

8th Meeting of the 17th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: CC Chairs Room

March 15th, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.23.451 The Social Committee Big 3 (\$277.91)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.452 The Alliance, oSTEM Affiliate Chapter (\$135.99)--PASSED

F.23.453 Badminton Club (\$675)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.454 Badminton Club (\$750)--PASSED

F.23.455 Badminton Club (\$678.5)--PASSED

F.23.456 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$130.23)--PASSED

F.23.457 Biomedical Engineering Society (\$400)--PASSED

F.23.458 Cheerleading (\$1000)--PASSED

F.23.459 Science Fiction Society (\$1898.95)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.460 Women in Cybersecurity (\$110)--PASSED

F.23.461 Society of Women Engineers (\$474)--DENIED

F.23.462 Bowling Club (\$7647.15)--PASSED WITH STIPULATION

F.23.463 American Cancer Society on Campus (\$9958)--PASSED

F.23.464 WPI Women's Rugby Club (\$4450)--PASSED

F.23.465 Hindu Yuva (\$918)-CANCELED--PASSED

F.23.466 Robotics Club (Combat Robotics) (\$1795.9)--PASSED

F.23.467 Enactus (\$135)--PASSED

F.23.468 Disc Golf Club (\$1396.16)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

### **F.23.451 The Social Committee Big 3 (\$277.91)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

This event is the final recap of the year for SocComm. We will be celebrating the accomplishments made from the committees and giving a good send-off to the seniors. With the money, we will be purchasing food gifts for the seniors/exec board. This is a tradition within SocComm to purchase food and gifts for the event, but we do not have a line item for gifts and food

#### **Presentation:**

End of the year banquet on April 29th. Requesting for merch for executive board (\$421.08) and senior gifts (\$322.92).

Total Requested Amount: \$744.00

#### **Questions:**

N/A

#### **Discussion:**

Motion to Amend Merch down to 66% of total cost.

CON; Majority of the Social Committee is just the executive board. There are no general body members that would receive the merch.

Motion Fails

Motion to amend out senior gift line item and reduce merch to 66%

PRO: Fits bylaws

PRO: Merch will be distributed to the members of the club, but senior gifts are too limiting.

Motion Passes

POI: Request is now amended down to \$277.91

**F.23.452 The Alliance, oSTEM Affiliate Chapter (\$135.99)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

The funds will be used to acquire decoration supplies and prizes for our collaborative event with Sigma Pi. This includes arts and crafts, chocolate bunnies for the best decorated eggs, and other snacks and decoration.

**Presentation:**

Total Requested Cost is \$135.99

Club will purchase crayons, eggs, spoons, cups, chips/snacks, candy, prizes, chocolate bunny prizes. Certain sections of the breakdown will be funded by Sigma Pi (eggs, Easter candy, snacks).

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Cost-effective, collaborative event between clubs.

PRO: The chocolate bunnies should be regarded as a prize item and not as food.

PRO: Fun and engaging destress event.

**F.23.453 Badminton Club (\$675)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Birdies (Equipment)

**Presentation:**

\$1485 to purchase 55 dozen birdies. Each dozen is \$27. There are 150 members in the club.

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

Motion: Amend down to supply 25 dozen birdies.

PRO: More reasonable amount for the rest of the year.

POI: Birdies should be thrown out after every 15 points.

Motion Passes

**F.23.454 Badminton Club (\$750)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Transportation

**Presentation:**

Club will be attending the 2023 DURABIRD Eastern Collegiate Badminton Championships  
Coach Bus will be traveling to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Proper transportation is necessary to attend the event

PRO: Fits the purpose of club

**F.23.455 Badminton Club (\$678.5)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Lodging for Spring 2023 DURABIRD Eastern Collegiate Badminton Championships

**Presentation:**

Team is attending Spring 2023 DURABIRD Eastern Collegiate Badminton Championships. Requires hotel stay. Cost for 8 rooms is \$678.5.

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Team needs a proper lodging accommodations to participate in the event.

PRO: Travel details are planned and well-organized.

PRO: Team can represent WPI at the tournament.

**F.23.456 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$130.23)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

This is for a teambuilding activity for our general body meeting where we will be splitting up people into teams and creating marshmallow towers! This encourages collaboration, creativity, the importance of planning and execution, and identifying strengths and weaknesses.

**Presentation:**

D Term General Body Meeting.

General body members will be building marshmallow towers in teams. Creative, collaborative event that encourages teamwork.

Total Requested Amount: \$130.23

Items: marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate, toothpicks, table cloths

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Good team building activity

PRO: Essential for the purpose of the event.

