

12th Meeting of the 17th Financial Board FY23

Meeting Room: CC Chairs Room

April 12th, 2023

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Present: President Gabriella Rios, Treasurer Katie Bowles, Chair Rayna Jacob, Accountant Lauren Abraham, Chair Michaela Cluett, Secretary Felicia Link, Senator Evan Mandel, Senator James Obermaier, Senator Conner Chartier, Senator Abby Hoschouer, Senator Aidan Eldridge

I. Call to Order

II. Treasurer's Remarks

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

Appropriations committee:

F.23.531 First Generation Student Association (\$23.98)--PASSED

F.23.532 The Social Committee Big3 Reallocation (\$982.55)--TABLED

F.23.533 Chess Club (\$194.2)--PASSED

F.23.534 Chess Club (\$84.56)--PASSED

F.23.535 Active Minds (\$54.81)--DENIED

F.23.536 Women's Club Lacrosse (\$2471.44)--PASSED

F.23.537 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (\$57.3)--PASSED

F.22.561 Running Club (\$300)--PASSED

F.23.538 The Adventurers' Guild (\$355)--PASSED

F.23.539 Motorsports Club (\$1095)--PASSED

F.23.540 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$443.24)--PASSED

F.23.541 Robotics Club (VEXU Robotics) (\$1200.07)--PASSED

F.23.542 Muslim Student Association (\$480)--PASSED

F.23.543 Club Water Polo Reallocation (\$469.27)--PASSED

F.23.544 Promotion of Animal Welfare Society (\$65)--PASSED

F.23.545 Cycling club (\$640.35)--PASSED

F.23.546 Men's Club Rugby (\$2150.5)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.547 Ketones A Cappella (\$555.42)--PASSED IN AMENDED AMOUNT

F.23.548 WPI Club Water Polo (\$307.95)--PASSED

E.23.531 First Generation Student Association (\$23.98)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds will go towards purchasing vinyl paper to create stickers, and transfer paper to move the stickers easily in a sticker making workshop.

Presentation:

Funds will be used for sticker making workshop in the makerspace and are expecting 25 people.

Vinyl Paper (2 rolls, 12" x 20'): \$10.99

Transfer Paper (1 roll, 12" x 50'): \$12.99

Totals to \$23.98.

Date of the Event: April 24th in the Maker Space.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Cost-effective.

PRO: Activity is unique and fun for students.

PRO: Creative use of campus space.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

E.23.532 The Social Committee Big3 Reallocation (\$982.55)

Purpose of Funds:

Presentation:

Reallocation of funds for the banquet.

Funds reallocation from Retreat (Bus Line), NACA (Bus, Hotel, Registration) items to merchandise.

Total requested reallocation amount: \$982.55.

Date of the event April 29.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Motion: Table the Request

PRO: Need time to clarify request details.

F.23.533 Chess Club (\$194.20)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used for an intercollegiate chess tournament, which will be hosted on 4/22.

Presentation:

Tournament expected attendance: 100 people.

There is no entry fee. Tournament is broken into 4 divisions.

Breakdown:

Chess Medals (\$48 for 16 medals)

Prize Money (\$70)

12 more portable boards (\$76.20)

Total Requested Amount: \$191.20.

Date of the event: April 22.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Allows more exposure of club and more students can get involved in club.

PRO: Fun event and is open to all of campus.

PRO: Good advertisement for club.

F.23.534 Chess Club (\$84.56)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to buy chess themed stickers for the club to hand out for advertising during tablesitting and events.

Presentation:

Will be getting chess-themed stickers for table sitting events.

160 stickers in total for \$84.56.

Total Requested Amount: \$84.56.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Helps advertise the club. .

PRO: Good quality stickers.

F.23.535 Active Minds (\$54.81)

Purpose of Funds:

For use in GBM.

Presentation:

Will be used to purchase supplies for making glitter jars.

12 Mason jars: \$19.99

6 Glitter glue: \$24.83

18 units Glitter: \$9.99

Total Requested Amount: \$54.81.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

CON: Glitter is banned from WPI campus events according to 25Live quiz.

Motion: Amend out all glitter products.

PRO: Glitter is not allowed.

PRO: Motion will ensure that campus rules are followed.

CON: Request only consists of jars, which defeats the purpose of the request.

CON: The banned items are essential to the success of the event.

PRO: Jars can be used for another related purpose. .

Motion Passed

CON: Club should return with another request.

F.23.536 Women's Club Lacrosse (\$2471.44)

Purpose of Funds:

Help us cover 66% of the cost of hotel rooms and our bus for playoffs in New York.

Presentation:

Women's club lacrosse regional tournament occurring on April 16th in New York.

Hotel is 8 mins from the field.

Transportation:

Coach Bus: Base Cost: \$835.00

Coach Bus Additional Cost per Hour: \$115.00

Estimated Trip Duration

Total Transportation: \$1525.00

Hotel:

1 Bedroom Cost: \$115.00

2+ Bedroom Cost:\$121.00

1 Bedroom Needed: 3

2+ Bedrooms needed: 9

Total Hotel Cost: \$1,434.00

66% of Hotel Cost: \$946.44

Total Requested Amount: \$2,471.44

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Follows the bylaws.

