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AFRC Hearing Minutes

January 26, 2016

In attendance: Dave Israels-Swenson (DS), Melinda Wolney (MW), Marcy Prince (MP), Tom Ladner (TL), Clement Loo (CL), Blake Gerold (BG), Laddie Arnold (LA), Autumn Mahoney (AM), Carleigh Swanson (CS), Christi Perkinson (CP), and Meara Hove.

The meeting began at 8:05 p.m.

Laddie forgot his gavel. Dun dun DUNNNNNNNNNNN.
Just kidding, someone lent him a replacement.

Committee members should talk to the groups they're helping out for Annual Allocations if they have not done so already.

Classifications

Mock Trial (CS will be acting as President in place of LA for this classification)

DS pointed out that Mock Trial is an annually funded group, and is asking for an exception to our guidelines by asking for ASG funds. The details for this special circumstance will be discussed during their hearing.

BG motioned to classify as a D2. CL seconded. Passed. LA abstained.

Floating World

The group wants funds to release their literary magazine. BG motioned to classify as an A. CL seconded. Passed.

College Republicans

CL motioned to classify as an E3. BG seconded. Passed.

SMASH Club

MP motioned to classify as a B. TL seconded. Passed.

Ultimate Frisbee

LA recommended splitting this one into two requests.

BG motioned to classify the jerseys portion as a B. MP seconded. Passed.

BG motioned to classify as a C2. CL seconded. Passed.

Hearings

Mock Trial

The regional competition this year is in Cedar Rapids, IA, so the group has increased transportation costs and boarding costs because the tournament is in a hotel and groups are recommended to stay there. They found out about the change of plan in November and could not budget for it in the meantime.

MP moved to fund the request in full at \$700. BG seconded. Passed. LA abstained.

Floating World

The organization is publishing their annual literary and arts journal and needs funds to publish it. Their request is largely the same, with the exception of an additional t-shirts line item. The are just for members of the group and not for promotion, fundraising, or volunteer work, so the group was asked that members pay for those themselves.

MP motioned to fund at \$860. TL seconded. Passed.

College Republicans

The group is requesting funds to go to the Conservative Political Action Conference. 6 group leaders. The group has over \$1000 in their account that they are planning to use to bring a speaker to campus. They have some assistance from outside organizations that will cover their hotel costs, and each member is expected to help pay for travel. The classification of E3 recommends the travel is funded at between 40-60%. The registration is not included in that proportion. According to the guidelines the maximum the committee would fund them would be around \$1500.

The organization has a Pizza Ranch fundraiser coming up, and they're anticipating around \$100 of profit from that.

CP motioned to fund at \$1600. TL seconded. Passed.

SMASH Club

The club would like to have a more stable environment for the club to exist in. To help with that, they want to provide a few game systems and controllers for the club to use for years to come. Members will still bring in their own systems and games upon request, and those systems, controllers, and games are the backbone of the club. The pizza line item is for tournaments. They have about \$30 in their account that they use to help with pizza money. They have not really considered fundraising because they don't usually need funds, but they are open to that avenue of income.

BG motioned to fund at \$728. MP seconded.

Ultimate Frisbee (Team)

The team and club are separate entities, but they work very closely with each other. If you're on team you have to go to club once a week. Most of the tournaments available to Ultimate teams are through private colleges, though there is a national official organization. The UMM team doesn't get a lot of heads up on when tournaments are, so that's why the request is not for any specific tournaments. The club currently has \$1600, but that is being reserved for the club, not the team.

The estimate for travel is for going to the Twin Cities, where they are guessing the next tournament will be.

BG mentioned that the committee cannot fund food on trips.

Groups are allowed to ask for funding for gas. The jerseys will stay within the club and are required for official tournaments, but not private ones.

BG motioned to fund at \$1800. MP seconded. This is the total request minus the food. Passed.

Student Activity Fee

The number of full-time fee-paying students is down, so the committee will have fewer funds to work with next year.

Revisiting Requests

We have limited funds, and two more allocation rounds. We should cut some stuff.

MP suggested revisiting Ultimate Frisbee's request and reconsidering the travel expenses. She's also making some pretty great puns.

Also, College Republicans went to the same conference last year for almost \$1000 less. What's up wit dat.

BG motioned to re-open the **College Republicans** request. MP seconded. Passed
Last year the group went by bus and brought fewer people, which accounts for the lower cost of last year's trip. MP motioned to amend the allocation to \$1200. BG seconded. Passed.

There was some debate about if we should cut from Mock Trial and Ultimate. No one wants to cut from Mock Trial because it was completely out of their power.

CP motioned to re-open **Ultimate Frisbee**. BG seconded. CP said that the jerseys might not be necessary because the group isn't sure whether or not they're going to a tournament that requires them. They can make do with the funds they get for now as they see fit, and fundraise if necessary. MP motioned to fund at \$1160. TL seconded. Passed.

MP motioned to adjourn. BG seconded. Passed with a unanimous yawn/groan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Meara Hove.