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In Attendance:

Parker Smith (PS)
David Israels-Swenson (DS)
Alec Santelman (AS)
Duncan Vermillion (DV)
Clement Loo (CL)
Ryan Schamp (RS)
Dennis Ostroushko (DO)
Andre Oliveira (AO)
Renee Seycora (RSY)
Sarah Carman (SC)
Tarlynn Tone-Pah-hote (TT)

Called to order at 4:05 PM

Introduction:

DS: Minutes are shared online with all members of the committee.
DS gave overview of allocations from student groups.

AS: Any discussion on a 2% increase on the budget?

AS: All in favor?

Motion passed.

AS: DS and I made an executive decision in the interests of the committee's time to approve the Morris Gladiators' \$31 request.

AS: All those for approving the minutes?

Motion passed.

ASG Classifications:

Psychology Club:

PS: Move to classify as A.

Seconded, passed.

AISES:

AS: AISES is annually funded, but we can decide if the circumstances warrant a special classification from the committee.

RS: What qualifies as poor fiscal management? They must have known about some of these things in advance.

CL: Move to classify as B.

Seconded, passed.

Floating World Book:

Questions were raised about the fact that the student group is selling the book but asking for money.

DV: They sell the books, contributors get a free copy, they might charge 3 or 5 dollars.

PS: Am I missing what these future planned events are?

AS: I don't believe they specifically have that in the contents.

PS: Move to classify as B.

Seconded, passed.

Meditation Club Miscellaneous Items:

AS: They are for a bench, T-shirts, tea, and food.

PS: Move to classify as E.

Seconded, passed.

Meme Team "Mom's Spaghetti Dinner":

AS: This event got a lot of good turnout last year.

PS: Move to classify as A.

Seconded, passed.

Organic Gardening Club Barn Dance:

Questions were raised regarding the location.

DS: It is not in a barn, it is in Oyate.

PS: Move to classify as A.

Seconded, passed.

MSA Travel to MSP:

AS: Going to the cities for a religious cultural exchange experience.

PS: Move to table this for a bit.

Seconded, passed.

PS: Move to remove from the table at 5:04 PM.

Seconded, passed.

SC: Pretty clearly an E.

AS: Probably a 2 or a 3.

PS: Move to classify as E-2.

Seconded, passed.

SLAM Trip:

AS: Asking for only part of the money because they have outside funding.

CL: Move to classify E-4

Seconded, passed.

USA ASG:

CL: Move to classify as A.
Seconded, passed.

Hearings:

OCE (Office of Community Engagement) Annual Funding

Querent: We're seeing a general increase in our office's programming.

Querent: A third of total students involved in our office's programming are involved in 5+ hours a week.

DS: Request is approximately \$42,000, previously funded at \$27,000, requested increase is 57%.

DS: Coke funds are changing the time when they are disbursed.

RS: A few years back, we had to do a resource allocation review. I was one of the people that reviewed it, and if memory serves, the OCE was the only program that was recommended to be funded at a higher rate.

DS: This will not affect other bottom lines because it is split into a different fee.

AS: 57% is a large increase, so keep that in mind.

DS: It would behoove the committee to set a procedure in place for reviewing administrative groups on a regular schedule.

PS: How much money is given by Coke funds?

Coke funds are funds given to the University by the Coca-Cola contract, which are being disbursed on a different timeline.

Querent: \$10,000 for two years, \$5,000 previous year.

RS: How long have you been working in the OCE?

Querent: 18 years.

RS: Has the OCE ever made a student more likely to come to Morris?

Querent: Have not tracked that, should do a better job collaborating with admissions.

RS: Move to fund in full.

No second.

PS: Move to fund at \$37,000.

PS: It's the budget from last year plus the \$10,000 they will not get from Coke funds.

RS: A flagship office of this institution should not rely on soft money.

Motion to fund at \$37,000.

Division, tie, broken by chair (AS) in favor.

PS: Move to allocate at 26.50 per student (\$37,577)

Motion seconded, passed.

Psych Club for 2nd Annual Drug Talk

Querent: Talk about drugs that is very informative and unbiased the week of 4/20.

DV: What kind of brownies are you making?

Querent: Fudge, gluten-free, and vegan.

AS: Our committee generally doesn't give money for fundraising that will be made back.

RS: Why is tabling excluded from Sodexo catering rules?

DS: Because the University allows it--the rules about catering are not driven by Sodexo, the rules are health and safety.

DV: Move to fund at \$160. (Original request with \$40 for brownies removed)

Seconded, passed.

CAC (Campus Activities Council):

DS: Requesting a 17% increase to \$100,569

Querent: We want more money for bigger names to campus, such as Intergalactic Nemesis and speakers that would cost \$23,000 and \$25,000, which is the reality of the business.

AS: The percentages do not add up from 2% per committee.

DS: Some individual office budgets stay the same, some are increased.

DV: Move to fund at \$62 per student (\$87,916)

Seconded.

RS: Would be more comfortable funding this if there were more democratic input from students. However, big names are very good not just for the students on campus, but are also good recruiting tools.

