

19th Meeting of the 16th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: Taylor Room in the CC

October 5th, 2022

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

    Appropriations committee:

        F.227 Competitive Climbing Club (\$3000)

        F.228 Competitive Climbing Club (\$4200)

        F.229 Habitat for Humanity (\$20) - Reallocation

        F.230 Habitat for Humanity (\$40) - Reallocation

        F.231 Men's Club Basketball (\$520)

        F.232 Student Alumni Society (\$80)

F.233 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) (\$854.16)- Denied (Appealed)

F.234 Badminton Club (\$1168.4)-Passed in Full

F.235 Creative Writing Club (\$25)-Passed in Full

F.236 Hellenic Student Association (\$9000)- Tabled

F.237 Tea Club (\$2758.9)- Passed in Full

F.238 Magic the Gathering Club (Part of Science Fiction Society) (\$555.78)- Passed in Full

F.239 Society of Automotive Engineers (\$4405.51)- Tabled

F.240 The Alliance, oSTEM Affiliate Chapter (\$87.76) - Reallocation- Passed in Full

F.241 South Asian Student Association (\$4797.2)- Passed in Full

F.242 Insight Program (\$10925.7)- Passed in Full

F.243 Outing Club (\$5258)- Passed in Full

F.244 Student Government Association (\$280) - Passed in Full (Vetoed)

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

**F.233 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) (\$854.16)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Provide supplies to build model rockets.

**Presentation:**

Requesting for an additional \$435 if ordering with the HPRC (High Power Rocketry Club (HPRC))

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

CON: Rollbacks will be transferred into club accounts next week. The club will receive the funds for these items in a week.

**Outcome: Denied**

**APPEALED**

**F.234 Badminton Club (\$1168.4)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

New rackets for the general members of the club and students in the PE class.

**Presentation:**

Would like to provide equipment for competition members and PE class members.

20 Rackets

**Questions:**

Q/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Collegiate level competitors need the proper equipment.

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

**E.235 Creative Writing Club (\$25)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Funds will be used to print flyers for Creative Writing Club events & printouts for GBMs.

**Presentation:**

Requesting funding will cover 100 sheets of printing for the year.

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Allows this newly established club to spread awareness about their organization.

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

## **F.236 Hellenic Student Association (\$9000)**

### **Purpose of Funds:**

All the funds will be used for the transportation and accommodation of the members of the Hellenic Student Association.

### **Presentation:**

10-15 students in club.

NHSA (National Hellenic Student Association) has over 50 members chapters.

Club is planning to attend the NHSA Conference, which allows networking and future partnerships.

Transportation \$500x10 members= \$5000

Housing \$350x10 members= \$3500

### **Questions:**

Q: Is the transportation request for airfare costs?

A: Yes and bus transportation.

### **Discussion:**

CON: Financial board would like to see a breakdown of their plan so the details can be reviewed.

Motion to amend out the cost of transportation (\$5000).

PRO: HSA needs to figure out transportation so it follows the bylaws (not airfare).

CON: Could pass the request and add a stipulation that they must use the funds to purchase bus tickets.

Motion failed

Motion to amend down housing cost to 66% of total price(\$3500) to follow bylaws.

CON: Financial Board does not know the exact amount that club would be charged for housing.

Motion failed

Q: Can financial board not cover 2/3 housing cost even though the housing amount is not known?

A: FRA chair reviews and approves report forms by referring to the minutes and what was approved during Financial board .

CON: The majority of the presentation is unclear (unclear breakdown) and Financial board is not clear about any of the amounts.

Motion to table FR to the next executive financial meeting.

PRO: This request is important to the club, but is very unclear.

Motion passes

**Outcome: Tabled**

**F.237 Tea Club (\$2758.9)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

The funds will be used to purchase tea, tea hardware, and equipment for future events.

**Presentation:**

Around 60 people are active in the club.

Club needs more equipment since a large number of people attend general body meetings.

Items: Tea, Tea supplies, Table sitting materials

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Request follows the Bylaws.

PRO: Funding request is thorough and detailed.

PRO: Club emphasized collaborations with other organizations.

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

**E.238 Magic the Gathering Club (Part of Science Fiction Society) (\$555.78)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

We will use this funding to purchase supplies needed to supply newcomers to magic with decks (3 commander preconstructed decks and a bundle of 4 pioneer preconstructed decks). This request also includes sleeves, which are needed for hosting drafts, and a box of magic cards which will be also used in running future events. Scissors will also be needed to help in proxy events.

**Presentation:**

Purchasing decks, sleeves and other related items.

**Questions:**

Q: After the draft, will the cards stay with the club?

