

Minutes for Budget Committee Discretionary

Meeting 10/2/23

7:00-8:30 pm

Converse

In Attendance:

Minji Kim- MK (Treasurer)

Hannah Kim- HK

Zane Khiry- ZK

Jesus Ramirez- JR

Chloe Yim - CY

Siri Palreddy- SP

Nathan Lee - NL

Rizwan Ayub - RA

Late:

Jackson Lee

Absent:

1 at-large, 2 freshmen yet to be elected.

Business

1. BC does not fund events over fall breaks
2. No food during outside tournaments

Requests

1. ACSU
 - a. Requested Cinnamon 6.11, Cardamom 8.94, Condensed milk 5.00
 - b. Ingredients for Somali tea for midterm study session this Wednesday at 6 pm
 - c. 20 people in attendance
 - d. Minji: Is there a food discussion left? You guys already used all of your discussion foods
 - e. Siri: You already have the money allocated to you
 - f. RSO: So we cannot request more?
 - g. Minji: No.
2. Amherst Equestrian

- a. Requested 825 for zipcar. 39.6 for gas for lessons 0.2*22 miles * 9 trips. 51.6 for gas for horse shows, 0.2 * 358 miles
 - b. Recommend, second, call, approved
- 3. Amherst Debate Society
 - a. Requested 300 for an additional 2 nights hotel for USDC In New York. 35 for parking fo Harvard
 - b. October 13 to 14
 - c. RSO: Usually tournaments are friday and saturday, however this is a saturday and sunday so ideally they would need friday and saturday night. This is a quote
 - d. Minji: we paid for parking last time, unsure of policy
 - e. Hannah: yes, we paid for parking in the past.
 - f. Recommend, second, call, approved
- 4. APAAC
 - a. 50 for Jubilee discussion
 - b. October 12, Morrow Dormitory
 - c. Recommend, second, call, approved
- 5. EJA
 - a. 160 for plant based food picnic
 - b. Expected 20 people
 - c. RSO: there is no exact date.
 - d. Minji: we need a date
- 6. Outing Club
 - a. 150 for 3 discussion foods (11/6) (12/4)
 - b. RSO: one of the meetings will be tonight
 - c. 9pm meetings in Morrow common room
 - d. Recommend, second, call, approved
- 7. BSU
 - a. 27/month for an upgraded mailchimp plan
 - b. 1,000 monthly email sends max exceeded in terms of subscribers
 - c. Minji: How many subscribers?
 - d. RSO: 351, we send out emails more than four times a month
 - e. Minji: Do you guys usually get the money from us for mailchimp
 - f. RSO: unsure
 - g. RSO: it was free before, but to upgrade it is now a plan
 - h. Hannah: Can you do the 13 dollar per month plan for 5000 emails
 - i. Minji: Where did you guys get the 27 dollars per month because it starts at 20.
 - j. RSO: the 13 per month is good.
 - k. Minji: Its free for a month
 - i. Recommended with amendments

1. Since its free for a month, $2*13 = 26$

8. Film Society

- a. 20 for posters for screening series event
- b. 7pm every thursday for every week of October
- c. Recommend, second, call, approved

9. YDSA

- a. 50 for discussion food
- b. 10/6, Keefe Theater
- c. RSO: we are an rso since last semester, Young democratic senators of america.
- d. 25 expected attendance
- e. Recommend, second, call, approved

10. K:NETICS

- a. Listening party on October 14th
- b. Requested 150 for discussion food
- c. 20-25 expected attendance
- d. Hannah: Usually policy follows the \$2 discussion food per person for 25 people. If we were to allocate you would only have 1 discussion food left.
- e. Jesus: Publicising?
- f. RSO: Posters, instagram
- g. Minji: We usually only combine discussion foods for club budgets, and when there's higher expected attendance.
- h. Jackson: I don't think it makes that much of a difference to give \$150 now so long as RSO understands there is only one more discussion food allocation
- i. Recommend, second, call, approved

11. HEMAC

- a. Requested 4500 for coaching fee.
- b. Minji: 60 people's student activities fund is going to one person per year. The coach gets 9000 per semester.
- c. Jackson: We were unaware this was the same coach for both clubs, even though we have previously funded the coach.
- d. Zane: Would you be able to pay a different coach?
- e. RSO: You would kill one of the clubs this semester. We cannot continue the club without the coach. They are the best option in the area.
- f. Minji: How many practices per week?
- g. RSO: two hours per week
- h. Minji: this person gets paid 100 dollars per hour
- i. Jesus: How many consistent members?
- j. RSO: HEMAC has 17, Theatrical has 12. There is some overlap between members.

- k. Minji: The issue is that all the money is going to one person.
 - l. RSO: we are paying for a service, not a person.
 - m. Minji: One person making 18k a year off of Amherst College students.
 - n. Jackson: Over 9k a year, the person starts making taxable income which is why there is a cap.
 - o. RSO: The coach already has committed 14 hours, we need the 4500
 - p. Minji: Why didn't you come earlier?
 - q. RSO: The budget process is unclear.
 - r. Zane: You should not be hiring people before we allocate you the money.
 - s. Jesus: If we pass this, can you look for another coach next semester?
 - t. RSO: Yes, but it is not guaranteed
 - u. Recommend, second, call, approved
12. Education Studies Club
- a. 50 intro meeting food
 - b. Wednesday October 4th
 - c. Recommend, second, call, approved
13. Amherst Men's Club Soccer
- a. 60 for ACEMS 10/3 game (2 hours * 30 per hour) , Gooding Field
 - b. Recommend, second, call, approved
14. QTPOC
- a. 50 for discussion food
 - b. 10/4, QRC, 30 people expected
 - c. Recommend, second, call, approved
15. ACPHC
- a. Crocheting hats event and soap making
 - b. Friday 10/6 3-5 Greenway CD kitchen
 - c. Minji: Storage space?
 - d. RSO: Emailed student engagement, waiting to hear back. 50 dollars for 5 crocheting needles
 - e. Recommend, second, call, approved
16. Yoga Club
- a. RSO: we need our club budget
 - b. Minji: The purpose of the club budget is to propose it to Jesus and then Jesus will present it to BC
 - c. RSO and Jesus talk about budget