustain the club for the semester?

A: Yes.

Q: Explain the timing of club restructure?

A: Club dissolved from symphonic association in B term 2022. Club recently funding requested for a pseudo-budget. Club discovered that they will be receiving \$8k from the restructure/split. Club intends on using the funds.

Q: When is the concert?

A: April 23, 2023.

Q: Does club have music ready to play for concert already?

A: Yes.

Q: How many times will the commissioned piece be played.

A: It will be played once this year. Representative is confident that it will be reused. The piece could also be played at tours..

Q: Will club own royalty rights of commissioned piece?

A: Representative is unsure. Team owns the piece so assuming yes.

Q: What was last year's attendance of commissioned piece showcase?

A: Alden Hall was filled. Will publicize heavily to unsure that there will be strong attendance.

Q: Is this a ticketed event?

A: Free to everyone who attend. Club wants the event to be more inclusive.

Q: Would club consider ticketing?

A: Might not follow policy, but will consider having external guests ticketed.

Discussion:

CON: Item is expensive. Club is not confident that piece could be played more than 1 or 2 times. Not a ticketed event.

CON: Seems like two budgets are merging.

CON: Club already has pieces to play for concert.

PRO: Club hopes to continue their tradition of performing commissioned pieces. Since this request is a reallocation, no new funds will be draw. Exiting funds could be used more purposefully.

POI: Club has \$7400 in their pseudo-budget.

MOTION: Amend request to \$963 (difference between pseudo-budget and \$8,000)

Motion failed.

MOTION: Reallocate \$3,000

CON: Club budget merging was done incorrectly.

CON: Even though club has money from budget. Request was denied in during previous financial board.

POI: This line item can be in the club's budget for next year. Club won't need to FR again.

Motion Passes

Motion to vote on request.

New Requested Amount: \$3,000

F.23.420 WPI Equestrian Team (\$118.8)

Purpose of Funds:

Competition Registration Fees

Presentation:

Funds are for Spring Semester Show Entry (IHSA show). Requesting for SGA to cover 66% of fees. Club aims to make equestrian more accessible. This type of request has been previously requested for.

Breakdown: February 25th Competition: \$59.40 for 2 units (total is \$90.00) February 26th Competition: \$118.80 for 4 units (total is \$180.00). March 4th Competition: \$118.80 for 4 units (total is \$180.00). March 5th Competition: \$29.70 for 1 unit (total is \$45.00) March 25th Competition: \$118.80 or 4 units (total is \$180.00).

Questions:

Q: Have the travel arrangements been made?

A: Yes.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Follows the bylaws. Item is essential for function of club.

F.23.421 WPI Equestrian Team (\$118.8)

Purpose of Funds:

Comp Registration Fees

Presentation:

Refer to request F.420.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.422 WPI Equestrian Team (\$118.8)

Purpose of Funds:

Comp Registration Fees

Presentation:

Refer to request F.420.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.423 WPI Equestrian Team (\$29.7)

Purpose of Funds:

Comp Registration Fees

Presentation:

Refer to request F.420.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.424 WPI Equestrian Team (\$59.4)

Purpose of Funds:

Comp Registration Fees

Presentation:

Refer to request F.420.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.425 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$400)

Purpose of Funds:

Fees covering the rehearsals, performances and transportation costs for the African Percussion Dance Ensemble Instructor

Presentation:

Event: WPI BSU Performance. Funds will be to pay for advisor's (Attah Poku) fees. Advisor typically performs with team. Breakdown: Rehearsal Fee (\$50), performance fee (\$300), Transportation for gas (\$50) Total requested amount is \$400

Questions:

Q: Date of event?

A: BSU is April 15. 23rd 27th of February

Q: Is the BSU performance on campus?

A: Yes.

Q: Elaborate on costs associated with advisor, Attah Poku?

A: Club spent budgeted amount for advisor costs. Currently resides in Boston.

Q: Is advisor required to perform for students to receive class credit?

A: His performance is encouraged, but not required.

Q: How many performances did advisor perform?

A: 5 performances and estimating another 3 performances for rest of year. Club budget covers costs for 5 performances, but it has been used up.

Discussion:

CON: Performance fee is excessive, especially if club is expecting 3 more performances for the year.

PRO: The advisor's fee is simply part of club's business. Advisor is necessary for performances. Costs for advisor was part of club's budget so it is essential to the club. The extra cost is reasonable since advisor is putting in extra time to perform for team, which shows his dedication.

CON: It is unreasonable to pay \$50 for 1 hour of practice, but \$300 for the performance.
Unreasonable for performance to last 6 hours according to this rate.

PRO: Club has set a precedent and SGA has funded this in the past. Fits the purpose of the club.

Motion: Amend performance fee to \$100.

CON: The fee is part of a cost of business. SGA has had a reputation of funding this item and there is precedence.

PRO: Advisor fee is excessive. SGA will not be funding an external performer. Funds will be going to a WPI faculty member so their fees should not be compared to an external performer's costs.

POI: If this request is passed, club can add this item in their budget, increasing the funding club has to pay for advisor's performances.

Motion to vote.

F.23.426 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$200)

Purpose of Funds:

Fees covering the rehearsals, performances and transportation costs for the African Percussion Dance Ensemble Instructor

Presentation:

Event: Mechanics Hall Conversations in Jazz Performance.

Event is done every year. Funds will be used to cover rehearsal fee, performance fee, and transportation.

Requesting for \$400.

Questions:

Q: Clarify how the transportation funds will be used?

A: Funds will be used to transport instructor to WPI from Hall.

Discussion:

Motion to amend Mechanics Hall fee to \$100.

PRO: Team will be able to represent WPI at a popular public hall.

Motion Passes

Request Amended to \$200

Motion to vote.

F.23.427 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) (\$400)

Purpose of Funds:

Purchase supplies for new experimental HPRC sub-team

Presentation:

The sub-team (High Power Rocketry Club) currently has no budget. Club is designing a rocket motor, also designing and constructing test stand. Total breakdown amount: \$382.14. (funds will cover cost of metal bars, clamps, extrusion, brackets, miscellaneous hardware)

Questions:

Q: How many members in HPRC?

A: 10 students.

Q: Timeline of project?

A: Start building in D term.

Q: Mentioned that club has received pushback from school to not build it? Explain further on this point.

A: Club is strongly hoping to build it because it provides essential skills for internships and career development.

Q: Longevity of project once it is built?

A: Representative believes that it should last for a while.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club. It is better to fund this project now and not later when prices will increase due to inflation.

F.23.428 Rangeela: Bollywood and Bhangra Fusion Dance Team (\$916.08)

Purpose of Funds:

We will be using the funds to cover 66% of our hotel expenses.

Presentation:

Funds for team's hotel stay for dance competition in Oklahoma.

Will be staying at Hilton Garden Inn 8 minutes away from competition location.

19 people are staying at the hotel. The specific hotel location was determined by the dance competition director.

Total requested amount: \$916.08 for 66% of the hotel cost.

Team is communicating with hotel sales department to get a lower rate. Request amount is the maximum amount and is based on standard rates.

Questions:

Q: Why are there 2 king beds?

A: One is for the coach and the other is for the 2 male dancers who will be attending the competition.

Discussion:

PRO: Hotel stay is important for club's ability to perform.

PRO: Request follows the bylaws.