

14th Meeting of the 16th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: Morgan Room in the CC

August 31st, 2022

6:00 pm – 7:45pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

F.147 Brazilian student association (\$150)- Passed in Full

F.148 Choral Association (\$6000)- Passed in Full

F.149 Club Soccer (\$1200)- Passed in Full

F.150 Enactus (\$350)- Tabled in Amended Amount

F.151 Interfraternity Council (\$5300)- Passed in Full

F.152 Magic the Gathering Club (Part of Science Fiction Society)
(\$284.72)- Passed in Full

F.153 Men's Club Volleyball (\$896.79)- Passed in Full

F.154 Science Fiction Society (\$1754.51)- Passed in Full

F.155 Simple Harmonic Motion (\$700)- Passed in Full

F.156 The Social Committee - Films (\$865- Reallocation)- Passed in Full

F.157 The Social Committee - Films (\$990)- Passed in Full

F.158 The Galactic Senate (\$285)- Passed in Full

F.159 WPI Equestrian Team (Reclassification IIV to II)- Passed

F.160 Equestrian Team (\$4200)- Passed in Full

F.161 Equestrian Team (\$4200)- Tabled

F.162 Equestrian Team (\$4200) -Tabled

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.147 Brazilian Student Association-(\$150)

Purpose of Funds:

Brazilian Independence Day BBQ Food

Presentation:

\$150 requested

Cultural food for barbecue

Questions:

Q: Requesting for amount on FR (\$264) or what is presented (\$150)?

A: \$150 requested

Q: Is this a yearly event?

A: yes, every A term

Q: When is the event?

A: Next Friday (September 9, 2022)

Discussion:

Pro: falls in line with justifiable food events - integral to the event

Pro: good way to represent community to new students

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$150)

F.148 Choral Association - (\$6000)

Purpose of Funds:

Accompanist payment

Presentation:

Used to be covered by humanities department, but got cut out because of reorganization of funds

Accompanist supports alden voices, glee club

\$1500 per term

Increase from last year because of adjunct faculty raise

Questions:

Q: Reason for payment cut?

A: Was told that reason was reorganization of funds

Q: Was this FR'd previously?

A: Yes for \$5000 per year

Discussion:

Pro: Accompanist was similarly hired for dance

Pro: Done before

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$6000)

F.149 Club Soccer - (\$1200)

Purpose of Funds:

Purchase soccer balls

Presentation:

Both men's and women's competitive teams are part of club

club expanded to recreational as well now

men's team only using coach's balls (womens using their own)

not many funds allocated for equipment

helps practice individually

Questions:

Q: shipping cost + tax included in FR?

A: Free shipping

Q: Why 2 sets of soccer balls?

A: Men's and women's teams don't practice/play together, need 2 sets, don't share same equipment

Discussion:

Q: Why are there 40 new people?

A: Used to make cuts but now there's gym credit and it's popular and there's a recreational team

Pro: Purchase will help more people play

Q: Did we fund it before?

A: Yes but we cut it from budget

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$1200)

F.150 Enactus - (\$350)

Purpose of Funds:

Workshop items, team building exercises, activities fair handouts (already paid) club t-shirts, and food for workshops

Presentation:

Entrepreneurship club

Club events open to all of campus

Activities done without materials so far

Questions:

Q: What game activity materials do you specifically want?

A: Activities for elevator pitch event - material for event with CDC, GBM such as board games

Q: Activities fair yesterday so flyers were already purchased?

A: Hoping SGA will retroactively reimburse them

Q: Any way that funds could've come from CDC?

A: Club functions under Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center and CDC but don't get funding from them

Q: Is the presented cost the full funding for t-shirts?

A: No this is only the portion allowed by sga bylaws found on the site

Q: Do you know anyone from enactus who's started their own company?

A: One of our alumni worked for a startup, and another is planning to do a startup on the side

Q: Success of elevator pitch event where entrepreneurs come in?

