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AFRC Hearing Minutes

February 7, 2013

In attendance: Haley Van Cleve, Robert Smith, Chase Gerold, Bobby Miller, Jessica Zabel, Nick Klein, Dan Magner, Sue Lor, Whinny Lindstrom, Ellie Hofer

The meeting began at 7:00.

Classifications

Morris History Association

Nick motioned to classify as a D. CG seconded.

Morris Northstar

CG motioned to classify as a D. HVC seconded.

Paganism in Literature

CG motioned to classify as a B, and BM seconded.

Foodlums

CG motioned to classify as E-3 because the event is restricted attendance. JZ seconded.

AISES

CG motioned to classify as E-3. EH seconded.

Bad Movie Club

BM motioned to classify as a B. CG seconded.

Women's Rugby

This will be the last ASG request they will be submitting, as they have been changed to an annually funded group. CG motions to classify lines 1 and 2 as D-2 because it is essential to the club but it isn't a workshop or similar. lines 3-7 as a B. BM seconded.

Econ/Management

CG motioned to classify as B because it is predicted to have low attendance. NK seconded.

Organic Gardening Club

CG motioned to classify as E. EH seconded.

[Ellie giggles when she's tired.]

International Relations Club

CG motioned to fund at D-4. 4 because it only benefits the individual. RS mentioned that we've previously classified at a C-2. JZ motioned to classify as C-2. BM seconded. CG protests, but RS wants to go home. So does everybody. CG abstained because he is extremely confused. It is classified as C-2.

Paintball Club

CG motioned to fund as a B. BM seconded.

Nordic Ski Club

LB motioned to classify as a C-2. WL seconded.

Intercultural Connections and Communications

CG motioned to classify as a B. BM seconded.

ISM

BM motioned to classify as B-1. JZ seconded.

Morris Feminists

1) HVC motioned to classify lines 1-6 as a B. There was some discussion as to what supplies counted as infrastructure and promotion. NK motioned to classify as an A. SL seconded.
2) CG motioned to classify as an A. EH seconded.

Some words of note:

- -Admissions projects higher enrollment for next year.
- -Health Services and RFC fees will increase for next year.

Hearings

Miles from the Morris History Association. The club aims to integrate history majors and non-history majors through discussion about historical movies and such. It turns out they have over \$400 in their account from when the organization existed some years ago. CG motions to fund at \$0. JZ seconded.

Morris Northstar (The Counterweight)

Sam said that the Northstar seeks to be a louder alternative - conservative/libertarian - voice on campus. They would like to have an existing newspaper, and to have speakers come to campus. The speaker they have in mind is \$4000, and took a specific interest in the newspaper. He also does journalism training, and he would need more payment to do that. The group would also like to purchase a camera and computer for easier interview process and editing. They did not apply for annual allocations this year because they did not publish anything last school year. RS mentioned that the group has \$8000 of carry-forward from previous year, more than they would have been granted in annual allocations. Sam elaborated about a training seminar for journalism that they would like to do for newer members. CG mentioned that \$7000 is half of all the funds AFRC has for the rest of the semester for ASG funds, and also moved for the journalism conference should be in annual allocations. CG suggests that the group leave a lot of these funds for later. Sam says that the priorities are the speaker and the printer.

Sam also says to forget about the flags.

JZ motioned to fund at \$2000. EH seconded, thirded, and fourthed.

Paganism in Literature

[someone] said that Paganism in Literature is a group that discusses various alternative religions. The group would like funding for a dinner for the group involving community, ritual, and cooking instruction. JZ motioned to fund at \$167. WL seconded.

Foodlums

There is a conference at John Hopkins University about healthy eating, and three members wish to go and bring back information to the group. The fundraising that they would normally do is working on farms in the fall, and this was a recently discovered event. They wiped the Foodlums account to pay the entrance fee, and also dipped into Organic Gardening Club funds. CG encouraged them to fundraise, and motioned to fund at \$400. BM seconded.

