

9th Meeting of the 17th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: CC Chairs Room

March 22nd, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.23.469 Investing Association (\$189.16)--PASSED

F.23.470 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Club (\$26.4)--PASSED

F.23.471 Engineers Without Borders-USA WPI (\$99.98)--PASSED

F.23.472 Enactus (\$36.95)--DENIED

F.23.473 Galactic Senate (\$62.88)--PASSED

F.23.474 Step Team (\$100)--PASSED

F.23.475 Men's Club Rugby (\$600)--PASSED

F.23.476 WPI cycling club (\$325)--CANCELED

F.23.489 The Social Committee: Annual Events (Reallocation) (\$7666.3)--PASSED

F.23.490 The Social Committee: Big 3 (Reallocation) (\$450)--PASSED IN AMENDED

AMOUNT

F.23.477 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$2500)---PASSED WITH STIPULATION

F.23.478 The Alliance, oSTEM Affiliate Chapter (\$4793.1)--PASSED IN AMENDED

AMOUNT

F.23.479 Robotics Club (VEXU Robotics) 164-AG (\$3800)--PASSED

F.23.480 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1890)--PASSED

F.23.481 Bionics Club (\$296.2)--PASSED

F.23.482 Bionics Club (\$190.97)--PASSED

F.23.483 Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity (\$4709)--PASSED

F.23.484 WPI Equestrian Team (\$440.52)--PASSED

F.23.485 SCUBA Diving Club (\$5610)--CANCELED

F.23.486 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$28146)--PASSED

F.23.487 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$2000)--PASSED

F.23.488 Hindu Yuva (\$1535)--PASSED

F.23.491 Muslim Student Association (\$3175)--PASSED

V. Questions, Comments, and Ideas

VI. Adjournment

F.23.469 Investing Association (\$189.16)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to purchase a custom-made Investing Association table cloth which will help our club recruit new potential members.

Presentation:

Tablecloth cost: \$189.16

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Appealing design that is relevant to the club and WPI.

PRO: Will help promote the club

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

F.23.470 Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Club (\$26.4)

Purpose of Funds:

By table sitting at Prospective Students Day, we hope to attract people to our club and interest them in some of the events we hold. For those who are unaware about what Bioinformatics is, we want to invite them in to educate them about what we're all about!

Presentation:

Table sitting supplies:

Sturdy tri-fold poster: \$9.29

8 single-sided color pages for poster: \$2.00

4 single-sided B&W pages for poster: \$0.40

35 brochures: \$14

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Will help educate others about club at Accepted Students Day. Will help promote club.

F.23.471 Engineers Without Borders-USA WPI (\$99.98)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will be used to buy Sprout: Plantable Graphite Pencils. They support the EWB ideals of being able to reuse materials and having sustainable products, and we will be able to support those ideals when table sitting for accepted students day in the coming weeks, and during NSO in August.

Presentation:

Sprout: Plantable Graphite Pencils (64 pencils in total): \$99.98

Each 32-pencil pack costs \$49.99

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Innovative and appealing way to increase membership and attention to club.

PRO: Environmentally friendly

PRO: Fits the purpose and values of the club

PRO: Will help promote club

F.23.472 Enactus (\$36.95)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds raised for buying popcorn for an entrepreneurial movie night hosted by Enactus will be used to purchase the necessary supplies for the event. This includes the cost of the bags. The popcorn will be a key component of the entrepreneurial movie night, providing a snack for attendees to enjoy during the film. By purchasing and distributing popcorn, the event organizers can help create a more immersive and enjoyable movie-watching experience for attendees, which can encourage engagement and participation in the event. The event itself is being hosted by Enactus, a club focused on creating social impact through entrepreneurship. The entrepreneurial movie being showcased is likely to be one that highlights the importance of innovation, creativity, and problem-solving, all of which are key values that Enactus seeks to promote. By hosting events like this, Enactus is able to raise awareness about the importance of entrepreneurship and social impact, while also providing networking opportunities for its members and attendees.