A: yes - it worked out for Chair Geary's grandbig

Discussion:

Con: Pizza not necessary for professional development workshop - not related to purpose of club/event

Q: are we allowed to reimburse the \$30 for the handouts

A: No- against bylaws

Point: Feel bad about not funding pizza because it's a networking event

Response: been to a few networking events - pizza seems unnecessary

Response: Difficult to network when actively eating pizza

Motion: Motion to remove first 2 line items of funding request (pizza for workshop, activity fair

handouts)

Motion passed, request reduced from \$430 to \$350

Point: Think that request should be tabled - no clear line item breakdowns; t-shirt information is not confirmed

Motion: motion to table FR until they come back with proper line item and budget information

Motion to table FR passes

Outcome:

Tabled in Amended Amount (\$350)

F.151 Interfraternity Council - (\$5300)

Purpose of Funds:

Meet the Greeks Event (next Monday on labor day)

Presentation:

Campus wide event for new students; on the quad

carnival and lawn games

food truck, popcorn, cotton candy

All greek organizations, chance to mingle with new students more informally on campus (new students to anyone and everyone allowed to participate)

Funding Request Breakdown:

LNL \$300

Inflatables - \$3000

food trucks - \$2000

IFC has minimal money for this event - (\$50)

Expanding event from previous table-sitting event to carnival setting. Greek carnival was advertised as a part of 'welcome week'

Questions:

Q: This is the event with the inflatable bull from freshman year?

A: that is greek carnival, this year the greek carnival event was downscaled

A: greek carnival is lowkey- event is put together by greek organizations with their own cornhole and such, the bull will not be present

Q: What inflatables will be there?

A: Human foosball, bouncy house, small children's train being driven around the quad - fits up to 30 small children

Discussion:

Pro: percentage of students in greek life is over 1/3 of campus

Q: Don't Greek organizations have a sizable funding supply?

A: It depends on each chapter's alumni connections. Newer and not as established chapters have no

money.

Pro: International students perceive fraternity life as beer and hazing, but this event will remove the stigma.

Pro: Small train ride will be exciting. Lots of emphasis on being apart of welcome week to new students- making it a fun experience for all students.

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$5300)

F.152 Magic the Gathering Club (Part of Science Fiction Society)-
(\$284.72)

Purpose of Funds:

2 Booster boxes of cards

Presentation:

Club is an extension of the science fiction society - meets twice a week in CC, participates in SFS gaming weekends

want to host an event during SFS Gaming Weekend, being held this weekend, September 3

using boxes to host a draft

open to all of campus and is free

Had submitted an FR in D term for similar event

no travel, food, or sports

\$142.36 per box

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Pro: Lots of fun and enjoyment for little cost

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$284.72)

F.153 Men's Club Volleyball -(\$896.79)

Purpose of Funds:

Equipment (volleyballs, bag, antenna)

Presentation:

40-50 active members, 120 slack members

currently 6 regulation volleyballs, lost 2 over the weekend, during intramurals people take them

Requesting for:

- 1) 12 regulation volleyballs, - will be numbering them to keep track !
- 2) volleyball bag
- 3) antenna for net - currently have 3 working antennas, need another one to play

Questions:

Q: Do you mark the balls?

A: Now they do, previously no. Will mark the new ones.

Q: Do you have markers for volleyballs?

A: Yes

Discussion:

Pro: fits the purpose of the club

Pro: balls are useful for sport

Pro: soccer balls passed for soccer, so similar should be done for volleyball

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$896.79)

F.154 Science Fiction Society -(\$1754.51)

Purpose of Funds:

Food for A term gaming weekend event and other costs for event

Presentation:

SFS - large club for physical gaming

assorted board games, magic the gathering,

70-90 people per week - NSO event had 87 attendees

ran twice a year - last time in d term - 149 attendees (80-90 expected)

120-180 expected for a term event - 70 around mealtime

donuts served in morning

snack food available

budget updated monday - chartwells increased prices

increasing pizza cost by \$91

less expensive bagels

\$41 more expensive in total

Food cost distribution: \$483.78 (day 1), \$564.73 (day 2), \$113.00 (day 3) = \$11651 (total)

janitorial - \$398

cc staff - \$195

Questions:

Q: Requesting for money on FR form or what is on the presentation?