**F.23.457 Biomedical Engineering Society (\$400)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Order food for BMES Field Day

**Presentation:**

Event: BMES Field Day

Club will be using Chartwells catering

Expecting 75 people to attend.

Breakdown:

4 pizzas with topping: \$50.97

5 plain pizzas: \$79.95

fruit tray: \$59.88

60 cookies: \$131.40

15 GF Cookies: \$49.35

5 2L bottles: \$21.25

Total Request amount: \$392.8

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Request follows bylaws.

PRO: Event is open to all of campus.

PRO: This event has been funded and organized before.

PRO: Great event for community building.

PRO: Offering foods that cater to various dietary restrictions.



**F.23.458 Cheerleading (\$1000)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

To pay for mat space at Baystate All-stars (cheer gym).

**Presentation:**

3 practices a week for 3 weeks plus March 12 and April 4 practice.

Total Requested Amount: \$1000

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: WPI cannot supply enough practice space. Practices are essential to the club.

PRO: Has been funded previously.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

### **F.23.459 Science Fiction Society (\$1898.95)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

We run an event called gaming weekend twice a year. It is a 48 hour event that we run at the top floor of the campus center. Other clubs collaborate with us in order to get higher attendance as well. The last two gaming weekends we had 180 and 300 people. We are looking for funding mainly for food. We get pizza from catertrax on Friday and Saturday, donuts from Dunkin Donuts on Saturday and Sunday, and a variety of snacks and drinks from Walmart for all three days.

#### **Presentation:**

##### Gaming Weekend

This event has been hosted twice a year. Club is growing. 48 hour event where attendees can play board games. Date of event: 3/17 to 3/19. Expected attendance is 250 people. Budget is raised compared to last time they organized event since attendance is increasing.

Total Requested Amount: \$2,288.85 total.

Funds will be used for food, custodial staff, and fees.

Club ran out of food last time event was organized. Food will be purchased from Walmart (low-cost).

#### **Questions:**

Q: How will club keep track of number of attendees?

A: RSVP on TechSync. Also students will have to swipe their ID at the door.

Q: Is the food catered by Chartwells?

A: Yes. Presented prices are accurate.

Q: How will club market event?

A: Similarly-related clubs will be attending event (spreading news of event to other clubs).

Posters will be hung up.

Q: Club already has budget has line items for gaming weekend (custodial fees, posters, fee for extra hours of building use). Will they be using those funds?

A: Club had trouble accessing the budget funds so they submitted a funding request. If they have access to the funds, they will.

#### **Discussion:**

POI: \$310 in club's budget for D Term Gaming Weekend line item (\$100 custodial, \$190 janitor, \$20 for printing)

MOTION: Amend out line items that are already covered in club's budget.

PRO: Unnecessary to provide more funding for items that are already covered by budget.

Motion Passed.

PRO: Historically, strong attendance at event.

PRO: Overnight event so costs are justified. Strong attendance from various clubs. Strong engagement between clubs.

### **F.23.460 Women in Cybersecurity (\$110)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

We will be using the funds to purchase Hak5 equipment. This will help us put together interactive GBMs, and we hope to expand our club by doing this!

#### **Presentation:**

Hak5 Equipment

Total requested cost: \$110. Club wants to purchase more hands-on activities to increase involvement. Event is open to all of campus.

Club received \$180 from national organization. Requesting for the difference of sum.

Breakdown of Items (Total is \$280):

Cable Detector (39.99)

Key Croc+ Screen Crab Combo Kit (249.99)

#### **Questions:**

N/A

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Club has received external funding to alleviate costs on SGA.

### **F.23.461 Society of Women Engineers (\$474)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

The purpose of these funds will be to allow the new 2023-2024 Society of Women Engineers Executive board an opportunity to create deeper personal connections before our national conference in California next fall. With position transitions occurring at a busy time of the year, our leadership board has not been able to spare the time to go out together as a team outside of our work environment, making it hard to create those important personal connections. Since our executive members push the importance of leading by example to promote our all inclusive environment full of mutual respect and support, this retreat will allow for a unique and fun experience for our board to become closer and build trust with one another. Not only this, but this retreat will give us the chance to test out a new teambuilding experience that can be implemented with all our members in the future.

#### **Presentation:**

SWE Executive Retreat

Retreat will occur at Level 99 (entertainment destination) for a team-building retreat. Trip would support club's mission statement. SWE has over 100 active members so strong leadership is necessary.