Presentation:

Popcorn: 36 bags for \$36.95. Club does not specify if event is open to all of campus.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

CON: Does not follow SGA bylaws

F.23.473 Galactic Senate (\$62.88)

Purpose of Funds:

To promote the club during the event

Presentation:

Renaissance Fest Event. Over 100 people are attending.

Date of event is 3/28/23.

Total Requested Amount:

Star Wars Promotional Material (stickers, bracelets, fidgets)

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Items fit the purpose of the club.

PRO: Items will help promote the club and attract attention to the club

F.23.474 Step Team (\$100)

Purpose of Funds:

We will be using the funds to supply chips and water for the event. More specifically, Lay's Potato Chip Variety Pack and Mini Water Bottles 24 Pack - 8 oz Bottled Water (2 each)

Presentation:

Event: Black Greek Life Showcase

Date of event: Monday, March 27th, 6-8:30PM in CC Odeum

Requested items:chips and water.

Club will be performing at the showcase.

Club wants to promote culture to people in and out of the community.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: Event will help promote cultural diversity.

E.23.475 Men's Club Rugby (\$600)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds will be used for buses to and from the event.

Presentation:

Transportation (Busing)

Total Requested Amount: \$600 (estimated based on cost from last semester's trip)

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

PRO: This type of request is commonly funded by SGA.

F.23.476 WPI cycling club (\$325)

Purpose of Funds:

Used to cover transportation costs through mileage, and race entry fees

Presentation:

Request was canceled.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.489 The Social Committee: Annual Events (Reallocation) (\$7666.3)

Purpose of Funds:

New Student Orientation (NSO) Novelties, Food, Lighting and sound, Setup; Family Weekend: LNL and Setup; Family Weekend Tie dye: Shirts and Supplies; Fall Carnival: Novelties and Posters; Winter Carnival: Novelties, hands-on activities, supplies, non-poster advertisements; Academic Advising eve: novelties/prizes; Quadfest: Screenprinted Giveaways, Novelties

Presentation:

To fund food trucks, chartwells, taking from NSO Family Weekend and Fall Carnival, and other places. Quadfest and Quackfest (part of quadfest)

Total Requested Amount: \$7666.30

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Entertaining event that will attract a lot of students.

PRO: Event is held every year.

F.23.490 The Social Committee: Big 3 (Reallocation) (\$450)

Purpose of Funds:

Banquet Reallocation

Presentation:

Items for banquet

Requesting to reallocate \$1284.89 from NACA/ Retreat costs to “Retreat: Food Line Item, Retreat: Retreat Line Item” (Banquet).

Senior gifts and merchandise.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

CON: Does not seem to follow the bylaws (senior gifts line item)

Motion: Cut out merch and senior gifts line items

PRO: General body members should contribute to funding these items.

PRO: Not enough detail in merch costs. Price is not specified as the full price or 66% of total price.

Motion Passes

F.23.477 African Percussion and Dance Ensemble (\$2500)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to fund our grand end-of-year african drumming performance. Working in collaboration with Tuft University's Kiniwe student drumming group and the renowned Agbekor Drum and Dance society, we are putting on a show for WPI and the local Worcester community to enjoy and take part in. We are looking for funds to cover food, transportation for Kiniwe, funds to cover Agbekor, and money for utensils and assorted beverages for all our guests, along with coverage of venue fees.

Presentation:

Event: End of the year concert and banquet. Collaborative Performance and Workshop. Hosted last year and over 100 people attended last time. Students, faculty participated. Event will consist of 1 day of workshop, followed by a performance. Last year, served food and beverages and intend to do the same this year.

Food: \$1,000; Ghanaian food, veggie and vegan options available

Transport: \$500; transportation for Tufts University students. Bringing them to and from Tufts campus to WPI.