A: Presentation value is more accurate

Q: Did you already go to walmart to purchase less expensive items?

A: No, waiting to be approved

A: This event has been ran before? Was it passed with food?

A: Yes, ran before and been funded for the food

Q: Is this an overnight event?

A: Yes 2 nights

Q: Is this in your budget or is this supplementing the amount allocated in your budget?

A: Last one covered by a funding request. Hasn't been in the budget since 2019.

Discussion:

Pro: Even though its a food event that isn't directly related to the purpose of the club, it was previously passed. It's an overnight event so food is not supplemental- it is part of the event.

Pro: food is an integral part of event - would be detrimental to host event and make people leave event to eat.

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$1754.51)

F.155 Simple Harmonic Motion -(\$700)

Purpose of Funds:

recording, mixing, and mastering songs

Presentation:

Songs to be recorded: 1) Go the distance 2) I found a way

want to put professional recorded songs on spotify

working with alumni

\$350 per song

Larger a cappella recording studios range \$500-\$1000 per song

Quoted \$700

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Pro:Fits purpose of the club

Q: Why was this FR denied before?

A: Submitted an invoice with incorrect date last time (from future date), but made sure to specify that the document was not an invoice in presentation.

Q: How many people will participate?

A: 12

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$700)

F.156 The Social Committee - Films- (\$865- Reallocation)

Purpose of Funds:

Reallocation of film rights (excess line item) to LNL service costs

Presentation:

A-term Movie on the Quad (MOTQ) setup - the freshmen enjoy it

covid restrictions were inconvenient before, but loosening up now

\$2955 leftover and want to use \$865 to extend MOTQ event to 2 days

LNL holds rights to projector and speakers and such supplies

LNL service fees (A term)- \$635

LNL service Fees (MOTQ1) -\$230

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Pro: As long as properly outlined this reallocation will follow bylaws

Pro: Funding being put towards popular event

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$865)

F.157 The Social Committee - Films- (\$990)

Purpose of Funds:

LNL fees reinstated to what they were in previous year (C+D term)

Presentation:

Miscommunication between LNL and SocComm - excluded LNL from budget

Movies in fuller are a staple event

Cost: \$330 per term

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Q: Clarify purpose of FR?

A: LNL still charging for services in Fuller

Pro: Fits the purpose of the club

Pro: Movies in fuller are fun and popular

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$990)

F.158 The Galactic Senate - (\$285)

Purpose of Funds:

Pay LNL service fee and Social Committee for movie rights

Presentation:

The Galactic Senate (also known as Star wars club) is open to all of campus.

Movie on the quad event is a partnering with soccomm

Purpose: payment for LNL services and soccomm for movie rights

September: \$285

Questions:

Q: Why was Episode 3 chosen?

A: Voted amongst the Galactic Senate

Discussion:

Pro: Fantastic movie and great event

Q: What's the date of the event?

A: Don't know.

Outcome:

Passed in full (\$285)

F.159 WPI Equestrian Team -(Reclassification IIV to II)

Purpose of Funds:

N/A

Presentation:

N/A

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Point: Reclassification from class 7 to 2

Pro:SGA always encourages clubs to move into proper classification after trial year

Outcome:

Passed, eligible for budget

F.160 Equestrian Team -(\$4200)

F.161 Equestrian Team -(\$4200)

F.162 Equestrian Team- (\$4200)

F.160, F.161, F.162 were presented and discussed as a single FR since they were nearly identical in content. Only difference between the three requests were the months of intended spending.

