

*Budget Summit Notes 2019 - 2020 Session FY21*

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Leavey Program Room, 9:30 AM

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Call to Order: 9:30 AM

* ABCS
  + Johnson: Our mission statement is to guide and advise all university sports. Meet Mondays at 6:30 pm. Handle travel guides and safety. We have a three competition minimum requirement for growth. We represent Cura Personalis. We have 35 teams and will lose Women’s Racquetball in the Fall. Adding teams typically costs around $5,000 per club. We fund dues assistance based on the amount total due. There has been an uptick in the amount of funding request for dues. Our goal for the year is to reduce dues for every team. ABCS does not allocate funding for Regional/National tournaments. We have been asking for teams to fundraise, but want to provide fundraising loans for teams in order to allow them to better raise money. This was approved on Monday. We want to lower non-prohibitive player dues. Team requests typically increase every year. They decreased a little bit because of our mid-semester check-in. We have 8 teams with budgets over $10,000. This semester, we were forced to cut spending for all clubs to a total amounting to $27,000. Every single team is required to submit at least $25, which we can usually fund, but last year were unable to.
  + Hadsall: Team dues are what is paid to ABCS, and Membership dues are for external leagues.
  + Johnson: We had to cut all non-essential club funding this year, and current funding has come from unexpected gifts. We now hold only mandatory events such as the Club Sports Summit. The sports teams have different culture than other clubs on campus, so we must address problems such as sexual assault and funding in the context of those programs. We have an increase in programs going to Nationals, but estimates of these costs do not include flights or food. The average team dues are at $91.91. We hope to partner with GSP to provide funding for individual equipment. Katherine Grey is our Athletic Trainer, and ABCS will try to support her resources better and increase safety training programs. We have over $115,000 in reserves, which are used to pay for one-time costs for clubs but are hard for us to spend. If our funding is not met sufficiently, team dues will increase, dues assistance spending would decrease, teams would fail to receive adequate funding, and we would fail to meet our commitment to reduce financial barriers to competing in club sports. Our primary goal is to decrease the financial burden on individuals in the club sports community.
  + Questions
  + Bazail: Do you have specific numbers on how much participation decreased after budget cuts?
    - Johnson: We do not have an exact number, but we received more than 25 separate email accounts, and there have been 2 different Hoya articles about it.
    - Hadsall: While we do not have this data, it is something that we are trying to gauge. Some teams had almost double the amount of people try out for teams than were able to be accepted.
  + Nugent: Have there been efforts to contact club leagues and work towards ways of mitigating these costs.
    - Johnson: This is not something we would ask our leaders to do, but it is an option.
    - Hadsall: We have talked to some vendors, so this is a valid solution.
  + Hamilton: Both polo and ultimate cost around $-12,000, but ultimate impacts many more students. How do you balance the allocation of funding?
    - Johnson: We try to be fair between clubs that meet the requirements of being an ABSC club and balance the costs between the amount of people and how compliant they are with keeping us updated.
  + Hamilton: What about teams such as squash which must rent courts?
    - Teams have to fund 75% of their off campus cost through dues.
    - Hadsall: Squash has been contributing that account for their off-campus courts. Yates has a high demand but limited space. Folks are vying for these spaces, and we are very limited in what we can do.
  + Dubke: Your request went down $22,000 from last year. Why?
    - Johnson: We tried to listen to GUSA comments about inflation and wanted to give the most accurate and necessary estimations of funds.
  + Ziac: How do you balance how much money each team gets? We noticed in our audit that some teams get much more funding despite size.
    - Johnson: For example, Ice Hockey is smaller but receives much funding, but they are very successful and present on campus. SOme teams have been sleeping on the floor at tournaments because we cannot afford rooms for them, which is a health and wellness issue.
    - Hadsall: We are giving these teams more scrutiny than before; if teams are under their 12 person amount, we will be cutting funding. Teams that did not submit a mid-semester report will decrease in funding.
  + Kleier: Why is it that as the cost of a sport goes up, you decrease the amount of assistance for that sport?
    - Johnson: When you look at the cost of sports, the more expensive supports tend to be ones that people have taken part in in the past and already possess most of the equipment. It is not fair to tell Equestrian that we will fund them fully, when for running clubs not getting assistance means not being able to afford running shoes.
  + Nugent: Does most assistance go to low or high cost clubs?
    - Hadsall: It is typically from the middle bracket; Rock Climbing submitted the largest club.
    - Johnson: The teams that are most vocal are Rock Climbing and Equestrian, because their dues went up a lot this year.
  + Hamilton: Off campus fees are needed to be justified by dues, but you want us to decrease dues. Are we, in a sense, subsidizing dues?
    - Johnson: Yes. We are fortunate to have good relationships with the places we visit off campus and want to continue that, but we need funding to do so.
    - Hadsall: We will not simply distribute this funding across the board; it will be equivalent to compliance and the necessity of funding for minimum requirements.
    - Johnson: We have a high number of teams requesting funding, so we are trying to be fair.
  + Hadsall: For fundraising, we have ABSC representatives meet with teams for requests, but it does depend on the team and program- some get thousands, some get hundreds. We want to host more round tables for clubs to conduct sexual assault training, collect more data, and determine better allocation for funds between teams.
* CMSF
  + President:
  + Treasurer: Our total request is an increase from last year. We have clubs going through ne club development.
  + MSA
  + President: Our MSA strives to provide better environments for our Muslim students to practice their religion and to show the Hoya general community mroe about the religion. One big raise in spending is on Ramadan. For most students, this is the first time they have spent Ramadan away from their families, so we want to be sure that they are comfortable. We wish to provide food such as Iftar, and we have an increase in the amount of student membership, and we do not want them to run out of food.
  + Treasurer: These events are well attended with an average of 100-120 students in attendance.
  + HSA
  + President: Student involvement with this club has increased both within Hindu and non-Hindu students. HSA has had positive and constructive suggestions on how to better the spaces that they use, which reflects healthy involvement. HSA has committed itself to hosting more interfaith and community service projects.
  + Treasurer: Smaller events have seen an increase in 15 people, larger in as many as 50. Their largest events have attendance around 150.
  + JSA
  + President: This club has seen an increase in active membership and amount of events. They try to host a large variety of events to honor many of their traditions, but have frustratingly often run out of food at their events.
  + Treasurer: They have 100 people in attendance at their biggest parties, and 50 at their monthly bagel meetings.
  + BuSA:
  + President: This club strives to encourage dharmic culture and provide a space for Bhuddists and not-yet religious people. They host meditation sessions and educational events
  + Treasurer: The club has increased active membership, with smaller events garnering an attendance of around 20 students, and their listserv gained 70 new members.
  + OCF:
  + President: This club provides transportation for students to places of worship for orthodox students and educational opportunities for persons of other religions. They host large service events that they hope to lead through funding and programming. They have spiritual discussions and service projects.
  + Treasurer: They have a monthly attendance of 20 people, and have had 25 people attend their retreat programs.
  + WIF:
  + President: This is WIF’s first year, and they are doing very well. They are hoping to host retreats. This group is for religious women who feel that they fall through the gaps in campus ministry. This is for women who may not be given leadership roles in their traditional religions.
  + NCD Organizations: PSA and GUCA:
  + These clubs have large turnout despite lack of funding, and having funding for them will help them to get on their feet when they graduate NCD at the end of the semester.
  + Summary:
  + President: We need more spaces for our clubs, and need space in order to accomodate open dialogues to prevent recurrence of traumatic events. We also need an increase of funding for food and security for protection against potential hate crimes.
  + Why CMSF matters:
  + President: These clubs help us to build inter-religious dialogue and foster community for religious students on campus. We do not turn anyone away, and we do not charge dues.
  + Questions
    - Hamilton: There are many formals and banquets being held, which are not necessarily religious but cost an estimated 6,000.
    - President: Our MSA spring banquet choses a charity that they would like to donate to, and they raise money by selling tickets. They usually pick an organization of a muslim faith, with contributes to the idea of the community coming together for service. The Busboys and Poets gathering does the same thing.
    - Treasurer: THe formals are a way for these students of unique identities to gather in a space that they would not generally have.
    - Kleier: THe only club that showed a decrease in funding was WIF. Why?
    - Treasurer: The previous year, we budgeted for a retreat at the CCC, but campus ministries will now cover that. The funding will now be distributed between more diverse activities.
    - Nugent: How do you balance funding with Campus ministries, and what do you do with the $200 in rollover funding?  
      Treasurer: We have not had an increase from Campus Ministries, but the individual clubs do receive some funding from their official respective ministries. This money is also spread between other clubs that do not go through clubs that officially get funded by Campus ministries. This rollover is used as Ad Hoc.
    - Bazail: For transportation: Copley Crypt was finished. Is transportation only for the larger events?
    - Treasurer: Yes, not all events can be hosted on campus.
    - Dubke: We try not to fund charity events, because the money goes to the charity. You have also increased non-faith activities and food, how do you limit or justify this funding?
    - President: Any social event that is between these clubs provides a specific space for students of these faith identities, which, while not explicitly spiritual, is very important and allows for students to bond.
    - Treasurer: Food is a way to bring people together, and allows students to partake in their cultures and religions with food that is not provided on campus, and breaking bread with each other is an explicitly spiritual activity. We aim to spend 5 to 10 dollars per student, which is how we allocate funding.
    - President: As for charity events, service is a huge aspect for many of our student faith traditions. Charity is a way for them to partake in this.
    - Volpe: We are tight on money. WHy is it critical that you receive funding?
    - President: Last year, our students only experienced a few nights of Ramadan, and we had much difficulty providing for them. Increased support will allow us to accomodate for students actively practicing their religions.
    - Treasurer: These organizations give students an area to practice, learn, and teach about different aspects of their unique faith identities. These events are open to anyone and everyone on campus.
* CSJ-ABSO
  + 15 Student voting members, 2 staff members, and one non-voting CSJ member. Currently have 40 student organizations total, and 3 clubs in NCD. We help reach around 1,000 students at Georgetown yearly. Off campus, we serve an estimate of 10,000 students. We have programs internationally.
  + GU SAFE: This club just got benefits this year, and their mission aligns with what we most try to represent. These students bring access to students in need for food because of dietary restrictions or other needs. They host a round-table, and want to bring a nutritionist to campus to teach about eating. They also want to host cooking groups on campus, and they collect excess food from local and on campus organizations
  + Make A Wish: So the second group that we would like to highlight is Make a Wish, they are an example of how we interact with international organizations. They have annual balls, raffles, they collaborate with acapella groups, Best Buddies, and GW.
