

Minutes for Budget Committee Discretionary

Meeting 9/18/2023

7:00-8:30 pm

Converse

In Attendance:

Minji Kim- MK (Treasurer)

Hannah Kim- HK

Jackson Lee- JL

Zane Khiry- ZK

Jesus Ramirez- JR

Chloe Yim - CY

Siri Palreddy- SP

Nathan Lee- NL

Late:

Absent:

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

Business

Requests

1. Mens Rugby
 - a. Update on scrum sled (500\$ish more for delivery)
 - b. NERFU (New england league) team registration (200\$) + player registration (75 per, good for the season)
 - c. Ball pump (17\$) bc old one fell apart last week during practice)
 - d. Recommend, second, call, approved
2. Mock Trial
 - a. Two travel invitationals this semester (albany 11/4-5, BC 12/2-3), did these last year
 - b. Two teams to each, 20 people, 10 per team; 5 rooms 2 nights, \$173 per night for albany, \$174 per night for BC (from expedia)
 - c. Registration fees (processing taxes included)

- d. Transportation: plan to take their own vehicle
 - e. Roster not finalized, but this will be most of the money they anticipate requesting
 - f. Recommend, second, call, approved
3. Club sailing
- a. Two Regatas . (9/23-24), one in McGill one in URI
 - b. 12ppl, 2 nights= 150\$*6 (9/30-1) in McGill
 - c. 4ppl, 1 nights =150\$+taxes (9/23-4) in URI
 - d. Min Ji said she would prefer specific quotes but would pass it today since they're all under the limit.
 - e. Recommend, second, call, approved
4. The Student
- a. 4 week of delivery (117*4)
 - b. 4 weeks of Printing (500*4)
 - c. Website startup fee (780)
 - d. Minji said she would prefer them to come back next week since last week BC had already allocated 2 weeks of delivery/printing and they agreed. Min Ji said only the startup money would be allocated today.
 - e. Recommended just the website start-up fee, second, call, approved
5. Outing Club
- a. Remaining trips for the semester:
 - i.

Outing Club		
	9/23 Caving (13 people)	\$2,210
	10/1 Rafting (24 ppl)	\$5,160.00
	10/14 Kayaking Turner Falls (14 ppl)	\$1,330.00
	10/21 Zipline (25 ppl)	\$4,575.00

- ii. Min Ji asked them to confirm that this is *all* the money they would request for the semester, outside of discussion foods. “As far as I know this is everything on the schedule,” outing club confirmed.
- iii. Two of these already have deposits.
- iv. Min Ji asked again regarding how they choose who goes. Outing club said that sign ups are not limited to outing club members.
- v. Min Ji asked why zip lining and rafting are so expensive
- vi. Min Ji asked them to come back with transportation disaggregated from the money estimates. Outing club said they would have to ask about it, but also asked how they would manage to get to places like NY without money for transportation.

- vii. Min Ji asked them to consider other forms of funding for transportation. Outing club said that at the RSO orientation that they were told toher funding sources were a “last resort”
- viii. Min Ji said that this was probably a “last resort” situation.
- ix. Min Ji said that she would probably recommend this since some of them already have deposits, but that she wants the Outing club to consider other sources for transportation funding.
- x. Outing club said that the caving trip is too close for them to do that, but maybe other trips they can consider other sources.
- xi. Min Ji asks if they already had signups before getting it funded. They said no.
- xii. ZK asked if caving already has deposits. Min Ji confirmed that caving and kayaking already have deposits but the other two don’t.
- xiii. Min Ji reiterated her discomfort with the large amount of money and again asked the Outing club to confirm that they would not request any more Money this semester.
- xiv. Min Ji asked if transportation costs were aggregated in all four of the costs (transpo+registration). They confirmed. They also confirm that none of these fall on breaks.
- xv. The Outing club said some of these also include lunch money. Min Ji clarified that lunches off campus are NOT funded. RSOs must ask val for food.
- xvi. ZK said that compared to last spring’s budget this wasn’t that much money. Min Ji said that she understands 20000 isn’t that bad for a semester given that its Outing club, but that her discomfort was more about the aggregating of all costs without clear explanations of the individual costs/hidden fees.
- xvii. Min Ji asked the Outing club to take out all the “hidden costs” and to get clear invoices for registration, transpo. Outing club said that they weren’t eating at a restaurant. Min Ji asked them to go ask how much the lunch fees were and to instead ask val for lunch instead.
- xviii. JL asked if they had an estimate for how much food was allocated and how much was for registration. Outing club said they did not know at the moment.
- xix. JL asked if BC wanted to zero it. Min Ji said yes but that given how imminent caving is (this saturday), they should consider whether or not to fund caving, although she is still uncomfortable.
- xx. HK said that BC understands that outing club doesn’t meant to hide these things but this needs to be clarified nonetheless. Min Ji agreed and asked