A: Yes they will stay with the club.

A: Does the requested amount include tax?

Q: Yes.

**Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Card collecting and purchasing these items can be an expensive hobby, so this FR will help attract new members who can't afford these items on their own.

PRO: This club has run events similar to this that have been very successful.

**Outcome: Passed in Full**



## **F.239 Society of Automotive Engineers (\$4405.51)**

### **Purpose of Funds:**

This funding request is going to be funding a club racing simulator. This simulator will give club members a realistic driving experience that will train them how to drive open wheeled formula cars. Driving our club cars is a fun experience, but can also be very dangerous since they do not handle like a normal passenger car. Having the simulator to drive will train new drivers how to drive safely and expect how the cars will handle while steering and braking.

### **Presentation:**

Gaming PC, driving simulator and other items.

### **Questions:**

Q: Have you talked to the esports club about using the new esports lounge in South Village?

A: No, they have not.

### **Discussion:**

CON: Esports club may already have this equipment.

CON: Requesting for a gaming pc seems excessive, especially since esports club has plenty of new equipment.

Motion to amend out the Gaming PC.

PRO: Seems like there are plenty of other options for using a Gaming PC, like the esports lounge.

CON: Financial board should table the request rather than amending out the PC cost until details about the esports lounge are confirmed.

Motion table this motion

Passed

Motion to table this request

Motion passed

**Outcome: Tabled**

**E.240 The Alliance, oSTEM Affiliate Chapter (\$87.76) - Reallocation**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Worcester Pride Parade T-Shirt Tie-Dying Event

**Presentation:**

An event to giving away chest binders to students.

Reallocating funds since club was not able to participate in worcester pride parade.

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: It is a good opportunity to allow students on campus to feel included.

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

**F.241 South Asian Student Association (\$4797.2)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Garba/Diwali event

**Presentation:**

Festival event; expecting around 350-500 people

People will be invited from surrounding colleges.

**Questions:**

Q: You'll be inviting people from other schools?

A: Yes

Information from representative: tickets will be for funding food and the ticket price for outside students will be slightly higher.

Q: Explain LNL price increase?

A: More speakers and lights will be used due to increase in attendance.

Q: Can you elaborate on the \$100 for prize (line item clarification)?

A: Going to raffle out various prizes and a care package.

**Discussion:**

CON: Confusing about where the ticket sale money is going.

POI: All ticket sales must be used to offset the cost on SGA.

PRO: Event has been entertaining and successful in the past.

CON: They are inviting outside students.

PRO: Outside people benefit from this event but the money that SGA will spend will be going towards WPI students.

CON: "Prizes" and "Diwali week miscellaneous" line items are not fully described in the request.

POI: The three hundred under “Diwali week” would be used for activities leading up to the Graba event, such as henna.

POI: The prize is to create a different way of advertising the event. People would share posts about events on social media and prizes would be rewarded to those who reshare the most. This will increase advertisement and will create a larger audience.

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

## **F.242 Insight Program (\$10925.7)**

### **Purpose of Funds:**

Please see attached files for details. Essentially we will be offering a fun festival to celebrate the start of B term with a bunch of lovely fall activities, games, etc.

### **Presentation:**

Sunday before B term

LNL, facilities, decorations, pumpkin related activities, food (cider donuts and apple cider and food trucks)

### **Questions:**

Q: Clarify food truck information? The numbers are inconsistent.

A: The number of food trucks was brought down to two and the number of servings per food truck increased.

Q: Has this event happened previously?

A: Yes it has.

### **Discussion:**

PRO: SGA has passed this type of request before.

Q: If they have done this previously, why are they submitting a funding request and not using budget funds?

A: Organization was told that they need to have a club sponsor for the event. Previously, they had clubs sponsor this event.

PRO: Follows the bylaws

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

**E.243 Outing Club (\$5258)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Mountain bike and zipline trip

**Presentation:**

24 students on October 29th

Approved by Ann McCarron.

bus fees, lift tickets, lessons, rentals, and zip line tickets

**Questions:**

Q: How does the club decide who goes on the trip?

A: Will probably announce when Google Form will open.

**Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Allows students a different type of outdoor activity.

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

**F.244 Student Government Association (\$280)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Halloween financial board event

**Presentation:**

Items: miniature skeletons, string lights, spider webbing, candy bowls, led candles, halloween, candy, caution tape, two full sized skeletons (one adult and one child)

**Questions:**

Q: What are the items for?

A: For the halloween financial board, the first financial board of B term.

**Discussion:**

PRO: Will increase attendance to financial board.

PRO: Bringing people to financial board fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Decorations can be reused

**Outcome: Passed in Full**

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