Total Requested Amount: \$474 (rounded up)

Breakdown:

Transportation: \$40.92 (62 miles, 3 cars)

Ticket: \$420 (12 members, \$35 per person)

#### **Questions:**

Q: Only executive board will be attending retreat?

A: Yes. Every term club organizes a retreat. SGA has funded retreat in the past. Last retreat was a dinner that SGA funded.

#### **Discussion:**

POI: SGA may provide funding for up to one off campus retreat.

CON: Retreat destination/activity is not conducive to effective team building. Not open to all of campus, and limited to just the executive board.

## **F.23.462 Bowling Club (\$7647.15)**

### **Purpose of Funds:**

Bowling

### **Presentation:**

D Term Bowling Funds.

Club now has 223 in Discord. Club started in A term. Every Wednesday of the term, member bowl. Bowling tournament is organized every term. D term tournament set for March 25. \$10 entry fee to participate in bowling tournament, which goes into funding the bowling ball prize. Club's goal is to compete at a intercollegiate level. Prices rose by \$1. 30-40 ppl attending tournament.

Total Request Amount is \$7,647.15

### **Questions:**

Q: Is Bowlero the most cost-effective location?

A: Club receives Wednesday special deal, which is 4 times cheaper than regular price to bowl. Will be discussing more with club sports.

Q: Has club started fundraising?

A: No, club has no other sponsorships.

Q: How did club generate 25 people per week number?

A: Average number of people attending per week is 25.

Q: Is carpooling a better option, rather than purchasing a bus?

A: In the past, carpooling was organized, but club was recommended to use bussing instead. Club is open to any new recommendations.

Q: Is attendance during finals week less than average attendance?

A: No. Attendance is generally stable each week.

Q: What was the attendance at last term's tournament?

A: 24 people.

Q: Who hosts tournament?

A: Bowlero. Only WPI students compete in tournament.

### **Discussion:**

PRO: Bussing is integral since club is expanding and growing in membership. The bus will accommodate to increasing number of club members.

CON: Costly, especially since club consistently requests each term for fees and bussing.

MOTION: Amend request to cover costs of only 6 weeks since there should be no bowling during finals week.

Motions fails.

Motion: Club members should pay \$10 towards registration fees to subsidize cost on SGA.

CON: New club on campus and may not be aware on how to collect member fees in time for start of D term. There is strong attendance to bowling trips so funds are well worth it.

CON: There has been a precedent set for SGA to fund the club's fees and bussing.

Motion Fails.

POI: 8 bowling lanes accommodates for 40 people.

Motion: Stipulate that lanes should be purchased according to number of attendees.

PRO: Saves money and there will be no wasted lanes.

Pro: Encourages more people to attend bowling trips.

Motion passes.

### **F.23.463 American Cancer Society on Campus (\$9958)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

These funds will be used to help organize and facilitate this campus wide fundraising night

#### **Presentation:**

Event: Relay for Life.

Purpose of club is to raise money for American Cancer Society. Requesting funds to purchase Fun Enterprises services- used services from company before. Activities include photobooth, street sign and license plate making etc. Event is open to all students on campus. Date of event: Saturday April 15th in the Recreation Center.

Total Amount Allocated in Budget: \$3272

Total Requested Amount: \$9958

(Line Items in Funding Request: Police details, EMS, Fun Enterprises, Decorations, Snacks, Facilities Staff)

#### **Questions:**

Q: Expected Attendance of event?

A: Around 200. 400 individuals signed up right as of date of request. People come and go throughout the event and don not stay for the entire 12 hours. Doors close at 1 AM.

Q: Have any of the items been purchased?

A: No, not this year.

Q: Registration cost for attendees?

A: Yes and the ticket money goes to the ACS. None of the ticket funds goes towards club

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: Supports an important medical issue.

PRO: Popular event on campus. Expecting strong attendance. Money for event is already in budget. Presentation is detailed, indicating that the event is well-organized.

PRO: Community-building event for all of campus.

**F.23.464 WPI Women's Rugby Club (\$4450)**

**Purpose of Funds:**

Pay for bus to and from the tournaments this spring season

**Presentation:**

In the past, team only played during the fall season, but intends to play during the spring. Requesting for busing for 5 tournaments in the spring. Tournament dates were between 3/18 - 4/22.

Total Requested Amount: \$4450

**Questions:**

N/A

**Discussion:**

PRO: Important for players to stay active in the spring.

PRO: Team will help promote and represent WPI during games.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.