Musicians: \$750; Agbekor Drumming and Dance Society member performance

Materials: \$250; utensils, supplies, heating trays, tablecloths, promotional materials

Venue: \$500; First Baptists Church.

Total Requested Amount: \$3000

Questions:

Q: Date of event?

A: Friday, April 14. Workshop earlier in the day and performance later in the day.

Q: Transportation line item is for who?

A: 40 Tufts students.

Q: Why is the event not on campus?

A: Facilities have the day off. Location can be flexible. Last year's performance was held at the First Baptist Church.

Q: Were any payments paid?

A: No. Through ODIME, club was able to receive \$2500. Requested cost is the difference of what club needs to host event.

Q: Event is open to the public?

A: Yes. Similar to before. Last year, even parents came.

Q: Food for just students or open to public?

A: Priority to WPI students. Before, public population was very small and most of the audience was WPI students.

Q: Would club consider ticketing the event?

A: Club does not want cost to be a barrier of people attending the event. A ticket for non-WPI students could be a considerable option.

Discussion:

MOTION: Cut out costs related to transporting Tufts students (Transport line item).

PRO: Funds do not support WPI students.

CON: SGA finances performers to come to campus in the past. How is this different?

PRO: Not valuable to bring students to WPI.

CON: There is a value, the musical group from Tufts is a renowned group.

PRO: There are other musicians who are coming to the event. Not just Tufts Students.

Motion Passes

New Amended Request: \$2500

MOTION: Stipulate: Non-WPI students should pay a ticketing fee.

PRO: Alleviate concerns about food. Reduce costs on SGA.

Motion Passes.

F.23.478 The Alliance, oSTEM Affiliate Chapter (\$4793.1)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to rent out the facilities needed to put on the event, namely a stage, chair rentals, facilities costs, and LNL lighting and sound. As well, we are trying to get two amateur performers from Worcester State's Drag Club to perform.

Presentation:

Event: Drag Show

Club had requested before and is returning after finalizing costs. The drag show will be on the quad. Goal is to unite the WPI community. Need to rent out stage, lighting and sound, and pay for WPI services.

\$4435.50 for stage rental, ramp, lighting sound.

\$157.60 for seating (accessible).

\$50 for dressing supplies.

2 amateur artists from Worcester state drag club, totalling \$150.

Invoices are attached

Total requested amount: \$4793.10

Questions:

Q: Where are dressing rooms for event?

A: Alden hall and CC. Rooms are booked.

Q: Explain more about facilities cost for 2 units?

A: 2 facilities members working for an hour.

Q: Has club requested funds in the past for this event?

A: Yes, previously requested funds. ODIME can cover half of the costs for bringing in drag queens.

Q: Event is open to all of campus?

A: Yes

Q: How will club take attendance at the event?

A: Will have a station around the entrance area. Area will not be fenced.

Q: How many people attended this event in the past?

A: 200.

Q: Consider ticketing for external guests?

A: Not expecting a lot of outside guests. Advertising is focused on WPI students.

Q: How will club be advertising event?

A: Flyers, weekly emails, TechSync.

Discussion:

POI: SGA already approved \$4,700 in funds for this event.

PRO: Club will ensure the event is accessible to students with disabilities, which is appreciated.
High LNL costs are not unreasonable.

POI: Last year's performance was \$2,000 for last year's performance. Outdoor stage didn't have to be set up last year.

MOTION: Increase facilities cost to the price of 4 hours of service.

PRO: Follows campus events protocol.

Motion Passes

MOTION: Amend out costs associated with students from Worcester State University.

CON: Other drag artists will be attending event and they are non-WPI students.

CON: Will help enhance relationships between WPI and other schools in the city.

Motion Fails

Motion to Vote

Request passed in an amended amount (full request + 4 hours of facilities fees)

F.23.479 Robotics Club (VEXU Robotics) 164-AG (\$3800)

Purpose:

The funding will be used to buy new parts, tools, and transportation equipment for the upcoming 2022-2023 VEX Worlds Championship in Dallas Texas, as well as long term transport devices for our robots, and pneumatics which will last years as well.