Outing club to get them a breakdown. HK asked if email after the fact was ok, but Min Ji said that after the fact clarification is a bad precedent.

xxi. HK and Min Ji agreed to come back to this later when discussing climbing

6. Ultimate frisbee

- a. PV tournament 9/30 - 26 signed up right now at Williams, 300\$ requested for registration
- b. Won't need transpo, won;t need hotels
- c. Min Ji asked if there's a per person breakdown. Zhihan said no: costs were more about field time, etc.
- d. SP asked if the signs are capped right now and if the fee will change. Zhihan said no.
- e. Recommend, second, call, approved

7. Orchestra

- a. BSO tickets 11/3 (50 tickets, 70\$ per, 45\$ processing fee = 3545\$)
- b. More interest that tickets available last year, so increasing number of tickets
- c. Bus transportation (1400\$)
- d. Min Ji asked why tickets are more expensive; they said they would like better seats. Min Ji said she was not opposed to more tickets given the demonstrated interest last but better seats....
- e. Min Ji and HK said that BC should fund one or the other: more tickets or better seats.
- f. Orchestra said that they are buying as a group, so they would have to call, so they can't give a new quote right now. They are happy to prioritize more tickets over better seats, but need some money right now to confirm their seats when they call.
- g. Last year's tickets were 52\$
- h. Min Ji asked if she could fund at the 52*50 number and emergency fund a smaller amount as necessary if prices have increased + processing fee
- i. Orchestra said that last year the music department funded transpo but hsi year the budget is tighter. They also clarified that they are distinct from ASO so their budget is distinct from theirs
- j. Minji asked them to come back later or consider asking the President's office. They said they've asked about student activities. Min Ji zero'd transpo.
- k. Recommend with amendments, second, call, approved.

8. MSA

- a. Jummah friday lunch (35*7); 2:30pm friedman
- b. MSA logo competition: gift card for most voted design (20\$); 9/20
- c. Min Ji asked how the competition was going to happen. Zakaria said that it was already underway with the deadline to submit 9/19
- d. Recommend, second, call, approved

9. ISA

- a. Welcome back event (50\$) 9/24 5pm @CISE: snacks from mom's house; 40 expected
- b. Publicity \$20 for flyers
- c. Recommend, second, call, approved

10. CACSAC

- a. 9/30 join bbq field with williams CACSAC; 45 expected; 300\$ request for Bub's BBQ
- b. 100\$ for field games (can Jam,
- c. Plan on watching Amherst football soccer games and discussion
- d. Min Ji said that BC doesn't fund food for non Amherst students, so BC can only fund up to 240\$.
- e. Min Ji asked where the games will be stored. They said Coolidge cage has storage and that these games will be used next semester as well. Min Ji asked for an invoice for each game afterwards.
- f. SP asked if Williams is traveling here; they said yes.
- g. Recommend, second, call, approved

11. Rowing Club

- a. Head of charles entry fee (2 fours, which is 10 people, accepted, 360\$ per) 10/20-22)
- b. Boathouse rent (minimum set by AAS years ago to cover portion of 19000\$), 12000\$ requested
- c. Min Ji expressed her satisfaction with the setup and clarified that this request was large but standard.
- d. Recommend, second, call, approved

12. Plato's cave

- a. XLR cable x2 - IT provided but are broken
- b. Lavalier mic x4
- c. Zoom audio recorder
- d. Min Ji asked about storage; they said they have a room in Johnson chapel
- e. Min Ji asked what a lavalier mic is; they are the mics that are attached to the individual person so that the voice is clear
- f. Min Ji asked if these are all quotes and asked for a picture of them on Amazon
- g. SP asked about IT: They said they were given the leftover equipment IT was phasing out or completely broken
- h. Recommend, second, call, approved