**F.23.465 Hindu Yuva (\$918)****Purpose of Funds:**

The Northeast Hindu Yuva Leadership summit is a gathering of young Hindu professionals, entrepreneurs, and students in the Northeastern region of the United States. The summit aims to provide a platform for attendees to connect, engage, and learn from each other and prominent leaders in the Hindu community. The funds requested for this summit will go towards various expenses such as registration fee, travel, and accommodation for exec members of Hindu Yuva. The funds requested will contribute towards making the Northeast Hindu Yuva Leadership summit a successful and meaningful event that empowers the next generation of Hindu leaders in the Northeastern region of the United States.

**Presentation:**

Request was canceled.

**Questions:****Discussion:**

### **F.23.466 Robotics Club (Combat Robotics) (\$1795.9)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

Purchasing a reusable kit of parts to be used for the construction and competition of 11lb plastic antweights in the WPI internal antweight competitions.

#### **Presentation:**

Combat Robotics Antweight Competition. Requesting for parts to purchase.

Competing in Norwalk Havoc Robot League in Connecticut.

Team has had success in the past. Team has produced highly ranked robots. 30-40 students will be attending competition.

In the past students were reimbursed with the club's budget.

Club needs more resources to gain interest, which is not financially feasible now. Requesting for a reusable kit of parts.

Total Requested Amount: \$1795.90

Items include electronics, hardware, wheels etc. Total cost includes shipping and taxes.

#### **Questions:**

Q: Durability and longevity of parts?

A: Supplies will be enough for the next 2 years: this year's and next year's competition.

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: Items are reusable and won't be use for only one time.

PRO: Club is expanding so additional funds are necessary. PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

### **F.23.467 Enactus (\$135)**

#### **Purpose of Funds:**

The purpose of funds requested is to organize and host an event that aims to Explore the Art of Career Transition and Choosing Your Path with Confidence. The funds will be used to purchase college mascot toy and notebooks as a token of appreciation for our guest speaker, which will help to strengthen the college's brand identity and foster a sense of pride among students. The event will also require marketing efforts to attract attendees, and therefore, a portion of the funds will be allocated to cover the costs of designing and distributing flyers.

#### **Presentation:**

Event: Navigating Career Crossroad.

Club is inviting a speaker, who is a Professor at Tufts University. Event will occur on March 30th from 5-6PM. Collaborating with SWE. Speaker has an engineering background and works as an entrepreneur.

Total Requested Amount:\$133.96

Funds will be used to fund prizes for speaker (an appreciation gift) and flyers (\$80)

#### **Questions:**

Q: Is taxes included in cost?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there a fee for the speaker?

A: No.

Q: Expected attendance for event?

A: 20-30 people.

Q: Is event open to all of campus?

A: Yes.

#### **Discussion:**

PRO: Gifts will be a good way to express gratitude, especially since speaker is providing services for free.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club. Encourages club collaboration.

PRO: Open to all of campus.

## **F.23.468 Disc Golf Club (\$1396.16)**

### **Purpose of Funds:**

The funds will be used to pay for the registration, housing, and travel for our collegiate team to compete for the event.

### **Presentation:**

Event: Disc Golf Collegiate Nationals.

Date of event: April 5th- April 8th

Location: Marion, North Carolina.

Over 500 competitors will be competing and over 100 schools..

WPI Team consists of 4 students and 2 chaperons. Team received a D1 bid. The 4 students vary in class from sophomore to graduate level. WPI would be the only team from New England to compete in their division. Students will be departing from campus on Sunday to Hartford, CT.

And then will take a plane to Raleigh, NC. Team will be using a rental car to travel to hotel.

Team will be traveling by rental car throughout the tournament.

Requesting for Travel, Hotel, and Registration Fees:

74 miles from WPI to Hartford, CT. \$42.92 per each one-way trip.

Rental Car Cost: \$563.95

Hotel is located in Comfort Inn located (20 minutes away from competition location). 7 nights.

Total Hotel Cost: \$1386

Registration Fee (Team's entry fee to tournament): \$450 per team

Total Requested Cost: \$2485.79

### **Questions:**

Q: Is the presented registration fee the total cost or 66% of the total amount?

A: Club is requesting for 100% of the fee.

Q: Is there an advisor who will be traveling?

A: Coach will be traveling with group.

Q: How will team determine the 4 students who will be attending?

A: Based on player's rating. Most talented players and players with competition experience will be selected.

Q: Has the club submitted a funding request to the Graduate Student Government to fund the costs associated for the graduate student?

A: No.

### **Discussion:**

MOTION: Amend out costs for graduate student.

PRO: Follows bylaws since SGA funds undergraduate needs.

Amended cost: \$1396.16 (75% of all costs. Hotel and entry fees have an additional 33% reduction.)

Motion passed