Purpose of Funds:

Fall lessons to continue lesson program to make equestrian sports accessible to WPI students

Presentation:

About club: rides at intercollegiate horse shows association; has competition team and recreational team

This cost was requested last year (fall 21 + spring 22)

Club is open to anyone on the team

FR was approved by Ann McCarron

Funding Request Breakdown:

Lessons per month: \$60 per lesson per person

lessons per month per rider : 2

riders: 35 riders

Total requested amount for 3 months (september, november, december) : \$4200 per month

Barn raised prices: last year price was \$50, this year price is \$60

Membership: Roster being finalized - 35 total capacity

Dues for members

Recreational team : \$360 per semester (50% of lessons)

Competition team : \$620 per semester (50 of lessons, 50 of coaching, 34 of entry fees)

Equipment covered by students

Members can join by beginning of each semester

If members leave, costs are not refunded, but SGA money is not used on another item

Fundraising history:

- Raised \$3600 from Giving Day (106 donors) - 4th place for giving day

Questions:

Q: How are Clark University, Holy Cross, and Worcester State funded?

A: Partially SGA, Membership dues, and school funding

Q: Have you spoken with them?

A: Yes, they worked with them when starting the team. Based dues amount off of what the local schools do. Worcester state gets more funding than the WPI equestrian team. The WPI equestrian team's coach was the previous coach for Worcester state.

Q: Fundraising plans?

A: Will participate in next Giving Day, hold a plant fundraiser, \$1 tarot card readings, sticker sale (made \$400 in past), snack tables at competitions, looking into more fundraising initiatives at competitions. Club currently has 2 fundraising chairs on executive board.

Q: Does fundraising go towards lowering the cost of dues or funds from SGA?

A: Fundraising is used to host shows, less intention to give to SGA - uniforms

Q: Why are only 35 members are allowed?

A: Barn capacity is 40 riders. Barn hired more staff to fit WPI team because of the large membership. Last year's team consisted of 37 people. Even though the number of riders increased, the executive board didn't want to increase dues on members.

Q: Budget estimation? (semester or full year)

A: Can be sent over right after financial board presentation.

Discussion:

Point: If the FR is rejected, the club might be jeopardized.

Q: Can this be brought to senate?

A: Perhaps. Might affect how other clubs are funded, especially skiing.

SGA gives Alpine and ski around \$40k, but equestrian team require about \$70k—too expensive per member

Distinction between recreational and competition team

Team is capped at 35 students, giving money is integral. Important for SGA to plan ahead - prevent this much request in the future because this spending pattern is unsustainable.

Q: Where is the \$70k estimate coming from?

A: Bulk of last year costs, funds to startup club, uniforms, equipment, riding costs were \$16k for 3 months in the past; this amount was passed 2 times.

Point: SGA needs bylaws to put in place for limits. Suggestion that SGA should fund 3 times the student life fee per member.

Point: No precedent to limit spending like ski team

Ski team has a strong alumni network - was able to get \$16k in a day and a half

WPI team is capped at 35 members but Worcester State team has 65 members and at cheaper barn

Fundraised funds are being used to purchase new equipment so that sga doesn't have to, and for hosting a home show. Also, using fundraised funds for events. This does not lighten the load on SGA

Point: SGA needs more concise bylaws to handle this situation.

WPI equation team last year FR's total to \$42k

Pro: Pass it now and deal with it in the bylaw changes to Cap the per member cost

Pro: Send the first requested amount and inform team of coming bylaw changes

Pro: Passing the first FR and tabling the other two would give the team a heads up about SGA's hesitancy in giving funds.

Point: Really depends on number of competition teams

Motion: Motion to table last 2 requests (F.161+F.162) and vote on first request (F. 160) - MOTION PASSED

Outcome:

F.160 Passed in full (\$4200)

F.161 Tabled

F.162 Tabled