  + GU SAFE: This image is some of the events they have done. (Shows images.) The way funding works through ABSO is we gather together and approve line item requests. They can submit funding requests through ad-hoc requests. We approve those at weekly meetings. Our constitution has new policies. When organizations want to buy T-shirts for their organizations, we require them to do it through ethical vendors. It is in line with the mission of social justice. As a result, this means the requests will be more expensive because they will be ethical. This year we also bought water coolers, so rather than buying disposable water bottles, they have the coolers. We have also expanded the capacity of voting members. We asked Dr. Todd Olson and we were luckily able to expand the amount of individuals in our boards but also our voting members. Our constitutional bylaws make us a more efficient organization in how we deal with requests. Our reserves are 147,518.82. We are well aware this is above the expected but it is difficult to access these reserves. We are here today to as 161,000.00. Thank you for listening.
  + Questions
    - Dubke: Thank you for not requesting more than last year. It is our internal policy to not have any faculty members to have any say in the process. We cut funding from PAAC last year for having that rule. Can you explain the exception?
      * MAW: They only vote on the funding requests. They cannot submit any requests and they have no say in the overall allocation of money.
    - Nugent: Thank you for requesting a small amount. You all project higher than you actually need. What do you all think will make up for the $250,000 balance for this spring?
      * SAFE: ABP will take about $100,000. We also have money set aside for people getting tested. We also have money for vans which is $45,000. We also tend to have more requests. NAACP goes to a conference and then we have ad-hoc. It will be about double that in the fall.
    - Hamilton: If you are projecting a $30,000 leftover balance this year and you have huge reserves, why do you need all of the money.
      * MAW: Any cuts would require cuts across the board from our organizations. We are open to considering changing our funding policies. The purchases of ABP are so large that cuts do accumulate.
    - Rassieur: Funds that you have, can you explain why you cannot touch them?
      * MAW: We are told we need prior oversight. The money the school has from our reserves is not to be re-allocated.
    - Bazail: Does the CSJ-ABSO have any concerns on cancelling programs due to the coronavirus.
      * MAW: We are currently doing an audit to take cuts into consideration. They have a staff liaison and will be working together on that.
    - Kleier:
      * MAW: Those are conversations on race. We try to engage the community from outside as well.
      * SAFE: We ask our organizations to educate themselves on the important issues they are working on. We want to make sure we are understanding the needs of our organizations.
    - Hamilton: How do they pick the programs for ABP and how are cancellations made?
      * MAW: We receive requests for programs in the spring and line item requests. We have a NYC trip but by the time it gets to October, if they have not gotten the people they need, we might cancel it.
* GOLD
  + Escadar:
  + Burke: The goal has three prongs, two signature programs and campus wide. Emerging Leaders and L&B are our two signatures ones. L&B is a pre orientation program that serves 30-40 students. We teach about leadership and assist in the transition to GU life. They learn to become leaders in the comm, $7000.
  + Escadar: ELP runs during the fall semester. It’s 15-25 people. We focus on helping people to adjust to GU. We also focus on building community. We spent $6000 last year. With campus wide programming, we do leadership consulting to work on their leadership skills and our theories. We also host the CSE leadership summit. We also want Leadership 101 this year; 5 program long series. It will be open to anyone who wants to participate. We are applying again for a couple of reasons. First, we want to restructure ELP. We want it to focus on women in 2020. That’s about 15-20 people. By the end of the year last year, we only had 10 people toward the end. We were told food was the most important thing that would help make people show up. It would help us build community. We want to focus on retention. We also have a retreat. We operate under a family structure. We need more money for community building and bonding. We also have our mentor team reduction and we want to make sure we are providing equal benefits to all of our signature programs. ELP does run during the year but we want to show equal benefits and commitment.
  + Burle: This year we added campus wide programming. We also started bringing speakers for L&B. We have also been able to expand the program. With L&B we were able to expand from 30 to 39. It has helped us establish ourselves in the GU community and keep GOLD strong. We anticipate the need for more external funding because we want to continue growing. Changes in CSE. We want to support our programs with support from CSE allocations. We have had difficulties with staffing changes in the CSE. This leads us to coordinator pay. We are usually over budget for our salaries. We traditionally only work 6.5 hours per week but over the summer we have to ramp that up and we anticipate an increase because we are ramping up the curriculum for ELP. We want to increase the value of this program.
  + Escadar: That is all we have.
  + Questions
  + Nugent: You mentioned the participant retention issue. You expected 21 participants which dwindled to 8. Do you think that this is reflective of a lack of demand for this issue?
    - Escadar: In the past 2 years we have really seen the participation dwindle. 2017 was very strong and everyone stayed through. We did research and it was because there was more money allocated to that program. GOLD just runs at the start of the year, but this is great for outreach because it is open all throughout CAB week.
    - Burke: With our applications you can see that there is a demand. We had 40 applications, and we limited the acceptance to only 20.
  + Ziac: Similar question. You’re asking about double your projected negative balance, so I am wondering what that additional $5,000 is going.
    - Burke: One of the main things that we are looking towards is that emerging leaders structure. What we want to d o is expand the funding for both of these programs as much as possible, for both incoming students and new students throughout the school year.
    - Escadar: We also had to cut one of our ELP retreats and that was a huge loss. It costs like $5,000 and we felt that really hurt our retention. That’s where that would be going.
  + Kleier: You mentioned in your application that the CSE denied funding. Do you know why?
    - Burke: We are not able to see this budget. We were not given any explanation but just told it was cancelled at this time.
  + Dubke: Obviously we are operating under a constrained budget. Can you tell us what would happen if we were to not fund GOLD or ELP at all?
    - Escadar: If we do not fund it at all, we would just lose that project. L&B is great but we want to make sure GOLD is not just a pre-orientation program. We really lose outreach to 25 students and their leadership.
* Hamilton: If you were only given $5,00, what would happen
  + Escadar: We would lose outreach to campus life programming. The other way they stay engaged is by becoming mentors. It would be an element that we would lose.
* Volpe: We are here all day talking to advisory boards. YOu do not have any reserves or other accounts that you can pull from? All your funding is coming from us?
  + Escadar: Yes, that is correct, only CSE and our own funding.
* GUSA Exec-Elect
  + Nico: We have a lot of programming intended to help increase the mental health of students on campus and help to keep the promises we have made
  + Bryce: Housekeeping items. Darcy is the director of FedRel. We invited SAO but could not make it. But we are all here.
  + Nico: We have gotten feedback from senators and others in the room who would like to see improvement within the GUSA Exec
  + Bryce: We have tried for a lot of initiatives, but we are extremely under-funded. All of our engagement events, senators had to pay for events out of pocket. The Executive could not fund ourselves and we had a ton of fees. In the next couple of years we want to not only break even but succeed. We are making sure this budget has money for events, for our continued commitments. Trust in GUSA has increased and we need to sustain that by continuing to empower student advocates. It’s increased engagement, increased trust and student involvement.
  + Bryce: This is a little about the executive budget, and we will talk about this will look like in the next couple of months
  + Nico: Some of these projects started with the Senate, they involved lots of students and involve catering. This is the product of a senate resolution started by Senator Xie. It has not been implemented because of lack of funding. We have Diversity Week where we want to highlight the climate survey, and our activism summit had to be limited due to a lack of funding. The student activist summit had to use a low cost caterer because of the lack of money.
  + Bryce: At the bottom of our decision matrix, we have something to evaluate feasibility and impact projects have. This matrix resulted in a rating of 9.6 for this Project. This comes after meeting with a bunch of senators and Daniella, and here is what came from that.
  + Nico: Senators were paying out of pocket to incentivise people to come to outreach events. It is classist that you must spend your own money to be a part of the senate. This $400 will help make the senate a better place, where you are not facing burnout and hostility. THis will involve a retreat and programming as well, and we will be funding an executive officer. Fin-App cares is basically a student controlled program that will reward participation and increase the role in policy.
  + Bryce: Cultural organization continues to get the short end of the stick. The boards have shown they are incapable of meeting the task. SAC cannot meet the needs of marginalized students and we need to make up for that.
  + Nico: The two most common complaints we hear is that GUSA is not accessible and does not care, so we want to be sure that we can support cultural events.
  + Bryce: If we care about minority and queer students, we will be better able to put this program in place. This decision is up to the people in this room.
  + Darcy: We advocate for students on the Hill and City Council. We do not take a stance on the issue until the University does. We are bipartisan completely. For gun control legislation, we wanted to do something so we did an information campaign (social media driven). We want to make it a more physical campaign. We need food for people to show up and flyers for these information campaigns. The goal is to help students advocate for themselves. We help you connect with people. One of the reasons we really want the $200 is because we want to bring people to the Hill and the offices. In the past we have just paid for expenses ourselves. For the website, one of the perks we engage in is the Student Leadership Alliance. What it does is connect students from all over the country so it’s not just GU students but also other schools like Northwestern for example and how they can engage in advocacy. That has been really unique and one of the things we would need for that is a website. If we want it to look nice, it will cost a lot. It is a way to connect a lot of schools. The $700 is looking at the events we want to pull through with food and whatnot.
  + Bryce: The final budget that we are requesting is for the SAO. We talked about their strategy for recruiting people- it is currently mostly white males, and we want to encourage more minority and female students. They are trying to train their students to be more up to date on the student handbook. There are no shortcuts to anyplace we are going. We need to invest in ourselves to become better.
  + Questions
    - Salmeron-Perla: I see that people do not really trust GUSA. I don’t see the need for promotional items. You are willing to spend $3,000 on promotional and only $500 on co sponsored events. I am also concerned about SLACK, which I personally do not like. Finally, you are funding a lot for roundtable events with typically low amounts of attendance. How are you going to justify the food for these events?
      * Nico: Great question. We are going to have food at the events to increase participation. The roundtables are poorly planned but these are the opportunities that students have to engage with administrators. We need to have catered events to show up. People look at the free food Twitter and show up when there is a reason. We are excited to work with cultural clubs. The co-sponsoring label is low because we have other events under other labels. When you buy things in bulk they are a lot cheaper. Promotional items are expensive now and we want to buy them in order to have them for future years. If you break down the budget, it's about 30 cents per reusable cup. If you buy things in small amounts, you are being very inefficient.
      * Bryce: People join organizations … We want to track engagement. We want to compete with organizations like IRC.
    - Nico: We are having trouble getting diverse people to run for spots on GUSA. We need people who are going to do good for our campus. I think Slack is a very effective tool for GUSA, and it has many different tools.
    - Darcy: it’s a way to institutionalize it. Next year we can jump on board with other organizations.