Presentation:

Event: VexU World Championship and Beyond

Over 100 members on techsync. Club will represent WPI at event. Club attended 2 tournaments this year. This is the club's best year in terms of performance. For the world championship, club is requesting for components, cases, materials, and parts.

Total Requested Amount: \$3800

These parts are important for club to be successful at the World Championship.

Questions:

Q: How many active members are in club?

A: 20 students are collectively in the robotics clubs (Vex, combat and other robotics clubs).

Q: Why are you purchasing name brand items?

A: Quality items will have better longevity. It will be a good long term investment for the team.

Q: How long will equipment last?

A: Not exactly sure, but quite a few years.

Q: Is tax and shipping included?

A: Yes they are included in the request.

Discussion

PRO: Materials will help team perform well.

PRO: Reusable materials that will be a valuable long term investment.

PRO: Club can represent WPI at event.

F.23.480 Competitive Climbing Club (\$1890)

Purpose of Funds:

USA Climbing Divisionals

Presentation:

USAC Divisionals 66% of registration fees.

21 members on the team. Each member pays a \$135 fee.

Total requested amount is \$1890.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Fit bylaws

F.23.481 Bionics Club (\$296.2)

Purpose of Funds:

The circuitry workshop will be an example and a hands on experience for club members and non-members alike to come together and practice and work on creating a motor driver circuit. This experience will boost our club member's and general student body's skill in creating circuits for the coming year. This will also boost their confidence in creating their own projects along with club projects. The funds requested will go towards the purchasing of supplies to create the workshop. The Bionics club will then use the supplies received from the funding request to create an educational and engaging experience for all participants of the workshop.

Presentation:

Event: Circuitry Workshop

Dates of event: April 13. Materials will be stored in club locker in the CC.

Total Requested Amount: 296.2. Expected attendance for event: 30 people

Questions:

Q: Will participants be keeping the creations or will they stay within the club?

A: Club will keep the materials.

Q: How long will the materials last?

A: Until the components run out.

Q: How did club calculate the estimated attendance for event?

A: Used the average attendance plus a few more counts since club is hoping to get more people involved.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Long-lasting materials. Event is open to all of campus

F.23.482 Bionics Club (\$190.97)

Purpose of Funds:

The event will be a opportunity for all students, bionics club members and non-members alike, to sign up and create their very own prosthetic hand that can be actuated. The funding requested will be used to purchase supplies for this event to create a fun opportunity for the participants to learn more about prosthetics and the Bionics Club

Presentation:

Build-a-thon, March 30

Total Requested Amount: \$190.97

Materials will be stored in club locker in the CC. Expected attendance for event: 30 people

Questions:

Q: Will participants be keeping the creations or will they stay within the club?

A: Club will keep the materials.

Q: How long will the materials last?

A: Until the components run out.

Q: How did club calculate the estimated attendance for event?

A: Used the average attendance plus a few more counts since club is hoping to get more people involved.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Long-lasting materials. Event is open to all of campus

F.23.483 Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity (\$4709)

Purpose of Funds:

Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) is working with Be the Match, WPI Varsity Football, and Sigma Phi Epsilon to deliver the event “Be the Match on the Quad, Get in the Game.” This event is modeled after the huge success of SAE’s first event, Be the Match on the Quad, which took place in the Fall. During that event, over 100 volunteers from 10 different campus organizations worked together to teach students about Be the Match’s life-saving work (<https://bethematch.org>) and collected 548 potentially life-saving swabs! The event was a great success for community engagement, community service, community well-being, and collaboration (https://www.instagram.com/p/Cj5s5mJPcdz/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link). We hope to recreate the success of that event by following the cornerstones of fun for WPI students: good food, good music, and a lot of volunteers. This funding request is over \$1,000 less than the last event’s request because we are electing to work with only one food truck (Bird's Nest Panini)—which is the same truck we had success with in the Fall—and Chartwells. We know this combination will ensure the highest quality of food at our event. Thank you.