13. Sustainable ocean alliance

- a. River cleanup (annual event) 9/24
- b. Pizza and drinks (40 people) 300\$ requested

- c. SP asked what time they are coming back; they said it depends on how much trash, maybe 1 or 2. SP said that it makes sense since it outside of val hours
- d. Recommend, second, call, approved

14. TSA

- a. Election speech night food (50\$)
- b. They came last week and already requested 50\$ and wanted to move that money to this event as well
- c. Min Ji asked if food is integral. She said that she was comfortable moving the intro meeting food from last week's request 50\$ but not allocating another 50 for a non-integral food.
- d. Min Ji asked if the intro meeting already happened. They said no. Min Ji asked if the intro meeting was still happening. They said yes but that they wouldn't have food at the intro meeting food.
- e. Min Ji said they could just allocated 1 intro meeting food and 1 discussion food for the event to hit 100\$
- f. Recommend with amendments, second, call, approved

15. 3D

- a. Intro meeting: domino's pizza (30 people expected) 9/24, 50\$ total
- b. 4 cheese pizzas is 62.01\$; they'll cover the excess cost. Delivery already covered
- c. Recommend, second, call, approved

16. BSU

- a. 9/19 intro meeting at Octagon (50\$) discussion food; 50 expected
- b. Recommend, second, call, approved

17. Math club

- a. Intro meeting food 50\$ + 20\$ publicity; 9/20 SCCE, 25-30 expected
- b. Recommend, second, call, approved

18. Women's rugby

- a. Cleats for 110\$ x20
- b. Mouthguards 15\$, x20
- c. Scrum caps 44.99\$ x5
- d. Min Ji asked about storage; they said porter house storage is shared with men's ruby
- e. Min Ji asked if cleats are shared within the women's team. They said yes.
- f. Min Ji confirmed that mouthguards are *not* shared
- g. Min Ji asked what scrum caps are. They said that rugby doesn't have helmets so scrumcaps protected ears and piercings. It goes over head and ears to allow one to tackle without getting hurt. Min Ji asked how many they have. They said they have none and also that they are a new RSO last semester after a hiatus previously
- h. Recommend, second, call, approved

19. Hillel

- a. 300\$ for shabbat dinner
- b. Four loaves challah 7.25\$ x4 (29\$ total)
- c. Shabbat candles 15.81 tax included
- d. Min Ji asked about reducing \$271 for dinner. Hillel clarified that the challah are ritual items not food. Min Ji asked if they were eaten. They said that 80 people would share it and would not fill up on it.
- e. JL said that such an argument applies to any incremental amount of food. NL agreed
- f. Min Ji said that last year they funded 271.
- g. Hillel described the rituals of Shabbat to clarify.
- h. SP asked if they would use discussion food. Min Ji said that given they could only request 4 discussion foods over the semester.
- i. Min Ji asked if they could go to RSL. They said they were already doing so.
- j. JL said that given the expressed purpose of the bread is ritualistic it makes sense and is more equitable to put it outside the 300\$.
- k. Hillel confirmed that Challah is necessary to hold Shabbat
- l. Hillel said that they buy their Challah from black sheep because its not sold separately.
- m. ZK said that Christian bimester worship was funded for both food *and* communion, so this would be comparable
- n. Recommend, second, call, approved

20. Chess club

- a. Demo chess sets x5 (200\$ with taxes and shipping)
- b. Chessbase annual sub (55\$)
- c. Food and drink (40 expected) 80\$ requested.
- d. Min Ji asked if it's an intro meeting. They said yes, so only 50\$ can be requested
- e. They described what a demo chess set look slike
- f. Recommend, second, call, approved

21. MENAA

- a. Intro meeting food 9/21, 40 expected, James common room, 50\$
- b. Asian culture space was being cleaned
- c. Recommend, second, call, approved

22. ACOC Climbing

- a. Can't be funded as a separate entity!
- b. JL clarified the policy and asked them to request under outing club in the future.
- c. ZK asked them to discuss with outing club, especially since they had earlier promised to not request anymore for the rest of the semester