  + Nugent: Our role as FinApp members is to allocate the best decisions to promote student engagement. Going down the list, there are $300 for lanyards. Why should we give money to this, instead of giving it to groups that need it.
    - Bryce: Giving more money to marginalized groups will not lead to actual increases in those budgets. This is the best way to allocate money directly.
  + Bazail: Since we are allocating $50,000 to the student empowerment fund, would it not be irresponsible to add $10,000 to this?
    - Bryce: Are those 50,000 not inaccessible for the next few years?
    - Bazail: But we hold that, does that not look bad for students?
    - Nico: This can go to clubs right now and go to groups who want to implement programs that just do not have the resources.
  + Volpe: MSA is one of the student organizations that is deeply funded. One idea that I floated was creating an advisory board for these cultural clubs. Some of the problems we have on campus can be addressed with more than just money. I don’t know that I stand for allocating $10,000 to GUSA cares. What would you be able to do without that money?
    - Bryce: Establishing the advisory board is going to take time. It would take a while to implement. I think in the short term, FinApp CARES is the solution. I’m good with working with that but this year I think CARES is the way to help the problem.
  + Dubke: Obviously, we are concerned with the size of the budget. What would happen if $25,000 was cut from the budget? $30,000?
    - Nico: If our budget were slashed, we would be unable to use these programs. We would prioritize these light items, and then engagement, to make sure that this is an environment in which people feel supported. We would also prioritize hosting a diversity based event.
  + Kleier: You have $4,000 for NSO events. Why is GUSA Funding that? And you talk about funding organizations on campus, but what about spending the promotional budget on the organizations? Future administrations may not want the same that your administration wants.
    - Bryce: I talked to Lauren about this- a ballpark number for how much this will cost is roughly $4000 for this event, including food and other things, which helps us truly get involved in new students from the get-go.
    - Kleier: I spoke to the NSO coordinator and she did not give me an estimate so I’m just checking.
    - Bryce: Confused, I spoke to her a while ago.
  + Hamilton: If you can elaborate as to how explicitly buying sunglasses helps diverse students apply. Also, funding SAC andGUSA are not exclusive. If we have to choose between giving $500 to MSA for Ramadan or $500 to GUSA for sunglasses, which should we fund?
    - Nico: MSA should take priority. But we need to make positions more attractive. We are having trouble with outreach. We had problems this year. There is precedent set 2 administrators before. However, it’s important for the MSA to get funding and I think you are creating a false binary.
  + Arias: Have you talked to the Career Center or GSP about the fund for ?
    - Bryce: We spoke with GSP, and they told us that they would support the initiative. They said that if GUSA were willing to invest in a lump sum, they would be willing to put that money towards professional attire.
    - Arias: How ethical is it to fund a small population on campus? Should it not go to a bigger group of people>
      * Bryce: I would argue that all undergraduate students would like to have jobs after graduation. You need proper clothing to get these jobs.
      * Arias: That is a logical fallacy.
      * Darcy: It’s important to fund marginalized student groups.
    - Weiss: Are there other ways to get clothes, like a clothes drive or other donations?
      * Nico: Yes.
* Dubke: I am in the Career Closet working group, but why not have administrative buy-in. I know Daniella Sanchez is already working on this.
  + Nico: She actually proposed it.
  + Dubke: Thank you.
* GPB
  + Matte
  + Arnett: Our mission is to bolster spirit by producing high quality, low cost programming in conjunction with other clubs to promote culture on campus. We have a lot of core programming such as Mr. Georgetown, Funniest human, GPBlizzard, and more. This is open to everyone on campus.
  + Matteo: GPB events are 90% free and open to every undergraduate student on campus. We are here to combat the toxic club culture. Many organizations have humps to get over, such as applications or financial restrictions. We are here to serve all of the Georgetown community and foster a positive Georgetown environment
  + Arnett: We have record-setting attendance this year. There is a shift from more exclusive clubs on campus to a more inclusive community. 512 students came to haunted healey. 600+ in one hour for MR Georgetown.
  + Matteo: A lot of people came to Funniest Human, this was the first time we had to turn people away. This shows GPB appeals to a ton of people.
  + Arnett: We should also talk about GPB’s inclusivity- we try to represent diverse backgrounds in our programming. Again, 90% of our events are free, except for the Boat Party, MR. Georgetown, and another. We have 30 co sponsorships, and we work closely with GSP to keep things accessible.
  + Matteo: We can sometimes fall back on plans from previous years and coast. But we strive to include new clubs on campus and new communities that would otherwise not interact with us. We need to engage with communities. We cannot only do what we have done in the past, we need to include as many people as possible.
  + Arnett: These pictures are from our events. (Shows images). This event is not just one culture exclusive to GPB- it expands across the entire body of Georgetown.
  + Matteo: These pictures show it’s fun and that everyone can have a place to be on campus.
  + Arnett: People expect and look forward to our events each year. But for example, Mr. GU might be the highlight of some folks for the fall semester or might be a great experience for first years and transfers. Money in GPB is an investment in student experience. Most of our money goes back to the community, unlike other clubs. Every dollar that comes to us, is a dollar that goes back to the community. There is a demonstrated need for these events. We turned a lot of people away from Funniest Human. It shows that this University is for everyone.
  + Matteo: We have weekly events for people who do not want to engage in the drinking and party scene, such as movies. We have events at prime times for party culture in order to encourage people to feel pressured to partake in partying.
  + Arnett: Why GPB? No barriers to entry. Without a huge sports scene, we can fill that void. We make memorable experiences that define what it means to be a Hoya.
  + Matteo: This year we are asking for an increase in our concert and events budget. Our events are institutional that are planned, engage with the community, and are expanding. We have a demand that requires us to get larger auditoriums, and we want more resources to encourage students to bring events to life that they want to see on campus/.
  + Arnett: Investment in students. Only1-2% of what we were allocated by FinApp last year went to GPB. Sometimes it’s food for ourselves. The rest went back to students. Increases are for concerns and general programming.
  + Matteo: An increase in events would look like the following. We have interest from a comedian to come to campus to get students engaged in voting. Sadly that fell through because we did not have money to do. It would have been great to improve voting. The concerts increase would be very helpful because many times we are limited in regard to the artist because of the money they ask for and for the cost of set-up. A lot of the budget goes into the artist, stage, and bottleneck.
  + Arnett: We want to show how some organizations come in here and ask for money without a plan. We have set up a system that distributes money extremely deliberately. We like to use our money very tactfully, and invest in reusable decorations and food serving items. The money we have now will benefit the club and general population for years to come. Every dollar that you invest in GPB will be taken care of in much detail.
  + Matteo: On the spring concert. An increase would allow for a higher profile artist. With that also comes increased spending on GUPD. We need to get as many students excited and involved. We were limited this year because of the artist, stage, and GUPD. This is the largest event on campus.
  + Arnett: In conclusion, every dollar you give to GPB will be given to the student b to the student body. Hoya Saxa!
  + Questions
    - Nugent: Thank you for presenting. As for the films: What sort of data and research do you do to figure out which films students will like, and what is the best way to spend money on films. As for concerts, you are expecting an extra $20,000 for concerts. What will this help in improving the concerts, and can you lekak the performer so we can judge our allocation more effectively?
      * Matteo: Will not leak the artist. Contract has not been signed so we cannot say. In terms of the films, the spring is great because we play all of the oscar nominated films. It just depends on the film, not all films will be as exciting or engaging. There are about 100 people who show up each weekend to watch films. It’s about $10 per head. That also fills the void of Friday and Saturday night party hours. This is for people who do not feel comfortable engaging in that. We want to increase excitement and short.
    - Ziac: For clarification- you listed the cost per student. I am confused about that. The events are generally free, but you included events that you charged for.
      * Matteo : On our end… (unintelligible)
    - Kleier: Are film magnets necessary? What are they?
      * Arnett: The operational budget first goes to our membership, which is food for our GBMs. We have an introduction to GPB. This is an all day project. Another thing we pay for is our board retreat to be sure that everything is cohesive and that we all have the same goals.
    - Kleier: How much on the retreat?
      * Arnett: $400-500.
      * Matteo: The events are every week and we hope to remind people.
    - Hamilton: On the concert, costs around 3x as much as the other events? I hear more people talk about Mr. GU than the spring concert. How do you hope to achieve 3x as much impact to get your money’s worth?
      * Matteo: This is right in april, and it allows for students to relax and cultivate a community spirit during a time when students are stressed.
      * Arnett: With the concert there is a high impact. $13,000 is a huge impact. $7000 gets you Chris Ziac, $13,000 gets you Juan Martinez. :)
    - Bazail: How often do you reach out to other organizations on campus?
      * Matteo: We are constantly evolving and developing how to engage with clubs. We want events that will be aligned with our mission.
    - Arnett: We have had clubs come to us with presentations that we could not partake in, but this is something we take in to deep consideration
    - Matteo: A lot of the budget goes into staging. We want to get the most high profile artist with the budget that we do have.
* Lecture Fund (15 min)
  + Chair: Our mission has stayed the same for many years: We are a nonpartisan organization that strives to enlighten and entertain students on campus, both with external and internal sources. (Shows pictures) We brought in lecturerss to speak on race and identity, speakers on conversion therapy, the future CEO of planned parenthood on what it means to be a woman. They all brought important dialogue to campus
  + ?: This brings us to the financial side of things. We are going to have to face the rising cost of honorariums and co-sponsorship requests. These are the biggest portion of our budget. We came to about 62k for honoraria this year and 22k for cosponsorship. This would allow us to bring underrepresented organizations to the forefront.
  + ?: That first component regarding honoraria requests: Between 2019 and 2020, the average request went from $6,000 to $15,000. We were unable to bring many speakers we wanted to campus. This threshold has continued to increase. When we reach out to speakers, their managers will tell us that their honoraria is 50,000, which is more than half of our budget. We try to negotiate them down by about 37% on average. (Presents table showing the honoraria being negotiated down) These speakers help us to tap into communities and topics that this campus would not have access to otherwise.
  + Chair: To add one a few points, we do our best to keep the fees as low as possible. This could be a lot bigger if we had a bigger budget. We usually cannot give people more than 10,000 and they are turned off by that. We cannot allocate a lot of money to each event.
  + ?: The rising cost of co-sponsorships: We received requests from 20 groups, not including repeat groups, which is an increase from 17 last semester. Clubs feel more comfortable reaching out to us for support, and we received triple the amount of requests than last year, and we were only able to fund less than a fifth of those requests. We can help bring speakers to bring perspectives of all kinds to campus, but we cannot do so without funding. We simply do not have enough capital to support the events we would like to. Our average contribution to clubs across campus is about $1,600. ANy contribution of that amount or more means that we cannot fund a separate event at all.
