

**Student Activities Commission**

Georgetown University

24 February 2020

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order--8:01
2. Approval of Minutes--Move to approve by Rose and seconded by Javi, Motion passes 11-0-0
3. Financial Account Updates

Fund: -$49,180

1. Public Comment--None
2. Group Presentations
   1. GUCD
      1. Weekend Canvassing Trip
         1. planned for during budget summit
         2. total cost is $901
         3. $461 for AirBnb
         4. $365 for CSJ van rentals
         5. $75 for extra gas
         6. 57% travel funding tier
         7. $513.57
         8. Riley: how many more canvassing trips? two day trips but not asking for ad hoc
         9. Riley: what else will you be asking for in ad hoc? this and spring formal
         10. Clay: attendance estimate of 15 is accurate? yes
         11. Move to approve by Javi and seconded by Rose
         12. Motion passes 11-0-0
         13. Move to table funding by Javi and seconded by Riley
         14. Javi: we do not have money, hard to allocate funds, already have day trips, one event that we can save money, two additional trips that are similar in nature, not necessarily an event we must fund
         15. Riley: this is going to be the beginning of this happening for a lot of groups, would usually be something we would fund, in agreement with Javi
         16. Rose: do you know how much you guys are requesting for formal? space costs, probably just for catering and space
         17. Bobby: is this space going to be Copley? yes
         18. Riley: which event would you rather have us fund? formal or this event, will talk to other board members
         19. Javi: should not consider ad hoc funding based on future ad hoc requests
         20. Clay: we are going to see more groups with more requests, have to see requests differently, different than any other ad hoc
         21. Javi: comfortable with the motion, having similar events, a nice to have and not a must have
         22. day trips were planned due to their proximity
         23. Matt: we are in a tough spot, something we should table
         24. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Javi Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y 11-0-0
   2. BSA--8:14
      1. Visions of Excellence Ball
         1. similar to Dip Ball
         2. recognizing seniors in the black community
         3. encourage that same behavior in rising classes
         4. honor junior, faculty member, and alumnus
         5. celebrate the end of the year
         6. significant cost to hold this event
         7. one of the most important events to the black community
         8. the contract is already signed so have to pay them the money
         9. not able to back out at this point without having to owe money
         10. would be disappointing to be held on campus
         11. Bobby: will you be having any other ad hoc events? just Late Skate, can take back seat to this event
         12. Riley: how much are you charging for tickets and how much did you make? $40, selling 200 tickets, expecting to bring in about $8000
         13. Clay: what’s your fundraising plan? reached out to 146 organizations, if everybody say yes then we would have more money
         14. Riley: contracts? waiting for everything to get approved, should have everything signed in the next week or so
         15. Riley: asking for money for space and food and what else? have to pay cashier and bartending fee
         16. Matt: so you have two attendance estimates which one should we use? go off 225, expecting 250 students that are allowed to be in event space, last year sold 246 tickets
         17. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Riley
         18. Motion passes 11-0-0
         19. Riley: should we allocate for both or just space?
         20. Clay: we did them separately
         21. Bobby: so the food is coming from the hotel? yes
         22. Move to allocate $4410 by Clay and seconded by Riley
         23. Clay: funding space, food, and security
         24. not funding GUPD, hotel security, already have an invoice
         25. Clay amends motion to allocate $3600
         26. Clay: that is food and off campus space for 200 people
         27. part of the space cost is having people there such as security officers
         28. Bobby: why did you do 200 instead of 225
         29. Clay: just be as conservative as possible
         30. Matt: 200 is just way lower
         31. Rose: they gave us 225 estimate
         32. Bobby: lower than what they sold last year
         33. Clay: fine to fund the difference, that does mean we are going to be making even tougher decisions in the future
         34. Bobby: already having conservative numbers, shows good faith on their part
         35. Kathy amends motion to allocate $4050--friendly amendment
         36. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Javi Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y 11-0-0
   3. Veg Out--8:29
      1. Kickoff Meeting
         1. first event
         2. having it on Friday
         3. dinner
         4. making vegan enchiladas
         5. requesting $66
         6. $5.50 for full meal times 12 people
         7. Move to approve by Javi and seconded by Bobby
         8. Motion passes 11-0-0