23. Healings hearts with harmony

- a. Intro meeting 9/23 in Chapin chapel: 40 expected, 50\$ for food
 - b. Recommend, second, call, approved
24. Back to outing club!
- a. Jared found a breakdown! *applause*
 - b. Jared said that the only breakdown that includes lunch is rafting on 10/1 and that he will talk with someone to remedy that.
 - c. Min Ji asked further about transpo
 - d. 95\$ per person for caving and 975\$ for transpo. School buses are being used this year since it is cheaper compared to the buses used last year.
 - e. Min Ji asked if she can fund the 95\$ per person but not fund transpo for now. Jared said that given its coming up soon, its more all or nothing
 - f. Jesus said that given the deposit... but was told that caving had not been deposited yet.
 - g. JL said that the outing club is huge.
 - h. Jared said that given the trips are right after the intro meeting, that was when interest was strongest and it will help guarantee no one can go to multiple.
 - i. JL also applauded Jared's efforts to clarify and rectify all the issues, which Min Ji then also acknowledged.
 - j. SP asked if the concern was just transpo. Min Ji said yes and that the transpo cost was still iffy, especially since BC had just zero'd orchestra club's trip.
 - k. Jared said that they had never had transpo funding problems in the past and since their trips are all out of state 2+ hours away, transpo was difficult to arrange.
 - l. Min Ji said that she was leaving it up to BC to decide. Only caving was to be decided right now; rafting kayaking, zip lining Outing club would have to come next week.
 - m. Min Ji told BC that if they funded this, BC should also fund transpo for other clubs like orchestra given precedent. BC responded that that would be different because this trip is so imminent. HK and JL pointed out it would be problematic if people intentionally delayed to get funding for transpo. Min Ji reiterated that if they funded this, it could set a unwarranted precedent, but that if they chose to fund caving, they would have to fund the full amount. SP disagreed since outing club had come last week as well, so it wouldn't set precedent of intentional delaying
 - n. Climbing adds their items

30 memberships to gym for October/November x \$70 per student per month (discount!)	\$4,200.00	
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- o. Climbing said that they knew they needed to cut down given constraints and that 30 memberships. The discount is 140\$ per person for 2 months. With 30

memberships purchased it would be 4200\$. December they will look for other sources of funding

- p. Last year: \$1125 for 26 people last fall BC funded; spring semester passes and memberships were zero'd
 - q. Min Ji asked if this discount was only for October/November, two months at a time. They said that one month at a time there is no discount.
 - r. HK said that price wise it's fine but noted that they hadn't funded it in a while.
 - s. They said they were working on the RSO application and talking with athletics to get an advisor and are actively looking for other sources of funding; but they hoped that the AAS would help fund and fulfill their basic function as a club.
 - t. HK said that because they aren't an RSO yet, and by the rules RSOs cannot be funded, but acknowledged the effort that they put in finding the discount deal.
 - u. Ayres (public comment) acknowledged the difficulties of getting funding as a non-RSO. Min Ji acknowledged that but said that even RSO budgeting was tight right now.
 - v. Min Ji said she would have to zero the climbing club.
 - w. Climbing asked if they got RSO status this semester, would they be able to get funding. Min Ji clarified that if they got RSO status this semester, they could start getting funding next semester.
 - x. Recommend 5a, zeroing 5b-d, second, call, approved
25. KSA
- a. Chuseok 9/30, ford event space, 200 expected (hallmark): 1700\$, invoice to be sent later
 - b. Rice cakes 300\$ (traditional, songpyeon, etc)
 - c. 20\$ publicity
 - d. 30\$ publicity
 - e. 50\$ decorations
 - f. Recommend, second, call, approved
26. Photography club
- a. Intro meeting snacks (9/21 lipton lecture hall, 4:30) 30-50 expected
 - b. Recommend, second, call, approved
27. ASA
- a. Sip and share kickoff 9/19, powerhouse 8pm, 85 expected, food 300\$ requested
 - b. Publicity 20\$
 - c. Mid autumn festival ikebana flower arranging at book and plow 9/26
 - i. 20\$ kit x5
 - ii. Mooncakes 100\$
 - iii. Dimisum from oriental 200\$
 - d. Recommend, second, call, approved

28. Debate

- a. BU Novice tournament 9/29-30 (140\$x 7 teams)
- b. Transpo 300\$/zipcar x2
- c. Hotel (175\$ per room per night x4 rooms for 15 ppl)
- d. Min Ji asked if the hotel was a quote. Chloe said its number from the website.
- e. Min Ji expressed incredulousness at the zip car cost. Chloe said that they already booked an AAS vehicle.
- f. Recommend, second, call, approved