  + Chair: There was a recent scenario where we emptied our budget. This has never happened. We emptied it for a cosponsorship, not even our own event. We had to dip into our reserves. Now we are operating at a net negative, but that shows how many requests we get from other clubs and how much we work to complete those requests.
  + ?: To add on, it is not even March and we have expended our budget, so we will not be able to provide any monetary support; we supported as many co-sponsorships asons we could in order to execute our mission. We partnered with the Astronomical Society, who came to us to bring an ex-Georgetown professor to campus. They are a group we are not familiar with, but supporting them helps to get their voices out there and build trust between LectureFund and newer clubs. Brave is a group we partner with every year who we wish to build a continued relationship with, but we cannot do so without funding. We need an $11,000 increase in our budget to fund our two goals.
  + Questions (15 min)
    - Kleier: You detail a lot of rising costs but only request the same. Why is that?
      * ?: Our budget has stayed the same at $87,000 the past two years, so we have struggled to meet that increasing cost of honoraria between the rising costs.
    - Hamilton: How are you measuring impact from these events and determining costs? Can you measure whether spending more money is actually worth it? Have you looked at alternative funding sources?
      * Chair: On the first point, we always discuss impact. It’s hard to do so, but we cannot really answer how conversations impacted people. But we do have attendance numbers which is an indicator of at least interest. We have had really high attendance. Noname filled up CF, 200 people. Even our smaller events, they address smaller populations but populations that will feel included and seen. On alternative sources of funding, We have reached out to a ton of people. President’s Office, two Dean’s offices, English department. We are trying to bring someone really cool but can’t reveal who they are.
    - Arias: Do you have a number of measuring the attendance at each event?
      * We do not physically count at each event. Copley formal was almost full, and it seats 200 people.
    - Ziac: You all receive a small amount from alumni donations. I was wondering if you all have done anything to increase those donations?
      * ?: Yes, we have a board position for that. I think another thing that is similar is that we have a lot of alumni attend that event every single year.
    - Nugent: Lecture Fund’s income and expenditures have been relatively constant at around $90,000. If we kept that number at that level, rather than increasing it to $98,000, how would that affect your organization?
      * ?: We would just not be able to pursue other speakers that we think would enrich the community. We are able to negotiate those down a lot. That does mean 2-3 more speakers that we can bring to campus and more organizations we can collaborate with on campus. Those two things are how we would benefit from an increase.
      * Chair: If it were to be the same budget allocation, you would see a continued trend in how many clubs we could cosponsor and how much we could give them, which essentially disallows our expansion.
    - Volpe: How much do you spend on reservations and security?
      * Chair: Depends on the event. The Lohrfink event cost a lot and GUPD cost extra. It depends on the scale of the event and what venues then fit that scale. We have not had huge problems, but I would say it’s something to consider.
    - Rassieur: Given the differences between the co sponsorship requests and what you are able to give, are these events still happening without your help, or do they continue without cosponsorship?
      * ?: It depends. Some organizations requesting 30,000 -- those events are not getting those speakers. They then had to pursue alternative speakers that may not have been the best options for their topic. It really depends on the event but at worst the event does not happen and at best they get an alternative.
      * Chair: For our last cosponsorship we had to dip into our reserves.
    - Bazail: How does Lecture Fund help build up organizations? Like GU Pride and others, do you help them to become trained in organizing their own events without Lecture Fund’s assistance?
      * Chair: We allocate points on our board for booking, travel, negotiations, etc. -- these are things we help other organizations with doing. Our main goal is to get conversation on campus and sometimes it involves a lot of planning and other times it does not but I do think we get to help a lot of organizations on campus.
      * ?: Especially organizations that does not
* Media Board
  + Courtney (Chair): Media board is composed of 15 different organizations from newspapers and magazines to TV Production. We strive to foster both community and media organization skills. These skills can typically not be found anywhere else on campus.
  + Jamie (Vice Chair): Media Board is different because we produce content and then share it with campus and the greater DC area. The Voice and the Hoya. The Hoya does 4000 print copies per week. 100,000 website hits per month. They have 200 people staffing. Caravel is 7000 print issues per year, 25000 visits per year. Bossier has only been here for 4 years but has had 23,000 visits per year on their website. Spoon U has different outlets and chapters. GUCCI has 1700 group members, they do concerts, open mics, etc. Going into music and film. WGTB, 6am-4am production hours. They had some cool people sell out Bulldog Alley. MB groups collaborate like recently on the Voice fundraiser. GREEN is doing an event that MB groups will be collaborating on. They are engaging in both the larger community and Georgetown.
  + Mark: I’ll talk a little bit about the Media Boards’ growth. Several new groups have joined MB officially, and they bring much value to this campus. Without our support, they would not be able to exist as they do on campus. Bossier is a place to promote women's empowerment and open dialogue on women’s issues and allow women to express themselves on the basis of shared experience. Gucci allows for a new space for creative expression Blaxa media is a news arts and entertainment media group that has been working to become a funded group with MP, because they felt that their voices were underrepresented in bigger media. Bossier previously only published once a year, and they now publish once a semester. GUCCI only became a member last semester, but they now host events once to twice a month. Blaxa anticipates having 30 contributors this semester. We hope that these numbers show that media groups have great demand and will continue to expand.
  + Chair: The bulk of our finances go to print and online. This is because we depend on distributing our content. Adobe, print contracts, etc. are very important.
  + Mark: As for equipment, we need to update infrastructure for our groups. As technology degrades and the media landscape shifts, we must update our infrastructure for our groups to be able to distribute the works with efficiency. Three magazines share an office, and they need a new computer to be able to use their production software without going to Lau one. The Hoya’s printer is broken, and many media groups need new cameras because they have been using old or personal cameras. We talked about how important it is to continue upkeep online. GUTV is talking about getting a website. Several groups will be looking for new computers. One particular case is using software with Windows Vista on a computer meant for windows 95 and up. These are long term investments that we will upkeep in the future. By not making these investments, we would be essentially pretending that our old technology is not degrading every semester. We also host events that promote community and help us to raise funds for our organizations. In the case of the most recent Voice event, there was fund raised at a concert. We do open mic nights, art nights, movie showings. Media has a lot of room for events, which are necessary to turn revenue
  + Jamie: MB is expanding at the rate of about 2 organizations per year. It’s important for the new groups to build their infrastructure so they have staying power.
  + Courtney: Campus media is the face of the university. Google searches send us straight to campus media; it is how future students and families interact with the campus. We not only stimulate conversation- we shape it.
  + Questions
    - Ziac: Given that the University is trying to move to more sustainable practices. How do you justify spending that much money on print?
      * Courtney: Print media is part of the identity of a lot of our organizations, so it is important to teach our students how to do layouts, because this helps make our students employable. However, we also educate on other avenues of distribution, and perhaps in the future, we can convert completely from paper.
    - Arias: A huge amount of money goes to print. Yes, 85% may be picked up but not necessarily for the purpose of being read.
      * Courtney: One way we do this is some of our publications hand out the copies by hand, so we have very accurate distribution records. Newspapers are more difficult to measure, because we simply have to count the copies that are left over.
    - Arias: Question was, how do you compare print versus online and that the print version has a higher impact. How do you measure that?
      * Mark: They have different impacts. If you go online it’s for the story, the print version gives them a more broad view of what is going on on campus. Print fashion is more convenient.
    - Dubke: I have two questions. The first is picky, but you were audited earlier this year, and it was not well done. Can you speak as to why this was not well done? We had a lot of conversations about MB restructuring last year. Can you speak about how that has been considered and how you distribute funds?
      * Chair: For the audit, maybe if you could go into more detail about how it was not good. We gave everything we had, it was more than requested but we wanted to give everything. On restructuring of the Board, in the past year we were not funded in full so we could not do everything.
      * Mark: Are you talking about advisory board restructuring?
      * Chair: We added Mark, a new representative that does better outreach.
    - Volpe: This year, we have many financial constraints and have to make difficult decisions. Some clubs cannot provide food, others mean being unable to participate in sports. Media is very important as the face of Georgetown, but what is the real loss if we do not meet the funding requests of the Media Board?
      * Chair: The main thing we would lose if we do not have print media is visibility. The online media is only secondary to that.
    - Kleier: You are asking for more than 30,000 than what you have. Do you have an itemized list of what you have as a request?
      * Chair: We sent an inventory of equipment last year that states what we plan to purchase this year.
  + Weiss: Two questions: You said that the Hoya’s printer broke. Is there not a way for everyone to print from one machine? Can you not make the printer subscription based?
    - Mark: The three smallest publications share an office. The Hoya has their own printer for their own style. The Hoya uses that the most. On subscriptions, the Hoya does do a certain number of subscriptions but going forward, switching to online, that is something we will have to switch to and discuss at our own budget summit.
  + Hamilton: I think a lot of what you are spending on is important. However, we also increased your spending last year for the same reason. We cannot keep updating your investment, when so much of it is just going to the same organization? Could you not operate without that $25,000 amount?
    - Chair: Within our own budget summit we are discussing how to better spread resources.
    - Mark: ?
  + Kleier: After calculating on equipment, there is only 20,000 for equipment, where is the extra 10,000 going?
    - Mark: There are other costs, not specifically equipment related, that have changed from last year that are per-club based.
* Outdoor Education
  + Reid: OE is an organization that brings students outdoors on hikes and camping trips. This helps students to escape not only the Georgetown bubble, but the DC bubble, to get fresh air which is proven to be good for mental health
  + Bryan: We do a ton of activities. Like going on the potomac, rock climbing, etc. We have open involvement trips so anyone can join. We take new guides and train them for a year. We send them through an accredited medical program. We have 9 pro-orientation programs where we take them out. We also have a DC exploration program.
  + Reid: The two biggest things we are striving for are safety and inclusivity. We offer a diverse set of events which makes us unique. We partner with other organizations to offer programming.
  + Bryan: Speaking on what Reid said, for the rock climbing certifications, I had to go through a professional rock climbing training program on how to set up top ropes, etc. taught by a professional. For the kayaking trips, I had to get certified that as well. We had 40+ trips offered, 26 runs with 184 student participants (average 7 per trip), and we mostly only cancelled for weather.
  + Reid: These numbers do not include our pre-orientation program which is a great way to get first years accustomed. (Moving on) We do need a lot of equipment in order to take people out camping. For example, our water filtration systems are really old. We have had to revert to manual pumping which needs an hour for the drinking of one student.
  + Bryan: The reason we are asking for money is to increase accessibility to the outdoors. We want more diversity, so we are trying to get funding to purchase equipment to make it easier for students to take part in our trips. This helps make the experiences better and safer for our students.