Presentation:

Event: Be the Match on the Quad, Get in the Game.

Partnership between Sigma Alpha Epsilon and WPI Varsity Football

Be the Match is a bone marrow and stem cell donor registry.

Last time event was held, 548 swabs were collected over 5 hours. 100 volunteers from 10 organizations participated. Event was successfully hosted in the fall.

Requesting for funds for food:

Chartwells Desserts and 250 paninis

Enough for 550 servings.

Event will be open to all of campus. External food vendor form submitted.

Participants will be informed of the event and its purpose even if they don't swab, bringing more awareness to the organization and its purpose.

Total requested amount: \$4709.00 (\$2300 less than last time club requested for this event)

Cut down the price, but expecting similar results with the same quantity. Strong attendance is expected.

Questions:

Q: When is the event?

A: Friday, April 7th.

Q: How will club advertise the event?

A: Will display flyer on CC TV displays, send email to undergraduate students, varsity athletics will spread the word, support from varsity athletics.

Discussion:

PRO: Will allow students to support an important cause.

PRO: Club reconsidered and reduced the costs associated with this event so it is more cost-effective to fund.

PRO: Event is open to all of campus and benefits the student life

F.23.484 WPI Equestrian Team (\$440.52)

Purpose of Funds:

Transportation, Motel, and Coaching Fees

Presentation:

Regionals Event, which was rescheduled due to EHV outbreak. Requesting for motel, coaching fee, and transportation. Distance is 228 miles. Location of event is at the Bonnie Lea Farm.

Total requested amount is \$455.16.

SGA will cover half of coaching fees.

Show is on March 25 and team will stay the night to attend regionals, which is in the area on March 26. Hotel rooms are reserved but not purchased yet.

Questions:

Q: Was there a request already made for this?

A: Yes, but club will not be asking for reimbursements.

Discussion:

PRO: Event is a good opportunity to promote WPI's talent.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club

E.23.485 SCUBA Diving Club (\$5610)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds would subsidize 2/3rds of the cost of 2nd half of SCUBA certification for students who had taken 1st half through club in D term.

Presentation:

Ann McCarron canceled the request.

Questions:

Discussion:

F.23.486 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$28146)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used for the annual Pan Asian festival, which celebrates Asian culture. Each organization in Pan-Asia will have their own table booth with activities and food.

Presentation:

Pan-Asian: Cultural Club Collaboration

Annual Pan-Asian festival. Clubs: SASE, SASA, VSA, SHAKA, KSA etc.

Purpose of the event is to promote and celebrate culture through food, music, and more. Event will be hosted on the quad (not the Odeum, like last year).

Breakdown:

1) Provisional Cost: \$15,180

2) Activities (each club is hosting an activity): \$6,305

Volunteer: \$2100 (Shirts)

Each club provides food: ~\$10,000

SASE and Tea Club will be providing drinks: \$25,066

SASE budget covers: \$10,000

New Budget: \$35,855

Old Budget: \$10,800

Total Requested Amount: \$25,066

Questions:

Q: Last year's attendance?

A: About 400. Throughout the event, people drop in and leave whenever they please.

Q: Has any money been spent on the request?

A: No.

Q: How many volunteers for event?

A: 100 volunteers.

Q: When is event and is it open to all students?

A: April 16th (5-9PM). Event is open to all on campus. Club intends to make event more accessible to students.

Q: Justify cost increases?

A: Event will be on the quad so there are more fees with purchasing a tent. There are more Asian students on campus. The rain location for the event is in the CC.

Q: Explain the last line item?

A: "Odaiko Taiko Team" is a performance group of drum players.

Q: Has the Quad been booked for this event?

A: Yes.

Q: Why is the KSA line item \$4,000?

A: KSA is covering the decoration costs for the event.

Q: Explain the raffle cost?