PRO: Participation in tournament will expand WPI's publicity.

F.23.537 American Society of Mechanical Engineers (\$57.30)

Purpose of Funds:

To purchase Graduation cords

Presentation:

Want to purchase graduation cords for the seniors.

6 cords, \$8.99 each

Total Requested Amount: \$57.30

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Similar requests have passed.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Recognizes the hard work done by seniors.

F.22.561 Running Club (\$300)

Purpose of Funds:

To pay for stickers with the team logo and foam rollers for warming up before and after practices.

Presentation:

3 foam rollers for stretching and injury prevention.

Stickers with the team logo.

Both include taxes.

Total Requested Amount: \$300.

Questions:

Q: Where can you use the rollers?

A: Anywhere.

Q: Are you keeping the rollers in the team locker?

A: Yes.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Cost-effective and good for safety.

PRO: Foam rollers enhance running quality.

PRO: Stickers help advertise the club.

E.23.538 The Adventurers' Guild (\$355)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to purchase supplies for the map making event.

Presentation:

Event: Map Making

Funds will be used for art supplies, guide books, cleaning supplies, refreshments, and buffer money. Supplies will be reused for multiple events.

Total Requested Amount: \$355.

Questions:

Q: What are the refreshments?

A: Chips, water, and soda.

Q: When is the event?

A: Wednesday, April 3 for a couple hours.

Discussion:

PRO: Supplies can be reused for future events.

PRO: Creative and unique event.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Cost-effective.

F.23.539 Motorsports Club (\$1095)

Purpose of Funds:

Portable restrooms, audio equipment and a DJ for music and announcements during annual car show.

Presentation:

Event: Motorsports club annual car show

Usually expect a couple hundred cars.

Date of Event : April 23

Requesting for:

2 Portable restrooms at the show (\$470). Were funded previously for this show.

DJ for music (\$400)

Audio equipment rental from L&L for music and announcements (\$225) since LNL is not available

Total Requested Amount: \$1,095.

Questions:

Q: Where is the event?

A: Gateway.

Q: Are you filling up the whole garage?

A: Typically club fills up the surface lot behind the building and part way up the garage.

Q: What will the entry fee fund?

A: Spectators are free, but car entry fee of \$5 is donated to a veterans charity.

Q: Has this request been approved in the past?

A: Yes, last year.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: The money raised is going to a great purpose.

PRO: It has been funded before.

PRO: It is a fun event.

PRO: Line items are reasonable and essential to the success of the event. Providing bathrooms at an outdoor event is needed..

F.23.540 Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (\$443.24)

Purpose of Funds:

Will be used to purchase cords and stoles for seniors.

Presentation:

Cords and Stoles for graduating seniors

Purchasing items through SASE merchandise website.

18 more seniors who will be graduating compared to last year.

\$243 for 7 stoles, \$119 for 17 cords.

Total Requested Amount: \$443.24

Questions:

Q: Are the stoles going to be kept within the club?

A: Yes.

Q: Does the club have a collection of these items from previous years?

A: Club currently has 2 stoles and 3 cords.

Discussion:

PRO: Items will stay within the club for reuse.

PRO: Important to recognize seniors in the club.

PRO: Similar requests have been funded in the past.

F.23.541 Robotics Club (VEXU Robotics) (\$1200.07)

Purpose of Funds:

V5 brains are the most critical part of our robots. This season, our two brains have stopped functioning properly, becoming practically unusable. This is an emergency FR for the world championship, which we need functioning brains to compete.

Presentation:

Funds will be used to purchase VexU V5 Brains For World Championship.

Requesting for 3 control system brains. The V5 brain is the most critical part of robot.

Brains are needed for World Championship.

Total Requested Amount: \$1,200.07.

Questions:

Q: How soon are the items needed?

A: Championship is on April 26th.

Q: How long will the V5 brain last?

A: Should last a couple years with proper treatment.

Q: An extra V5 brain is in the request. Is it necessary?

A: Yes, it is important to have a backup part in case the other ones fails. The extra V5 brain can be saved for future use too.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: WPI's representation can increase while students attend the championship.

F.23.542 Muslim Student Association (\$480)

Purpose of Funds:

We plan to use the funds to purchase iftar (meal to break fast).

Presentation:

Additional funding for upcoming iftar. Had previously requested funds for this event.

Ramadan is the holiest month, Muslims fast, fasting is one of the 5 pillars. Iftar is the meal that breaks the fast. Builds a sense of community at WPI and security for muslims. The events provide a safe place for international students and first years who are new to experiencing this tradition away from home. Event is also a learning opportunity to non-muslims.

Funds will be used to purchase food from Thai Tamarind to feed an additional 20 people.

Total Requested Amount: \$478.50 (not including tax)

Date of the Event: April 18th in Unity Hall 500.

Questions:

Q: What is the expected attendance for the event?

A: 50 people.

