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VI. Adjournment
A.24.1 Running Club ($69)

Purpose of Funds:
Running Club banner for events like activities fair.

Presentation:
Banner is 5 x 4 feet.
Cost is $58.98 plus tax equals $69.

Questions:
N/A

Discussion:
Pro: Reusable, cheap.
Pro: Helps advertise club.

Outcome:
Passed in Full.
A.24.2 Green Team ($95)

Purpose of Funds:
Purchase of a portable changing room for free thrift store event.

Presentation:
A campus-wide event on 09/13/23.
Previous attendance was high (approximately 80 people) and extra clothes are expected to be donated.
Request: A pop up changing tent which will be re-used in future events ($91.46 after tax). This works in accordance with core value of inclusion.

Questions:
N/A

Discussion:
Pro: Reusability is great.
Pro: It’s important to help people feel comfortable.
Pro: This request has a high impact with a low cost.
Motion to vote.

Outcome:
Passed in Full.
F.24.1 BRASA ($1050)

Purpose of Funds:
Barbecue/activities celebrating Brazilian Independence Day.

Presentation:
Event hosted yearly.
Requesting money to supplement the current budget: more food with wider variety.
Previous year event had good attendance (consistently 200ish students attend)
First club event of the year.
Food budget: $509.46 (now incl. veg/vegan food items).
Decorations: $600 (bouncy house rental), $500 (table clothes, flags, banner—reusable).
Total $2050.
Helps provide representation for latinx community.
Attendance has risen throughout recent years.
Good way to reach out to new students for club and WPI community as a whole.

Questions:
Q: Is this an increase of the budget from $600 to $2050? A: Yes.
Q: What are plans for marketing the event? A: Through social media posts (recently noticing an increase in followers), TikTok/Instagram reels, club fair exposure.
Q: When is this event? A: Sept 8, 5:30-8pm.
Q: How many people does the club’s current budget feed? A: Hard to tell, as D-term event had more options and raised expectations.
Q: Is the bouncy house necessary? A: It would be helpful to have, it helps reduce lines and wait times.
Q: Will you be running other activities? A: In the past, things like volleyball and tug of war were run at the same time as the bouncy house.
Q: Has the food for this event been cleared by Chartwells? A: Exemption form has been granted; using the same vendors as last year.
Q: Where did the funding for the D-term event come from? A: A D-term funding request.

Discussion:
Pro: Bouncy houses are a lot of fun.
Con: Concerned about setting precedent for future bouncy house funding. There are other, cheaper options available which are more culturally relevant activities. A non-culturally relevant activity taking up ¼ of the event budget seems unnecessary.
MOTION: Remove bouncy house but leave $200 for other activities.
Con: Bouncy houses remind one of independence.
Pro: Motion is reasonable: bouncy house is trivial, suggest an activity that is more relevant to
Brazilian culture.
Con: Alternatively, budget could be changed to $600 for all decorations to do as they wish. Motion Passes.
Total is $1050.
Pro: The request is reasonable, increased food demand is understandable. Taxes are slightly overestimated but will be rolled back into SGA budget ($250 in taxes).
Pro: The decor is reusable year-to-year.
Q: What will happen if they request for the reusable decor next year in their budget?
A: It will be cut from the club budget request if redundant with this request.

**Outcome:**
Passed in Amended Amount for $1050.
F.24.2 Interfraternity Council ($9,950.00)

Purpose of Funds:
An event called Greek Life Beach Bash; Sept 10 or 17 (more likely 17th) from 5-9pm

Presentation:
IFC & Panhellenic council.
Provide programming opportunity to destress and make connection to new students;
positive representation of WPI greek life.
Similar to Greek Carnival items.
Event costs include: mechanical shark, pizza, concert stage for performances, LNL, party vision
delivery, and facilities.
Expected turnout: 700.
Total requested: $9950.
Date of event: 09/10/23 or 09/17/23.

Questions:
Q: How is this different from Greek Carnival? A: It helps provide a breather when school starts
picking up.
Q: What are the recent events in the past/future being run by Greek life?
A: The Greek carnival was just held, looking ahead to Greek BBQ at Pep Rally (which usually
has good attendance).
Q: How will this be beneficial to new students? Q: It seems like there was strong freshman
engagement during the Greek Carnival.
Q: Will Greek life be at Pep Rally? A: Yes.
Q: How will mechanical shark operation/maintenance be handled? A: Part of the rental cost is
for people that will operate the ride.
Q: What’s the comparative cost of a shark vs. a bull? A: Unsure, but small. Looking for variety
as there was a bull at Greek Carnival.
Q: How many students are in Greek life? A: 700+ in IFC in addition to PanHel, over 1000 total.
Q: Have you considered having these activities at Pep Rally? A: No, but we’ll think about it.
Q: What contributes to the beach theme decor? A: The shark and obstacle course.
Q: Has an additional Greek life event been hosted in A-term in the past? A: No.
Q: Who will be performing? A: Student groups (two have been contacted so far).
Q: What is the plan for campus police/ems, as this is a large event? A: It will be covered by
IFC/Panhel’s budget.
Q: What has been/will be done to promote & advertise the event? A: Plan to use social media,
word of mouth, flyers.
Discussion:
Con: Functionally just a beach-themed Greek Carnival.
Con: Unnecessary spending since SGA preference should be to allocate funds and space to smaller clubs rather than more time and money promoting Greek life.
Con: Greek life just had an event, seems impractical to have another so soon.
Con: Expected attendance is around that of IFC membership—No guarantee that this will include new students to a large degree.
Con: This event could simply be adapted to be a part of Pep Rally, as it is a lot of money and doing it during Pep Rally would give more time to prepare & think through the event.
Suggestion: IFC instead does this event during Pep Rally.