  + Reid: So our new guides are hired and we have 10 weekly training sessions. We have technical skills to soft skills (how to be good leaders). We have bonding overnights at the start of the semester and then we have the Wofford Program which is around $1000, but we expect guides to pay for about 25% in order to minimize our costs. We also want to offer further subsidization for people. Finally, we close off with a backpacking program and that is a culmination of all of the skills you have learned over the semester.
  + Bryan: Both of us have gone through these processes. I want to emphasize the importance of this- it is imperative that you have guides who know how to deal with emergencies when far from resources. Every trip that we lead teaches students hard skills, like using kerosene stoves and tying knots.
  + Reid: We need more guides to lead our trips. We need at least 2-3 guides per trip. As Bryan mentioned earlier … without GUSA funding we would need to pass on the costs to others. We also want to subsidize costs for the smaller events also.
  + Bryan: Just so you know, guides like us still pay a portion of these classes. The point is just to make it affordable for us. We also make money through our pre O trips, which helps to subsidize future trips.
  + Questions
    - Hamilton: Your budget table is a bit confusing, lacking some information. 12,690 -- does not say where funding is coming from and does not include training as a part of the budget. Do you receive funding from any other bodies or is it just fees? Is it basically fees and then some FinApp funding?
      * Bryan: We charge some fees with subsidization, but we do not receive funding from anything other than funding. Our director uses some of his salary to help us, but other than that, it's just fees and FinApp.
    - Weiss: Due to your last year request, what was the implication of not getting your full request?
      * Reid: The Woofer class was a little bit more expensive than we wanted, and we would like to lower it as much as possible in order to allow as many people as possible to apply to the program.
      * Bryan: This is a class because students cannot just choose to not take it. This is a price we throw to students and if we do not get funding that cost goes to students.
      * Bryan: Our cost per trip increased, and we could not buy as much new equipment
    - Kleier: You do say you get money for operations costs -- what is that?
      * Bryan: That is all administrative costs, and nothing to do with students.
    - Nugent: Traditionally, Part B has been for emergency funding -- what is the future of Outdoor Ed, so what is the future?
      * Bryan: We have always been a part B applicant, and we address this on a need based basis. This is a yearly process.
      * Nugent: But there is an idea for making it more stable? What if we do not give you funding?
      * Reid: What is difficult is the fact that we lack a leadership structure. This is all students bringing on their own initiatives.
      * Bryan: It is an issue with our organization structure. We are mostly student run without advisors.
    - Volpe: You are talking about different costs for the training and trips -- have you considered financial assistance? Club Sports raised dues to make up for the dues of other students. Is that something you all could do? Do you get students that cannot pay the dues? Or not really?
      * Bryan: Being in the club comes with costs for training and etc. We have made it work, because individuals who cannot pay the fees go to Chris.
      * Reid: People might also be wary of asking for money.
    - Hamilton: On that point, a more effective way of getting money, having things at a set price and then providing financial aid for those who need it, can help protect those who need the aid. I would work on creating a better system of organization and making a set financial aid structure.
      * Reid: For context, we used to get paid but not anymore so we had to look at the fees (?).
    - Rassieur: Have you guys ever reached out to anyone in the administration for more funding, such as for the Pre-Orientation programs?
      * Reid: For those programs we make money from them so we do not really need help.
* PAAC
  + Chair: The differences between FY20 and FY21: We have added 5 groups to the process, though we have not added any in the past 3 years. Two joined this last semester, and 1 this semester. We are requesting 85,000, because we have been unfunded s ofar. We have two majors in our arts program, which do not offer much space for actual performing arts, which are important to our campus. We have had a low year in ad hoc, so we have only had about $7,700, which is not even a third of what we normally see. We have a big expected replacement for the Poulton floor. The floor is at an 8 year cut-off, and it is becoming unsafe to continue to perform on it.
  + Chair: What our request goes toward. The bigger theater productions get a lot. There are travel and recording opportunities throughout the year.
  + Chair: About the PAAC Reserve account: We have the largest account of anybody. We were the first board to start our reserve account, before GUSA even existed, so it has occurred interest. We are unique because our costs can be incredibly high. We run the risk of draining a third of our account depending on things that may go wrong for us. We used $26,000 of our reserve funding last year.
  + Chair: Some changes over FY20. We have undertaken a lot of changes. For example, our board was not student-run. I am actually the first student Chair in the last 15 years and it’s something Ron never thought we would have. We actually took power away from him and gave it to the board, to approve proposals. I would abstain from proposals that pertain to groups that I am from. Last year we were also asked to revise our funding guidelines since we had none, but we have really improved all of that this year.
  + Chair: We changed our mission statement last January to include that we are performance driven. Our mission is to fund strictly performance groups.
  + Questions
    - Dubke: First I would like to thank you for restructuring your board. Moving towards having 0 administrator hands on student boards, is there any movement to get 2 faculty members removed from the board?
      * Chair: Last year I proposed their removal from the board but it was quickly shot down by the Department of Performing Art. We often have to pay them to use their spaces, like Gonda and Divine. They do graciously allow us to use other performance spaces on campus. When we tried to remove faculty from the board, they were really concerned. The two faculty are in the Italian and French department but they have been in there for years. The Department threatened to charge us for spaces. The cost is $20 per hour, for 6 hours average weekly per group, with 25 groups -- it’s very difficult.
    - Nugent: I have a question about the audit: on the FY18, 19, and 20 income, these come from Coke Group, Student affairs, and GUSA, but you also have ticket sales and ads. Are these numbers included in these totals for income?
      * Chair: Yes so those numbers are included in that sheet. Sadly we cannot see the totals that we made at the end. Wait, actually those do not include ticket sales. BUT, we are unable to see from the University to see what they make. On average they come around 50,000. So the -50,000 is actually pretty balanced out, however we will not know until the summer. But over the summer the Department administrator and business manager will take care of that.
    - Marin-Mora: Regarding Ad-hoc, I see you budget around $20,000 for that. Does that money go into the reserves?
      * We do not account for ad-hoc funding. All the money goes into our reserve account and then we pull out. So the -26,000 was us putting the money from GUSA into the account and then drawing out afterward.
  + Ziac: You have a projected deficit of about $76,000. Where will that money go?
    - Projected expenses come from the fact that we are approving 5 new groups. We overshot the deficit to account for the 5 groups we are adding for our budget next year.
  + Hamilton: What would happen if you were funded at the same level as last year?
    - We would have to take all the money from our reserve accounts. If each of those groups are requesting a certain amount of money we are going to have to project it and account for it.
  + Kleier: SO the $7,00 in ad hoc does not account for future proposals. Ad Hoc will be what was projected?
    - Chair: 10,000 is already all of our first half of the year doubled.
  + Dubke: It is our internal policy not to fund campus capital improvement products. Refinishing Poulton hall would not fit within that policy.
    - Kleier: It’s not owned by the university. It is owned by students and it is at no cost to students.
    - Chair: Two weeks ago, we had to replace all of the floors in the VCW theater, which was a $5,000 cost.
  + Hamilton: Is the policy to tell students to go to student spaces first?
    - Chair: Yes, but there are various shows throughout the year and they student-owned spaces are booked for the year.
  + Volpe: What is the general use of Gonda Theater? Have you talked to admin about reducing costs for that.
    - Chair: Yes. Ghonda is used for about 1 show a year, but usually we use Divine for dance, which is about $3,000 per show. We have asked to reduce the cost of this, but they claim that they will not because they are
  + Volpe: Are those used frequently besides by students?
    - Chair: They do, the Departments puts on like 4 shows per year and that occupies it for the entire year.
  + Hamilton: If Poulton hall is occupied for the entire year, can that not be shared between other groups rather than Mask and Bauble.
    - Chair: We expect them to fundraise to help us cover the cast and distribute it among other groups, but it is beginning to be a safety hazard.
* SAC
  + Vice Chair (VC)
  + Finance Officer (FinO)
  + Development Coordinator (devco)
  + VC: We are the largest of the advisory boards. We oversee a ton of different organizations. Our clubs are so integral to the GU community. Getting the most funding would be super important. All organizations that fall underneath us are open membership. SAC’s mission is to use the SAF and FInApp to fund our groups. We are the fastest growing group on campus advisory board, and add about 15 new groups per year. We are very transparent about how we fund clubs. We send our updated budget guides to all of our clubs, and require them to be familiar with the funding they are receiving. We try to give as much funding as we can to all groups, considering membership and with caps on travel
  + So how it works. It works semi-annually and we do a budget summit like this. We look at what events they will be doing. Costs that are higher than 1000 we do on an ad-hoc basis to see what it will be closer to the date.
  + Where we stand now: we have an unprecedented amount of requests for funding, and we are deeply in debt. We only have $9,000 in our reserve account.
  + FinO: We have 9,000 in our reserves does not mean it is for clubs, it is for emergency situations. It’s not easy to allocate out of it. We are about 54,000 in debt. The reason for this is leadership turnover in the CSE which gave us an incomplete picture of our finances this year.
  + As a result, we are requesting $390,000 from FinApp, 81,000 from SAO, and $7,000 from the Coke Grants. We are requesting $140,000 for travel and $320,000 for club budgets, and $18,000 for the reserve account.
  + VC: Challenges include incorporating new clubs. This year we had to suspend funding for new clubs because we simply could not. Traveling and ad-hoc funding is also hard to predict. In the future we want to institute better reporting practices for expenses. It would be devastating to receive less funding than last year. Because we have so many new clubs, we are requesting more funding.
  + Questions
    - Nugent: We are budgeting for the 2021 school year, but this is our first time with data from 2019. We saw that your expenditures increased 100,000 from FY18 to FY19. In 2020, why are clubs like midwest club getting $10,000, which is about what some advisory clubs get?
      * DEVCO: That is due to the new clubs that are being gained and they are very important to our campus. The Midwest club gets that much money because their events are open to everyone, not just some. It goes to the cookouts that are on the lawn.
      * VC: We treat them as equally as other cultural organizations. Their food does not go to waste -- it is all consumed.
    - Volpe: So, in contrast to the MidWest club, which is open to everyone, I am liaison to Campus Ministries. The MSA is asking for only $8,000 to feed people after 8pm at Ramadan. We are facing important decisions that may prevent people from participating in religious requirements or sports that are a large part of their lives. I am wondering what the detriment will be to the University if SAC is not given the funding it requests.
      * VC: If we get cut, that will directly affect cultural organizations. Cultural meals are very expensive, at a rate of $8/person as opposed to our standard $5/person. We want everyone to feel at home and have a place here. That is why we need funding, it is for those organizations, which can be small or huge like AASA.