AISES

Alexandra and Natasha modified the price of the allocation to \$1411. This leadership conferences teaches leadership and professional skills. They would like money for plane tickets. 3 students got scholarships, and 2 did not, and they would like funds to cover them. They would also like funds to reimburse students who utilized the shuttle at the conference. They have come up with a considerable amount of their funds on their own. JZ motioned to fund at \$1411. CG seconded.

Bad Movie Club

Joe is requesting funds to buy movies for the club to use in future years. They don't have a lot of funds outside of ASG. They would like new movies so that the movies are less likely to be damaged. JZ asked if they had ever considered fundraising, and Joe said he will consider. Joe uses Inter Library Loan on occasion, but it may take some time before it arrives. There was some discussion as to alternative ways to get movies, but the internet doesn't like the TV in Louie's Lower Level. JZ motioned to fund at \$133, and HVC seconded.

Women's Rugby

The group has a little over \$1000 in their account currently, and that is because one of the tournaments got moved to spring. The tournament costs \$938. Their current request is similar to previous ones. CG sincerely thanked the group for fundraising. CG motioned to fund at \$3794, and JZ seconded. They will be funded in full because of the group's tremendous fundraising and the comeback from their huge inherited deficit, and every item is essential.

Morris Feminists

<u>F-Word Conference</u>: Inspired by a conference in Mankato the group attended, and seeks to challenge gender views in this culture. The buttons will be used to fundraise, and the group would like to serve snacks at the conference. NK motioned to fund at \$463, and LB seconded. <u>Female Orgasm</u>: Popular event combining sex education and women's empowerment. It is funny, tasteful, and educational, and centered around the female orgasm. Included in the program price are publicity tools. WOCA tried to get this event to come last year, but did not succeed, so Morris Feminists is collaborating with other groups. JZ motioned to fund in full. EH seconded.

Econ/Management

They are trying to restart the club and are hosting a documentary with food. They are also hosting a bake sale, so they would like funds for that. Last year's officers left a debt, which is

\$47. JZ recommended they fundraise. CG motioned to fund at \$38. HVC seconded.

Organic Gardening Club

They would like their conference fees paid for a conference on organic gardening. LB asked about Foodlums using OGC funds, and they did not think they had touched OGC funds. They are mostly funded by Morris Healthy Eating, and the money they make in the garden goes back into the garden. JZ motioned to fund at \$380. BM seconded.

Some notes about the future budget

We will have substantially less fewer funds next year if we keep all fees the same. Over 5 years, the Student Activity Fee has increased \$45. A decision will have to be reached at some point.

International Relations Club

There is a Model UN conference in Chicago the group would like to attend. The students attending will be 1 student who has gone, and 2 who have never gone. The group is holding money for a conference in Boston next week. LB motioned to fund at \$1300, and JZ seconded.

Nordic Ski Club

The club does small ski trips in Minnesota and events in between. They would like funds for gas, rental skis, and travel. The group has not done fundraising, and CG recommends doing so. The committee struck passes and ski rentals from the budget, and suggested that the group have students pay for those. CG motioned to fund at \$439. EH seconded.

Intercultural Connections and Communications Club

The group aims to improve interactions between international and American students. The committee agreed that this is a much needed club. WL motioned to fund in full (\$61), and everybody seconded.

The budget:

There are more groups and more students, and thus an increase in funds and an increased need for funds.

ISM

The group recently ran out of supplies for their magic tricks and would like to refill those. They would also like funds to have a bake sale. CG motioned to fund in full at \$70. WL seconded.

AFRC has over \$9000 for the next two meetings. We will look at increasing student fees after annual allocations. Regarding fee-paying students, the University predicts 50 fewer students than last year. We currently have 1691 students, and the committee, after reviewing budgets from previous years, settled on 1635.

We will meet for annual allocations 5-8 on 2/22, 9-6 on 2/23, and if needed on 2/24.

Food:

Subway on Saturday Pizza Hut on Friday OH yeah, and we're tabling Paintball's request.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Meara Hove