Discussion:

PRO: This event is culturally significant and enhances diversity on campus.

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Event fosters religious support between members.

F.23.543 Club Water Polo Reallocation (\$469.27)

Purpose of Funds:

Budget Reallocation

Presentation:

Reallocation of \$500 from suits to balls.

Current balls are damaged, worn down, resulting in improper inflation so reinflation is not successful. 13 total balls of various types (mens, womens, heavy weight, hydrogrip) Different types of ball are for the different types of activities: strength training, gameplay and practices.

Club wants to be more inclusive so all types of sport playing and needs better equipment.

Requesting for 13 new balls for \$469.27.

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Follows the bylaws.

PRO: Presentation and breakdown were organized and showed effort in request,

PRO: Funds will be better used.

F.23.544 Promotion of Animal Welfare Society (\$65)

Purpose of Funds:

These funds will be used to pay for certified therapy dogs from the Animal Assisted Therapy Services for the dog therapy event. We are partnering with another club, SASE, for the event and are each covering half of the cost of 3 dogs for 2 hours.

Presentation:

Event: Dog Therapy Event, in collaboration with SASE. Event was held last year. This event has been approved in club's budget. Requesting for animal-assisted therapy dogs.

Requesting for \$65 for 2 dogs. SASE will be funding half of cost.

Popular with over 300 people attending events.

This event will be during finals week.

Total Requested Amount: \$65.

Date of the event: April 25.

Questions:

Q: Is it possible to have more dogs?

A: Limited space and depends on number of available dogs at the time of event.

Discussion:

PRO: Cost effective.

PRO: Helps support students' mental health.

PRO: Splitting cost with club, which will reduce financial load on SGA.

F.23.545 Cycling club (\$640.35)

Purpose of Funds:

Race registration and transportation.

Presentation:

Event: Pioneer Valley Showdown Spring Road Race

Open to anyone on the cycling team. Team will be racing against colleges. 2 day event with 30 min road race (relay style).

Breakdown (per person costs)

Weekend race entry cost: \$75.00

License cost for 2 days: \$30.00

Transportation: \$96

Total Requested Amount: \$640.35 (1/3 of transportation, and registration).

Questions:

Q: When is the race?

A: April 22-23.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Participation in this event will increase WPI representation.

PRO: Good opportunity for students to race alongside peers and get experience racing.

F.23.546 Men's Club Rugby (\$2150.5)

Purpose of Funds:

Will cover registration fees for both tournaments and bus request for second tournament.

Presentation:

Event: Beast of the East Collegiate Rugby Tournament

Requesting funds for Busses and Registration Fees for Tournaments.

Club was inactive for 2 years so they do not have a budget.

Competing at one of the biggest rugby tournaments on the East Coast.

Date of Tournament: April 15th. Not requesting for a bus for the Waltham game.

Breakdown:

2 Buses to Portsmouth RI (\$935 each)

Registration Fees: \$100 and \$325

Total Requested Amount: \$2,295.00

Date of the events: April 15 and April 22-23

Questions:

N/A

Discussion:

Motion: Amend registration fee down to 66% of total price .

PRO: Follows bylaws.

Motion Passes (New Requested Amount is \$2150.5)

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Increases WPI representation.

PRO: Competing with other schools provides a valuable experience to students.

F.23.547 Ketones A Cappella (\$555.42)

Purpose of Funds:

Paying for facilities, and promotional materials for the concert.

Presentation:

Facilities and promotional material for upcoming concert.

Annual event in D term Sunday, April 16.

Requesting for advertising, programs, facilities, photos and videos.

Advertising with posters. Will hand out programs to give to audience. Facilities is for set up and take down, photos and videos are used to promote club.

Facilities - $\$39.80 \times 7 = \278.60

Videographer 1- $\$50.00$

Photographer 1- $\$120.00$

Posters (25)- $\$23.25$

Programs (350)- $\$83.57$

Total Requested Amount: $\$555.42$

Questions:

Q: Are these costs covered in club's budget?

A: Only LNL costs are in budget.

Q: When is show?

A: This Sunday, April 16.

Q: Have any items been purchased?

A: No.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Using Photo Club's services, supporting WPI clubs. .

PRO: Good promotional material for the event.

F.23.548 WPI Club Water Polo (\$307.95)

Purpose of Funds:

The funds requested will be used for our one apparel item per year that we can get 50% off of granted to us under SGA by-laws. 15 members are ordering sweatshirts to be printed by Atlantic Sportwear.

Presentation:

Apparel item: Sweatshirts.

Have not ordered apparel since 2019. Sweatshirts will help team stay warm during tournaments.

Team can also represent WPI.

15 sweatshirts for 15 members.

50% of average cost is : \$307.95 (embroidery adds an additional fee)

Questions:

Q: Has club received approval for logo and for using WPI name?

a: Yes.

q: Why is there an average cost and not an exact cost?

a: Most people wanted embroidery.

Discussion:

PRO: Fits the purpose of the club.

PRO: Follows the bylaws.

PRO: Apparel can help promote the club. .