      * FinO: This would significantly impact cultural events such as our dance shows and other such cultural showings.
    - Bazail: You have talked about transparency. We were not told about the shortfall until in February when a mass email was sent to the Presidents and it was also not in the audit, especially as we were pursuing the SEF which would lead to less money.
      * VC: We were not trying to not be transparent. There has been much turnover in CSE staff this semester, and we were not able to have access to all of our numbers, but we let everyone know as soon as possible after we were made aware in order to encourage clubs to be responsible with their funding in the coming times.
      * FinO: I was not told until February 6. We were told to expect more money -- and then we got money. So we were not very sure. On the 10th we asked the CSE and we received no response until later when we were told there was nothing. We did not want to keep anyone in the dark.
    - Rassieur: You said that leadership turnover is a reason for the issues with your funding. How can we be sure that this mistake will not happen again? What steps in reorganization are you taking? How are you measuring impact? Are you distributing as equitably as you are supposed to?
      * VC: I will address the last point first -- we do by head. We allocate about $8 per person for a result of $80 for a 10-person event.
      * FinO: Also, every club has more than 12 people so it’s not really a worry. We are also going through our budget and asking what is necessary. We are looking at decorations and revising our guide in order to make it accountable.
    - Hamilton: I am glad you brought that up. Do you have an auditing process? What does that look like? I do not want to focus on that mistake, but we must focus on the operations of SAC. It seems that $18,000 was given to Ballroom, and we were told that there were 90 people in the club, and 40 people on the trip, when the real numbers were far from those totals. We are concerned about the evaluation process of these SAC supported groups
      * VC: We are implementing audits on the number of people who are active in organizations. We know it has become a huge problem. We are all students and we want to know people are actually impacting individuals. We are revising those reporting procedures in order to improve campus life.
    - Kleier: You are requesting $90,000 more, but estimate 15 new groups. We have other groups estimating that new groups cost about $2,000. Where are you getting that estimated increase from?
      * DevCo: We are getting like 15 new groups, 30,000 right there. SAC groups grow really fast. Midwest and EESA started two years ago but have grown exponentially. Last year Mock Trial went national for the first time. AASA is doing a conference and that is also costing money.
    - Dubke: Obviously you can see that there is not much trust in your funding processes. If there were a cut, what would be the largest change in clubs on an individual level?
      * DevCo: There would be no change in the day to day but it would impact the cultural events. There would be an impact in opportunities for community building.
    - Volpe: We have been talking to many groups today. Is SAC, the way it is organized now, sustainable? Some advisory boards host 12 organizations. SAC supports 123. Is that sustainable? Is there a way to restructure
      * VC: I like the way SAC is organized. Each commissioner has 10 groups or so. You get to build relationships with them and know their needs.
    - Hamilton: So in SAC when a club does not submit a budget, it goes into restoration. Based on SAC’s spending, what are ways that SAC could go into restoration and then achieve peak performance.
      * VC: IF SAC were put in restoration from all of you?
      * Hamilton: Not really what we are saying, but there have been mistakes and we would like to know how to fix them.
      * DevCo: We would be looking at auditing all of our groups, and providing more random auditing for groups, because they tend to fudge the numbers a bit.
* Transfer Council
  + Chris (Treasurer, VP):
  + President (Kira?): We were established as advisors for the 500 or so transfer students, and make sure that they feel welcome, and can succeed and thrive on campus. We hope to improve acceptance, housing, transition, and other parts of transfer life.
  + Pres: Currently we have 7.5k. Our most popular events are study breaks, holiday break, basketball games and bowling. We try to get them to meet each other and build community. This year we hosted students who came to visit campus. We coordinate with other students to increase programming. We want to put on some programming for the spring whenever we invite transfer students. We want to work with admissions on this as GAAP is hosted by them. We also use this budget to advocate for transfer students in different areas, such as the process for community colleges. We advocated for DACA students to be accepted to a program that was previously more exclusive.
  + Chris: The percentages of the budget that we receive: 55% is given on admitted transfer day, which is usually a very successful event. Many students base their decision off of this day, and we want to be sure the perspective students see Georgetown represented accurately and feel welcome. 39% of this spending is on events throughout the year to help transfer students bond with eachother. 6% goes to NSO to help welcome those who make the decision to come here and induct them into the community.
  + Pres: Advocacy throughout the year is included in the programming budget.
  + Chris: The budget for this year is very similar to the one last year. There are a lot of clubs asking for more money, but we are happy with the money we have gotten in the past and just want to keep this.
  + Questions
    - Nugent: One question about income and one for expenses: Transfer council spent about $5,000. How do you plan to spend the rest of this money? Last year, you were given an extra $500. How does that benefit the students at Georgetown?
      * Chris: We are allocating stuff for the spring already. The $4,000 goes to ATSD. Anything that is not spent on other stuff will go to that because it will be well-spent or to make it all the more accessible.
      * Pres: Any funding we dont use at ATSD Can be used at other events, or to welcome students who cannot make the event on that day in June instead.
      * Chris: We also spend a lot on travel expenses. This just means we have more room to bring in students.
    - Dubke: Part B applicants are designed for a one-time request but you all have continued to come back. Why is that?
      * Pes: There is not a lot of support for transfer students on campus; there is not a brochure to hand out about what it is like to be a transfer student here. Unless clubs decide to help support transfer students, we are the only resource available to them. That is why we have a much different structure.
    - Kleier: Do you have an itemized list for cost break down? Right now we are just making assumptions based on the slides.
      * Chris: Events vary in terms of costs. We have had events reach 500-1,000. These are the more celebratory events, where we try to go all out with what we have.

**Deliberations**

* Introduction:
  + Arias: A motion is made, and we will deliberate upon it. The chair will look favorably on a motion to limit debate to two minutes per person.
    - Dubke: Seconded.
      * Motion passed.
* Deliberations:
  + Dubke: Motion to fund GPB in full ($149,924).
  + Debate:
    - The reason I decided to fund them in full was because they gave the most deliberation and clarity of plan for spending. They really are the best avenue for funding student programming; every dollar truly does go back to the student body. I would not object to negotiating down later, but right now I would motion for it to be in full.
    - Hamilton: It is important to keep in mind our goals: SAC is allocating less money due to the amount of attendance. We need to focus on tangible student impact. We must focus on organizations that will have the greatest impact on students at his campus.
    - Nugent: I think it’s a good idea. My estimate, based on the math that I did, I can see us cutting GPB by a couple thousand from the starting point, but this will help us fill in the blanks until that point.
  + Hamilton: Motion to vote on providing GPB with 100% of their budget.
    - Seconded, passed.
    - The vote passes.
  + Nugent: Motion to fund Lecture fund at $90,000.
    - Seconded, moves to a vote on debate. The vote passes.
    - Debate:
    - Nugent: Their expenses historically have been around 80,000, 90,000 dollars. An event seems to be negotiable by around 8,000, so I think this is a good starting point.
    - Ziac: When I asked about alumni donations, they said that they were reaching out, but ultimately dodged the question. I could see them being cut in the future.
    - Nugent: The range I gave them started at the top, 90,000, because we can potentially cut the funding.
    - Hamilton: We need to look at what we have historically given them, and keep in mind that we have 70,000 less than last year. They are doing well this year, and that is why I think that I will motion for 80,000.
    - Volpe: I do not think it will be traumatic to limit funding to 80,000, so I agree with Hamilton.
    - Bazail: Because of how constrained they were, they cosponsored the same amount of events, but they have maintained the same amount of funding for 3 years. This means that the quality of events which they host has declined. I think they need some kind of increase.
    - Weiss: I agree with Bazail. SPeakers are what make Georgetown Georgetown, so we should fully fund that group.
    - Nugent: In my experience, the best way to get things going for the budget summit is to get some numbers on the board once we get to crunching. That is why I encourage us to put 90,000 down now, and move forward.
    - Rassieur: I feel that regardless of what number we set it at now, if we set it at 90,000, we will debate where 5,000 come from. They said that being unable to cosponsor clubs, they lost speakers. You cannot put a price on speakers, but other things that have been budgeted for do have an explicit price tag, so that is why we should stay on a conservative estimate.
    - Kleier: Motion to call the question.
      * Seconded, passed.
      * Vote is taken by hand.
      * The motion passes, 8-4.
  + Hamilton: Motion to fund ABCS at $235,000
    - Arias: All those in favor of discussing the motion, please say aye.
      * The motion passes
    - Hamilton: ACBS has a distinct impact on student life. THis is 13% less than what they asked for, but it does increase their funding historically. Hopefully they will have access to Keyhoe field, which will lower costs. They do have more involvement and more success than before, so we should increase funding, but not so much that it impacts other clubs.
    - Nugent: If you cut other clubs funding, they have less food and smaller events. If you cut ACBS, they cannot afford equipment and uniforms, which are necessities. I can say anecdotally, ACBS is a bare-bones operation. We share Cooper Field, and cannot use the batting cages. I think 235 is accurate for their funding.
    - Keleir: They demonstrated the most need. They have students sleeping on the floor. I think GPB needs that money, but in the future, I will recommend taking money from GPB and allocating it to ACBS, because it helps the health and wellness of students.
    - Dubke: I second that point, and will likely recommend increasing the amount in the future, as I had it budgeted at 250.
    - Arias: If there is no opposition, we will move to a vote.
      * Vote passes unanimously.
  + Hamilton: Motion to allocate $75,000 to Media Board
    - Arias: All those in favor of discussing the motion, please say aye.
      * The motion passes.
    - Bazail: I do not think that the Media Board justified their spending on printing contracts well, and these are not “take it or leave it” topics. I think Hamilton’s question about technology illuminated the fact that they are using the same argument as every year.
    - Ziac: I think they are focusing on two forms of printing, and this cut will force them to focus on one form and be more sustainable.
    - Dubke: They are not operating like a business as they should, and we are subsidizing this. If they want to continue their practices, they need to find the fundraisers and advertisers.
    - Nugent: Everything that is being picked up is not being read. Their most effective forms of advertising are online.
    - Hamilton: I want to clarify- this is a specific targeting of printing only. I am fine with investing in the new technology. 95% of their presentation was not about printing, but 30% of their budget was. They want to teach people how to go into print, but it is a dying industry. Nobody is reading the print version, and I cannot justify paying this much to the detriment of the environment.
    - Rassieur: I agree about the environment, but they even said in their presentation that they plan on phasing out paper. This is not undemocratically taking their funding without reason.
    - Volpe: I do think it is a potentially useful skill, and that taking funding will force them to consider whether or not they must print, and they can potentially dip into their reserves.