A: Club is expecting 600 people to attend the event. So according to SGA bylaws, the raffle prize can cost up to \$600 (\$1/attendee for raffle prize).

Q: Explain the games and activities?

A: Henna, Mocktails, Flower Crown making, yoyo fishing, bamboo dancing, karaoke machine etc.

Q: Why do the snacks cost \$400?

A: Snacks are for volunteers throughout the event.

Q: Can anyone be a volunteer?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the utensils cost based off of?

A: Estimate based on BJ's cost.

Discussion:

PRO: Culturally enriching and exciting event. There is strong expected attendance. Event promotes cultural diversity and representation.

PRO: Renowned event that is promoted even during campus tours.

PRO: Great example of club collaboration.

PRO: Well prepared presentation and excellent attention to detail, indicating that group is well-organized.

F.23.487 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$2000)

Purpose of Funds:

This funding request is to buy merchandise for our general body members.

Presentation:

Merchandise (Quarter-zips)

100 GBM members. Club will be ordering 80. This is the club's first time requesting apparel.

Each item is \$61.62. SGA will cover \$25 each.

Total Requested Amount: \$2000

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Follows bylaws.

PRO: Will help promote club and unite club members.

F.23.488 Hindu Yuva (\$1535)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds raised for an event hosted by Hindu Yuva in collaboration with SASA for Holi celebrations, including a DJ and food, will be used to cover the costs associated with organizing and executing the event. Specifically, the funds will be used to pay for the following: 1. DJ Services: A significant portion of the funds raised will be allocated towards hiring a professional DJ who can play music for the event. This includes the cost of the DJ's time and its logistical fees. 2. Food and Beverage: Another portion of the funds raised will be used to provide food and beverages for attendees. This could include traditional Holi Savory snacks such as Samosa's and pakora's as well as other snacks and refreshments. By using the funds to cover these expenses, Hindu Yuva will be able to create a vibrant and enjoyable Holi celebration for its members and attendees. The DJ and food will help to create a fun and festive atmosphere, while the decorations and supplies will contribute to the overall ambiance of the event. This celebration will also provide an opportunity for members to come together and connect with one another, which is a key part of the mission of Hindu Yuva.

Presentation:

Event: Holi Celebration

Collaboration event with Hindu Yuva and SASA.

Holi is a colorful festival event where people can gather and celebrate the arrival of spring. There is a religious (Hindu) connotation to this event. Expecting 200-250 people to attend. Event will occur on April 2nd on Higgins Lower Lawn. Event is open to all of campus.

Current SASA Budget: \$805.00

SASA is covering \$300 for food (sweets)

Hindu Yuva is requesting for additional: \$1535.00 for DJ, lighting, and food.

Hosting a collaboration event to gather more resources and increase attendance.

Questions:

Q: Date of event?

A: April 2nd from 2-6PM.

Discussion:

PRO: Club collaboration.

PRO: Part of funds for this event is already in club budget.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: SGA will be supporting a new club since this is their first funding request.

PRO: Enrich campus diversity and culture.

F.23.491 Muslim Student Association (\$3175)

Purpose of Funds:

Funds will be used to pay for food, decor, dish ware, and games/activities.

Presentation:

Event: Eid Collab (MSAxSASA)

Eid al-Fitr is one of the 2 holidays that marks the end of Ramadan. Club is collaborating with SASA to use their table clothes and some smaller items.

Breakdown:

Décor, Cutlery, Plates: \$1,001

Dinner and Dessert: \$1536

Food is an essential part of the holiday. Club is keeping costs low (“cutting corners”).

Renting and Services.

Mats, microphones for prayer and henna artist (lower hourly rate): \$900

Total Requested Amount: \$3,437

Date of event: April 28th, In Higgins Courtyard

Expected attendance is 50-60 people.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Important to students and supports club’s purpose

PRO: Event is open to all of campus

PRO: Club requested lowest prices

PRO: Collaboration with another club

PRO: Enriches campus diversity