Querent: Big names are useful for recruitment.

Division, tie, broken by chair (AS), motion fails.

AS: More money could be used by the CAC.

PS: Move to fund at \$65 per student (\$92,170).

Seconded, passed.

AISES Conference (ASG):

Querent: Would like to have money for an authentic traditional meal which is important to learn the culture.

RS: The food seems to be expensive, is it catered by Sodexo?

Querent: Yes, all of it is.

CL: Have you talked to EDI about this?

Querent: Yes, got some money.

RS: This conference is next weekend, correct?

Querent: Yes.

DS: When did you apply to be a host?

Querent: After previous funding allocation.

PS: You're losing money per person that shows up, correct?

Querent: Correct, we wanted to make it accessible.

RS: Move to fund at \$850.

No second.

DV: Move to fund at \$500.

Seconded, passed.

Meditation Club/Floating World:

AS: We cannot fund clothing that is solely for members.

DV: What are the benches?

Querent: More comfortable for some who feel uncomfortable doing meditation.

PS: Would you be willing to sell T-shirts?

Querent: Yes.

PS: Move to fund at \$305 dollars.

Seconded.

RS: Move to amend at \$365.

Seconded, passed.

Querent: Floating World literary magazine and pizza.

Querent: Sell the magazines for \$3 each.

PS: Move to fund in full at \$705

Seconded, passed.

Meme Team Dinner:

Querent: We eat spaghetti for fun.

PS: What is the future of this club?

Querent: Potentially not there, but a lot of freshmen seemed excited about it.

RS: Is this at your private residence?

Querent: Yes, I have a huge backyard.

RS: What is alcohol consumption like?

Querent: None.

PS: Move to fund at \$200.

Seconded, passed.

OGC (Organic Gardening Club):

Querent: Partnered with Sustainable Farming' Association, a statewide organization to organize farmers, to get a good chunk of money for this.

PS: Move to fund at \$70.

Seconded, passed.

MSA:

Querent: Planning on going to see different religious places in the Twin Cities.

RS: Have you considered going to dinner to make the event longer, to justify the overnight stay?

Querent: That sounds like a great idea.

DV: Move to fund \$758.

Seconded, passed.

SLAM:

Querent: For sports management majors this is a very important conference, that some have gotten internships at. The money we're asking for is going to be used for a hotel room.

PS: Move to fund at \$1,045.

Seconded, passed.

WTCHW:

Querent: Organize events represented by different ethnicities represented on campus and support other events during the year like Black History Month, Asian Awareness Month, etc.

RS: What kinds of speakers were you unable to get because of funding issues?

Querent: Well-known journalists, media people, etc.

PS: Move to fund at \$19.50 per student.

Seconded, passed.

USA:

Querent: Want to do an event and have money for the rest of the semester. Had 55 at the dance last year.

RS: How much do police cost?

DS: \$30/hr.

RS: Who is DJ Ola Ola?

Querent: A DJ better-known in the Twin Cities who does Afro-beats music.

RS: Water is ridiculously expensive from Sodexo--\$10 per gallon.

AS: What are you going to do to increase attendance to 100?

Querent: Advertise and change the date, probably charge \$2 a person.

DV: Move to fund at \$1,500.

Seconded.

RS: ORL will partner with you to pay the \$100 for lemonade.

Passed.

ASG REVIEW:

RS: MSA's hotel costs seem unreasonable.

PS: Move to amend MSA's request from \$860 to \$260, taking off their hotel rooms.

Seconded, passed.

PS: Move to amend allocation for SLAM from \$1045 to \$800.

Seconded, passed.

PS: Move to revisit allocation for BOOM.

Seconded, discussion reopened.

General discussion about all parts of the Meditation Request.

PS: How would people feel about getting \$160 from this club?

RS: Move to cut T-shirts, everything is good.

Seconded.

PS: Move to amend to also cut pizza by 50%.

Seconded, accepted.

Cut T-shirts accepted.

PS: Move to amend SLAM's budget to give them the wealth we redistributed from BOOM.

Seconded, passed.

AS: Would entertain a motion to close discussion.

DV: Move to close discussion.

Seconded, passed.

Intramurals:

Querent: Asked the intramurals coordinator to add \$5,000 to his own salary because the University is facing budget crisis, as well as other things.

PS: What about student wages?

Querent: Mostly scorekeeping, but also miscellaneous stuff, like special events and such.

PS: Move to fund at 13.00 per student.

Seconded, passed.

OSA:

PS: If theft of office supplies was decreased, would you save money?

DS: Potentially, yes, but it's unlikely because it's more that we have not supervised student ordering of office supplies.

RS: The administrative stuff is run by professionals, which I feel more comfortable giving money to than student groups.

AS: I don't feel comfortable increasing the penny fee by \$30 necessarily.

RS: It's much better to give money to professionals as opposed to student groups.

DV: Move to fund at \$28 per student.

Seconded, passed.

Final Wrap-up

General Consensus of acceptability of the final results.

PS: Move to adjourn

Seconded, passed.

Adjourned at 8:17 PM.