         9. Move to allocate $66 by Javi and seconded by Bobby
         10. Javi: since they are in NCD, will be funding for the rest of the semester
         11. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Javi Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y 11-0-0
3. Commissioner Presentations
   1. ACLU-GU
      1. David Cole Speaker Event
         1. in restoration
         2. requesting for food
         3. 70 people and $5.50 per person
         4. Clay: they would have a budget if we had not messed up
         5. Annie: don’t need full meal allocation for a speaker event
         6. Clay: can’t penalize groups for our mistakes
         7. Move to approve by Bobby and seconded by Rose
         8. Motion passes 9-0-1
         9. Move to allocate $385 by Clay and seconded by Annie
         10. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Matt abstains, Clay Y, Kathy Y 9-0-1
   2. PRIDE
      1. Mental Health Town Hall
         1. Claire: I just have the info that is here, Mental Health Awareness Town Hall, ad hoc funding for $200, do not know why they are requesting funding
         2. Move to approve by Riley and seconded by Bobby
         3. Motion passes 10-0-0
         4. Move to table funding by Riley and seconded by Bobby
         5. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Javi Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y 10-0-0
   3. Gaming Club
      1. Battle for the Hilltop III and IV
         1. smash bros tournament
         2. very important to Gaming Club’s mission
         3. $250 total
         4. requesting $125 for each tournament for pizza and drinks
         5. Move to bundle by Riley and seconded by Kelly
         6. Motion passes 10-0-0
         7. Clay: have given that money before, also have food
         8. Riley: need prizes to do well, fundraising for those
         9. Move to approve by Rose and seconded by Clay
         10. Motion passes 10-0-0
         11. Move to allocate $250 by Clay and seconded by Rose
         12. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y 10-0-0
      2. General Meetups
         1. Move to bundle by Riley and seconded by Bobby
         2. Motion passes 10-0-0
         3. funding food and drinks at both events
         4. going to stop funding food and drinks for future events
         5. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Matt
         6. Motion passes 10-0-0
         7. Move to table funding by Clay and seconded by Matt
         8. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y 10-0-0
   4. Stand with Kashmir
      1. First GBM
         1. pizza at first event
         2. Move to approve by Matt and seconded by Rose
         3. Motion passes 10-0-0
         4. Move to allocate $26 by Claire and seconded by Annie
         5. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Kelly Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y 10-0-0
4. CSE Annotations--none
5. Jake’s Annotations
   1. Budget Guide Reform
      1. Riley’s Reforms
         1. Cap restoration spending at total amount of budget summit budget--this is already a rule
         2. have a set number of events we fund partially then the rest would be scaled down--similar to travel, should be for budgets, have this limited to food, don’t need food every single week
         3. Clay: only give food at one GBMs per semester
         4. Matt: pushing events to ad hoc
         5. Clay: do not have a maximum per semester
         6. a lot of other schools do not fund food
         7. Bobby: have to fund some food, students are already paying into SAF, can lower that, but not an extreme cut
         8. Clay: can set a maximum number of food events
         9. Riley: reforming the 10% rule, not penalizing clubs for underspending, putting it at a hard cap
         10. Clay: avoid changing percentage to hard cap, small change in cost multiplies more across a big club
         11. Clay: we can say that if we have a cut applied, your original request cannot be higher than it was from the previous semester
         12. Riley: being bamboozled by certain clubs, setting an attendance requirements, need to figure out a way to check attendance, investigate which groups events are truthful
         13. not funding board bonding at all and will get penalized for spending on bonding
         14. if they misrepresent attendance then they go into restoration
         15. Clay: fund up to $35 per instructor per semester, should be average attendance per semester
         16. Rose: having a flow chart or FAQ in the budget guide
         17. PUT EVERYTHING IN BUDGET REQUEST AND SUBMIT EAFS FOR EVERY EVENT
         18. Kathy: being strict about cultural meals
         19. do not try and target clubs and be sensitive
         20. Clay: random audits
         21. Kelly: audit events that spend more than $1000
         22. Clay: do not have the capability to do full oversight
         23. Kelly: use their budget and then also sell tickets and don’t tell us, have slush funds for parties and board bondings
         24. Clay: we are never gonna catch everything, can catch the more expensive things, and the more common things
         25. Matt: we do not fund beverages if we already doing a meal
         26. if we have an ECF submission, then cannot get out of NCD or Restoration
6. Adjournment--9:26