    - Kleier: Can we make a footnote that this cut is for printing? I am concerned that this will negatively affect other areas of media and that they will continue printing.
    - Bazail: This is something that students can benefit from, as it encourages students to start fundraising and being more sustainable, because the SAF does not increase in proportion to the amount of funding necessary. This is tough love for the future.
    - Arias: If there is no opposition, we will move to a vote.
      * Vote passes unanimously.
  + Salmeron-Perla: Motion to allocate $6,495.40 to GUSA Exec.
    - Arias: The motion passes in the opinion of the chair.
    - Weiss: Where does that number come from? Did you do any math?
    - Salmeron-Perla: I left funding for marketing and also funding to pay our executive officer, slashed the catering in half because no one is going to attend those events, but I left the funding for the Career closet. I also took out Slack, because $2,000 is a ridiculous amount for a stupid app.
    - Marin-Mora: I listed out SquareSpace, Slack, Canva, Art Week, the Executive Officer.
    - Bazail: I think we should retroactively pay Lucy and pay for an Executive officer next year, because people will not do the work if they know that Lucy did it for free.
    - Nugent: Turbo Vote is a recurring fee, and I am not sure how we can get out of it.
    - Dubke: I will vote for Julio’s proposal, and we can maybe increase by a few thousand later, but I felt that their presentation was patronizing. If they are going to ask for all this programming that they want to do, they need to sell it and not deliver it so aggressively.
    - Volpe: I am going to agree with Bazail. I think that the Executive Officer is very important, and that Slack (or some organization) is very important, and that some events are important, but we do need to exercise our discretion.
    - Weiss: I think we should limit debate for every topic to 10 min because we will be revisiting them and therefore should focus on getting estimates down first.
      * Seconded, passed.
    - Bazail: I completely agree with you, and we should judge by how they treat us. We are a co-branches of government, and they need to treat us with respect. How much trust and cooperation will we have with them? I think the disrespect reflects on how they will treat us and future Speaker.
    - Dai: I agree. They overestimate their value. I do not think Slack provides $2,000 worth of value.
    - Hamilton: We are all on the same team. We are trying to form the most benefit for the student body, and this train of thought is more retaliatory. Their line items are the must-haves, and GUSA must be effective in order to gain the student body’s trust. I think we do not need the retreat.
    - Nugent: Motion to call to question.
      * Seconded, passed. The motion is voted on by roll call.
      * The motion passes 8-4.
  + Volpe: Motion to fully fund CMSF ($25,816)
    - Arias: The motion to debate passes in the opinion of the chair.
    - Volpe: I will not object to taking this down, but they have no reserves if something were to go wrong. There are other points I can go about: $2,000 of the increase will go to protestant organizations, which are severely lacking, and we should start funding at full out of respect.
    - Dubke: We at Georgetown should respect interfaith organizations; their mission is Georgetown’s mission.
    - Hamilton: I agree with the sentiment, but that hosting these balls and charities is not exclusively spiritual, and should not come from student activities funds. They are essentially donating our money.
    - Dai: I think these social events are important. This may be a high number, but we do not need to lower it by much. This helps get loosely religious students more involved.
    - Bazail: If Hoya Hospitality is funding the feeding for Ramadan, would we be double-funding it by giving them this fund?
    - Volpe: They have been engaging, but there is nothing concrete. This is not only about the food, but about extending hours, and they would have to hire workers for more hours. I do not see that being resolved this year.
    - Salmeron-Perla: I share the sentiment with Dai, that we should fund the formals, because part of religious life is forming community.
    - Nugent: Looking at the numbers, it looks like they are spending less than what they have in the past. If you assume a high-ball estimate, we could fund anywhere between 16-25,000, and they would be fine. I think we will probably go down, but to start, I will vote yes,
    - Volpe: To address the charity, CSJ is essentially all charity. Students should have the option to choose what they want to invest their money in. In regards to the numbers, there is no highballing, and there will not be much highballing.
    - Nugent: The gap in funding, I found to be $18-19,000.
    - Arias: Motion to call to question.
      * Seconded, passed.
      * Hamilton: Motion to vote by role call from now on.
        + Seconded, passed.
      * The motion passes.
  + Kleier: Motion to fund transfer council at $7,500.
    - Arias: The motion to debate passes in the opinion of the chair.
    - Kleier: Motion to call to question.
      * Hamilton: Motion to vote by acclamation
        + Seconded, passed
      * Arias: Does anyone disagree?
        + The motion passes.
  + Dubke: Motion to fund GOLD $5,000
    - Arias: The motion to debate passes in the opinion of the chair.
    - Dubke: I put them at 5, though they requested 10, because they did not articulate their reasoning for funding.
    - Ziac: I agree with Sam. They wanted to expand the program despite the fact that involvement seemed to be dropping.
    - Rassieur: Their reason was that there was a decrease in attendance because they could not fund food for their three hour meetings. Expanding membership for a marginalized community of women on campus is important.
    - Volpe: I was in L&B, and the program was good. I do not know that the full amount is necessary, but they did request $6,000 for their ELP, which is on campus during the school year, which is our prerogative to fund.
    - Nugent: Their estimation showed that they were -$5,000, and they only have 8 people still in the program. I can not in good conscience fund a program thousands that only values 8 people.
    - Dai: I do not think more money will help their retention.
    - Hamilton: We should give them a little bit of money to see if we can get their attendance up, and increase it per year incrementally.
    - Weiss: We should keep in mind to fund them perhaps around 7-8, and lower it as necessary, because they do help an underrepresented group.
    - Arias: The chair would look favorably on a motion to always vote by acclamation.
      * Hamilton: So moved
        + Seconded, passed unanimously.
    - Arias: If there is no opposition, we will move to a vote.
      * Vote by acclamation fails.
      * Vote by roll call passes 8-4.
    - Ziac: Motion to fund CSJ at $160,000.
      * Motion fails.
    - Bazail: Motion to fund CSJ at $130,000.
      * Motion for debate passes
      * Ziac: They are doing a good job of fulfilling Georgetown's mission of Hoyas for others both on and off campus. I can understand cuts considering the funding for ABP, but I think the presentation was well done and their purpose is important.
      * Nugent: This is not a slight at CSJ, but they tend to greatly overestimate their amount of funding, but they have incurred multiple overestimation of more than $100,000. Historically,, $130,000 is about right.
      * Hamilton: This is not really a cut to their expenses, it is a cut to their reserves. I would not feel comfortable cutting otherwise.
      * Bazail: There will probably be many cuts in this program and in ABPs. We could cut SEF by 18,000 if needed, but this is an appropriate amount of funding considering the funding flux estimations and highballing
      * Ziac: I think it is a bad idea to preemptively cut the possibilities of these programs even being proposed, but this number is appropriate for what they need to potentially fund the programs.
      * Arias: Call to question
    - Bazail: Motion to fund PAAC by $50,000.
      * Nugent: I had this same number, Matt, last year, projected $26,000 in loss as a worst case scenario, and I understand that if they had an emergency they would be disproportionately affected, but they have an exorbitant amount in reserves, so it would be appropriate to lower their funding from the estimate.
      * Volpe: I noticed that there were a lot of organizational issues, and we may not be the best place for them to get funding. This is something we should consider and address as a committee.
      * Bazail: As GUSA, we need to advocate for a better performing arts program, so that this funding does not need to come from SAF. THis should push GUSA to advocate for university funding for these things.
      * Hamilton: It is not sustainable for us to be funding these programs that the University needs to fund. PAAC had an amazing presentation and their requests are valid given increased costs, but this is something that the university needs to work towards.
      * Kleier: Ticket sales do not go to PAAC, they go towards the clubs. We cannot control what the university is doing, and PAAC is the only way student performing arts groups can get funding. We will need things done and need funding. $50,000 may be appropriate for this year, but it is not sustainable in the long run.
      * Arias: Call to question
        + Seconded, passed.
      * Arias: Vote by acclamation
        + Motion Passes
  + Nugent: Motion to fund outdoor education at $0.
    - Second, motion fails.
  + Dubke: Motion to func SAC at $250,000
    - Seconded, motion to debate passes
    - Dubke: This is a good representation of the ability of their spending throughout the year. They have vastly overspent, and must become under control as our largest line item.
    - Nugent: We don’t want to look bad, but the funding of new clubs has gotten out of hand. There has been a $90,000 increase, and at some point, we must say enough is enough. Given operating costs of about $330,000 less $80,000 from other funding, $250,000 is appropriate.
    - Bazail: There has been much overspending by SAC and there has been a decline in our relationship in that they waited so long to share news with us. I think there can be changes, but this is a good place to start.
    - Dai: I understand that this is a question of sustainability, but I have full confidence that their reforms will be effective. We need to be cognizant of how this cut will affect student clubs on campus.
    - Hamilton: I agree that we must watch our student impact. However, we must get our student impact under control. This is not retaliatory, but I have not seen enough changes to be instilled with full confidence that this will not happen again. If funding must be cut by enough for each club to cut one event, then so be it. I hope that this is temporary, but I believe that it is necessary.
    - Rassieur: When asked about how they would deal with these numbers, they did not have a sufficient answer in my opinion.THey have so many clubs asking for funding that it is hard to keep track of where the money is going and validate participation counts.
    - Kleier: Maybe their leadership had issues, but us cutting 50,000 is a lot. Giving them less than what they had, considering that they already overspent, will affect new clubs and CAB. There are new clubs that will benefit from funding, and if we cut this money, they cannot refill their reserves, and an emergency will unfaily fall on CSE.
    - Dubke: This $50,000 cut is pretty arbitrary, but I have no confidence in the numbers that they gave us. If we cut it to $100,000, what would be the effect? We do not know. They can appeal to raise funding, but there is something that we can know.
    - Bazail: If there is an absolute emergency, we can step in with the GUSA reserves. We need to look at what we can fund right now, and work on those numbers.
    - Dai: The issues have stemmed from CSE turnover. The answer is not to make a cut, but to make things more sustainable. Cutting will simply exacerbate current issues.
    - Salmeron-Perla: If we all want to focus on student impact, from my understanding ofSAC, if they are just approving all new clubs, some will eventually get left out of funding. They need to bring us better data for what they need.
    - Nugent: The lack of data is staggering. When they came up and asked for money for vague “growth,” what are we funding? This is not retaliatory, but realistically, spending has truly gotten out of hand.
    - Hamilton: To your point, Olivia, the actual impact is important, but the image I cannot get out of my head is a plate of pulled pork and buns rotting in the sun on homecoming. Things seem to be getting approved arbitrarily. Are we preventing 5 new clubs from being developed, or are we forcing large clubs to spend more appropriately. SAC Is trying to be good, but without financial consequence, there is no incentive to reform.