Outcome:
Denied.
F.24.3 IEE ($2481.56)

Purpose of Funds:
Food costs for fall BBQ.

Presentation:
IEEE is an ECE club that helps students make a variety of connections through various networking events.
Event will take place 09/6/23 11-1pm at the CC grill.
Event previously took place yearly, was paused during COVID years.
Event has already been approved by the events office and Chartwells.
Total requested: $2481.56 (This recently changed from $1651.56 due to adjusted estimates).

Questions:
Q: What is the expected attendance? A: 300 people.
Q: Is the event open for all of campus? A: Yes.
Q: What marketing efforts are being made? A: Flyers are ready, intend to use Instagram, mailing list, and TAs to announce once approved.
Suggestion: Make a post on myWPI.
Q: Is the food through Chartwells? A: Yes, believe so.
Q: What is the date of the event? A: September 6th.
A: Will there be any promotions/activities? A: There will be an interest form and the exec board will be talking with the people running the event.
Q: Would you be opposed to renting some lawn games for the event? A: That seems like a good idea.

Discussion:
Motion: Cut out lemonade and iced tea.
Motion failed.
Pro: this is a good opportunity for representing the club.
Pro: Club has not had a lot of events in the past and it is academically focused.
Con: Concerns about setting precedent for BBQs to represent clubs, especially with high costs for catering.
Pro: The event has been run historically and is a part of club tradition.
Con: Concerned about the timing of funding request being so close to the actual date.

Outcome:
Passed in full.
**F.24.5 Galactic Senate ($2830.85)**

**Purpose of Funds:**
Movie night celebrating the 40th anniversary of Return of the Jedi with BBQ.

**Presentation:**
WPI’s Star Wars club, open to all students to discuss and enjoy regardless of depth of knowledge.
Goal is to be available for all Star Wars fans.
Will be running a movie night Sept 9.
Working with SocCom and LNL to play the Return of the Jedi on its (roughly) 40th anniversary.
Expecting about 140-150 in attendance; planning for catering and photobooth.
Chartwells expenses: $2645.65, plus tax: $2830.85.
Why? To celebrate and give the WPI community a chance to learn about the club and Star Wars.
Date of event: 09/09/2023.

**Questions:**
Q: How many people is the food expected to cover? A: Approximately 140-150.
Q: What is the location of the movie? A: The Quad, backup location of Fuller upper.
Q: Where is the non-food funding coming from? A: Club budget, SocCom is covering movie rights & popcorn.
Q: How many people are in the club? A: 10-15, expected to increase due to activities fair.
Q: How often do you host movies? A: Once per semester.
Q: What type of food will be covered by the catering? A: BBQ food (burgers, vegan burgers, hot dogs, chips).
Q: What was last year’s turnout for the movie? A: Approximately 120.

**Discussion:**
Pro: Sounds like a fun event.
Con: Concerned about ~$3000 for 140 people.
Con: They already have snacks, BBQ is not integral to the event.
Con: Last club was somehow charged the same amount by Chartwells to feed more people.
Suggestion: Can we give them money to use on snacks instead?
MOTION: $1000 for movie snacks.
Con: Flat fees like the chef will eat up their budget.
Con: That much money is not needed, they already have snacks from SocCom.
Con: The event will still have a good turnout without food.
Motion Fails.
Motion: $200 for snacks at a wholesale club.
Pro: Sounds doable, exemption form can be filled out day-of if they go in person.
Motion Passes.
Outcome:
Passed in Amended Amount of $200.
F.24.6 The Alliance ($102.17)

Purpose of Funds:
Purchase of tie-dying materials to make T-shirts for Worcester Pride Festival.

Presentation:
Planning to tie-dye t-shirts (before Worcester Pride).
Helps encourage a sense of community and with locating people during the festival.
Previously the purpose of the event was specifically for the parade, but would like to continue the tie-dying event.
Cost is $102.17 for t-shirts and tie dye materials.
Any extra shirts will be used for next year.
Increased price is due to increase in membership, looking for a larger quantity as bulk purchases are cheaper.

Questions:
Q: Is the $189.93 number additional money or the total? A: The total is $189.93.
Q: What are the club’s membership numbers? A: Expecting ~75 at next GBM.
Q: Regarding going to pride parade as a group: have you talked to SAO? A: Will check in with SAO but plan is to travel the same way as previously.

Discussion:
Pro: Event has high impact.
Pro: Very low cost relative to the value and impact of the event.
Pro: Fits the purpose of the club

Outcome:
Passed in Full for $102.17.