    - Volpe: I think 250 is low to start, and we do need to cut spending, but we should figure out how to be sure that funding is spent effectively. We need to look at what we can best do to restructure SAC.
    - Hamilton: Motion to recess for five minutes,
      * Seconded, passed.
    - Arias: Motion to Call to question,
      * Seconded, passed.
    - Arias: Call to question
      * Acclimation fails
      * Vote by roll call: 7-4-2, the motion passes.
  + Bazail: Motion to allocate $7000 to Outdoor Education
    - Seconded, motion to debate passes
    - Hamilton: I had $7000 on mine. I think that they do good work, and that the funding is necessary, I am just unsure why they are on application B. We need to work with them and let this know that this is not how this should work next year.
    - Salmeron-Perla: If we do this, we should increase GOLD.
    - Dubke: I had them at 0, because they have come to us with this reasoning in the past. If we cut them to 0 as proposed, this would only force them to raise dues, such as with the Pre-Os.
    - Volpe: I don’t think we should cut to 0, but to 6,000. This is important, and it is something that we should look into. It is something that the university should look into, but they do want more trainers.
    - Nugent: I am still a fan of the $0. This is not like club sports. It is self-run, and they do their own thing. They would form their club to the finances we give them and that they can raise. If people are that committed to outdoor education, they can fund that themselves. The equipment that they want to buy is not essential to the club, but what they want to expand to do.
    - Kleier: What you just essentially said was if you are rich, you should pay to do it. His one example was WATER. To say that their equipment needs for safety are less important than baseball bats is outrageous. I broke a belay and swung all the way around the mountain. The equipment is old, broken, and unsafe. We continue saying the University needs to fund these things and I agree but they just won’t get the money. Cutting funding for the group is a barrier to those who cannot afford to travel.
    - Nugent: !!!!!!!!!
    - Arias: Quorum.
    - Bazail: We were making the same arguments about printing. I agree with Kleier. I do not think that their full funding is necessary, but funding tents and backpacks for low-income kids is important. We should not sacrifice the funding for safety on the basis of the university not acting on their onus.
    - Arias: Motion to call to question.
      * Seconded, passes.
    - Arias: Call to question
      * Acclamation fails
      * Vote by roll call passes 9-3
* Nugent: Motion to fund Lecture Fund at $85,000
  + Seconded, motion to debate passes
  + Dubke: This is kind of like splitting the baby, and Lecture Fund is important and puts on good programming and honoraria is going up, but it is a privilege not to be cut and their needs are not as pressing.
  + Weiss: I would urge you not to cut this budget, because there is no flexibility.
  + Bazail: Lecture Fund has a really big impact on this campus. Just keeping them at $90,000 means that the lecture fund can cosponsor 3 more events.
  + Rassieur: They are not settling for speakers. This is the best one to cut, because there are alternatives for the club. Why are the honoraria increasing?
  + Hamilton: A little tongue in cheek, I think that honoraria are going up because rooms across the country are willing to pay more. $5,000 means a lot more to outdoor education than it does to lecture fund, and they will thrive regardless.
  + Nugent: I thought we should have started cutting with GPB and CMSF, because they adding that much money to concert funding is not strictly necessary. We should start considering minor cuts to these groups instead.
  + Volpe: I voted against it and I will explain why, but we should cut a little more money from SAC. Cutting lecture fund is good, because $5,000 can be better spent elsewhere.
  + Bazail: This is the third year in a row that they have had the same funding. They are very responsible fiscally and cannot help the raise in their costs. They are very strapped, and taking $3,000 from other majorly funded clubs would greatly assist Lecture fund.
  + Arias: Motion to call to question
    - Seconded, passed
  + Arias: Call to question
    - Acclamation fails
    - Vote by roll call passes 7-5
* Ziac: Motion to fund CMSF at $20,000
  + Arias: seconded, Motion to debate passes
  + Ziac: Previously we had CMSF at more than what we have given the other clubs. This is a fair increase point, and allows them to fulfill some newly professed needs while still allowing wiggle room with other clubs.
  + Nugent: This growth is still enough to accomodate outside growth within other faith-based clubs while taking into account the outside spending.
  + Volpe: There is nothing I see here that is worth cutting by $5,000. I understand 2 or maybe 3, but 5 really cuts in to expansion of the MSA nd protestant organizations.
  + Arias: Motion to call to question
    - Seconded, passed
  + Arias: Call to question
    - Acclamation fails
    - Vote by roll call passes 7-5
* Nugent: Motion to cut GPB by $4,924 (funded at $145,000)
  + Seconded, motion to debate passes
  + Dubke: I think that the $4,924 cut is arbitrary and I am not sure where that money can come out of. All spending for GPB goes back to students, and they gather a lot of impact data. They have similar goals as LEcture fund but much lower costs and much better evaluations
  + Kleier: Their audit showed projected costs of 193,000 and their cost was much lower. I cannot get it out of my head that athletes are sleeping on the floor. I frankly do not think that GPB needs the money. This is $5 versus $75 for club sports. To me, only club sports demonstrated a dire need for money.
  + Bazail: I will vote against this, because I believe we should vote against any increase at all. I definitely do not think we should increase funding on SAC, because it is like giving a stash to an addict. ABCS is the most strapped for cash.
  + Nugent: GPB provides low cost events, but ABCS desperately needs this money. I am in favor of cutting GPB and providing this money to ABCS.
  + Dubke: GPB has the most organized club with the best spending practices. We need to encourage clubs that spend responsibly, and punish clubs that are not.
  + Volpe: We should not cut SAC; I do not think we are understanding the implications of cutting SAC this deeply. GPB has put on amazing programming and we would still be increasing their funding, but we cannot fulfill the request nearly fully.
  + Ziac: We would be increasing their funding and rewarding them. I do not think that cutting this amount of money will disincentivize their good work, especially when this money can do so much more for ABCS.
  + Bazail: If you genuinely want more money on this, risk your reelection. I do not support this cut in favor of SAC, but i do in favor of ABCS.
  + Arias: Motion to call to question
    - Seconded, passed
  + Arias: Call to question
    - Acclamation fails
    - Vote by roll call passes 11-1
* Hamilton: Before we start cutting, we must discuss our priorities. Maybe we should do a round robin of about 20-30 seconds per person.
  + Bazail: Motion to do a round robin with 20 seconds per person
    - seconded , passed
  + Bazail [edited to provide full statement{: As a member of IRC and Philodemic Society, which fall under SAC’s purview, I would be okay with cuts to some trips from SAC in order to fund ABSC and make sure kids aren’t sleeping on the floors of hotel rooms.
  + Hamilton: I think we should cut Outdoor Education by 2-3,000 and split that between SAC and ABCS
  + Salmeron-Perla: I agree with Hamilton
  + Volpe: I am unhappy with CMSF allocations. I believe we should give CMSF $1000 and split the remained between SAC and ABCS
  + Marin-Mora: We need to work on real, true numbers, and I prioritize ABSC
  + Dubke: I love Zachs plan
  + Dai: Cutting funding to SAC will directly affect cultural clubs, and SAC will point fingers at us.
  + Nugent: CSJ needs the money. They stretch every dollar they have.
  + Weiss: I am comfortable with where we are at, and we should save some money for appeals.
  + Kleier: I prioritize ABSC and though I think SAC needs money, we do need to reform them. We should withdraw some from the student endowment.
  + Ziac: The quality of life for ABCS would greatly increase, over what would happen from increasing SAC.
  + Rassieur: I think the effects of SAC will stay roughly the same so we should keep the number at 250,000
* Hamilton: Motion to fund Outdoor Education at $5,000
  + Seconded, motion to debate passes
  + Kleier: I think it is so hypocritical. We keep saying that ABCS needs so much, but how is that not the same for Outdoor Education? I think that OE can help get financially constrained people off of campus and help them. I understand a cut to 7,000, but not 5,000.
  + Nugent: ABCS is a recognized advisory board. OE is a Applicant B organization with an inaccurate audit. They did not request funding for any safety equipment.
  + Hamilton: They only need 2,500 for equipment. Everything else is going towards training fees. How valuable is providing the training fees. My problem is that their only system for financial aid is to lower costs for everything. Their issue is not lack of funding, it is lack of organization and institutionalization. They ,ust fix their financial aid regulations. They did not even tell us all of their funding. It is great that the guides are volunteering, but it is not our responsibility to pay university guides. If we continue to fund things that the university should fund, they have no incentive to change.
  + Ziac: This stuff may not be safety equipment in terms of bandaids, but this equipment is necessary for them to go on the hikes they plan.
  + Kleier: This is a student activity, and it is our responsibility to fund this. Training is essential for safety. If there is an emergency and no one is trained, these students are at risk.
  + Nugent: I am not arguing for recalcitrant policy against these guys. They said they need one more stove, and cutting funding will not have them sleeping naked on rocks and eating berries. Safety is a priority, but I do not know why they need 13 more trained people. I think $5,000 is a reasonable amount.
  + Hamilton: When new guides come in, you need to train people anew. The equipment is getting funding. That is not the argument. The training will be simply a little less affordable. I do not want to spend too much time on that. I think we should fund them at what we gave them last year.
  + Hamilton: Motion to friendly amend to fund OE at $6,500
    - Seconded, passed
  + Arias: Motion to call to question
    - Seconded, passed
  + Arias: Call to question
    - Acclamation passes
* Dubke: Motion to divide the pot between ABCS and SAC (a total of $6504.60).
  + Weiss: Should we not keep that in a reserve in case the appeals come back?
  + Volpe: I think we agreed to use the SEF.
  + Hamilton: Yes, but carefully.
  + Seconded, Motion passes
  + Bazail: I oppose this because I think that this $6,000 passes much better in ABSC.
  + Rassieur: I do not think that the final amount we agree upon ultimately matters, because we will be back debating this amount in a week.
  + Volpe: I think we should vote to finalize this as a compromise for everything that we need.
  + Hamilton: We have been painting ABCS as a cherubic organization, but they did allocate $30,000 to club equestrian, and we did not get a good reasoning for why clb squash must go off campus.
  + Arias: Motion to call to question
    - Seconded, passed
  + Arias: Call to question
    - Acclamation fails
    - Vote by roll call passes 10-2
* Dubke: Motion to finalize this budget
  + Seconded, motion passes
  + Hamilton: Point of Order: 1,022,000 was the ballpark. What was the actual number?
  + Arias: It is that number.
  + Vote by roll call 11-1
* Kleier: Motion to adjourn
  + Seconded, passed.
  + Meeting is adjourned at 6:13pm