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Activity Fee Review Committee
February 21, 2020
Assistance to Student Groups and Fee Hearing
4:00 p.m., Student Center, Moccasin Flower Room
Minutes

Members Present: Ariel Cordes, Dave Israels-Swenson, Connor Oldenburg, Sam Rosemark, Morgan Fifield, Clement Loo, Brandon King, Sophie Polski, Autumn Johnson, Renee Seykora, Andre Fortin, Steve McFarlin

- I. Welcome
 - A. Meeting called to order at 4:02pm
- II. Approve the Agenda
- III. Approve the [Minutes](#) from 11/21/2019
- IV. Overview of Fees and Deficit
- V. Reserve Policy
- VI. Classify Requests
 - A. **Floating World:** Ariel moves to classify as a “B”. Andre seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - B. **Morris Cooking Club:** Ariel moves to classify as an “E”. Andre seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - C. **Role Playing Games Club:** Andre moves to classify as a “B”. Autumn seconds. Discussion. Ariel makes a friendly amendment to classify as an “A”. Amendment accepted. Discussion. Motion passed to classify as an “A”.
 - D. **Laser Club Initiative:** Morgan moves to classify as an “A”. Sophie seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - E. **German Club:** Ariel moves to classify as an “E-4”. Brandon seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - F. **Anonymous Dance Club:** Clement moves to classify as a “B”. Ariel seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - G. **Pi Sigma Alpha:**
 1. Andre moves to classify as an “A”. Ariel seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 2. Andre moves to classify as an “E-3”. Sophie seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - H. **Students for Life:** Andre moves to classify as an “A”. Ariel seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - I. **Morris Martial Arts Club:** Andre moves to classify as a “B”. Clement seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
- VII. Hearings
 - A. **Floating World (4:20)**
 1. Looking for funds of \$720 to cover printing and shipping costs for their annual literary and art journal. Autumn moves to fund in full at \$720. Brandon and Sophie co-second. Discussion. Motion passed.
 - B. **Morris Cooking Club (4:30)**

1. Looking for funds of \$7,000 to rent the dining hall and TMC spaces as well as equipment and food supplies. This would be enough to do one event for 25 people per week. Will do bake sales to create revenue. Average attendance is currently about 10 people. Members do pay \$10 each month to cover cooking cost (they have two events per month). Treasurer collects the money at the door of each event. Andre moves to fund at \$1,500. Autumn seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.

C. Role Playing Games Club (4:40)

1. Looking for funds of \$590 to do another 24-hour event in Humanities March 6th-7th. The event last semester had about 80 participants. All food prices were taken from Sodexo catering numbers. There was no change in the request from last year to this year. Morgan moves to fund in full at \$590. Ariel seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.

D. Laser Club Initiative (4:50)

1. Looking for funds of \$14,090.71 to buy taggers and other equipment for the club rather than continuing to rent each time there is a scheduled event. Around 75 student on average attend events as well as community members. The club does have a current balance of \$724.95. Equipment the club is looking to purchase includes laser tag bundles, utility boxes, networking equipment, software license, and shipping costs. The taggers have different game and sound settings to customize playing experience. The taggers will last about 10 years. Autumn moves to fund at \$14,091. Brandon seconds. Discussion. Andre's bake sale. Motion passed to fund at \$14,091.

E. German Club (5:00)

1. Looking for funds of \$249.61 to travel to the cities to the Minneapolis Art Institute and go to a German restaurant with the Twin Cities German Club. There is a plan to sell German chocolate and baked goods as fundraising. 9 students are currently interested in going. Students will be paying for the meal. Autumn moves to fund at \$144. Andre seconds. Ariel makes a friendly amendment to \$159. Amendment accepted. Discussion. Motion passed to fund at \$159.

F. Anonymous Dance Club (5:10)

1. Looking for funds of \$820 for meeting food, costumes, and dance props. There are currently 20 members active in the club. They perform at the International Fashion SHow, Taste of Asia, and Dance Ensemble. Costumes will be kept by the club, not participants. Ariel moves to fund at \$820. Clement seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.

G. Pi Sigma Alpha (5:20)

1. Looking for funds of \$600 for Politics and Pints event which is a three-movie series. Costs go towards ice cream and beverages from Sodexo. Morgan moves to fund in full at \$600. Sophie seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.
2. Looking for funds of \$1,286 to travel to the Midwest Political Science Association Conference. 7 students are signed up to go. Costs include an Airbnb, registration, and vehicle rental. Students are contributing \$50 each. 4 students are presenting at the conference. Andre moves to fund in full at \$1,286. Morgan seconds. Ariel makes friendly amendment to \$1,285. Amendment accepted. Discussion. Motion passed.

H. **Students for Life** (5:40)

1. Looking for funds of \$3,562 to bring a speaker to campus on March 31st. The costs would include plane tickets (2 people), bus shuttle, and a hotel room. Event will be advertised by social media, tabling, and community outreach. Discussion. Club does have current funds of \$1,300. Brandon moves to fund at \$3,000. Ariel seconds. Discussion. Group is requested to come back with a more complete travel plan. Motion passed to fund at \$3,000.

I. **Morris Martial Arts Club** (5:50)

1. Looking for funds of \$2,040 to purchase three new wrestling mats. The current mats are leftover from the University's wrestling team which was eliminated in 2000. The Athletic Department and CSC would help with costs and upkeep of the mats. Andre moves to fund in full at \$2,040. Morgan seconds. Discussion. "Meow, Meow". Motion passed.

VIII. Dinner Break 6 - 6:30

IX. Student Fee Hearings

A. **Athletics Fee** (6:30)

1. The Student Athletic Fee is up for change. The fee is currently at \$55 and the proposal for next is to increase to \$70. 33% of 2019-2020 first year class were student athletes. With decreasing enrollment, the increase in the fee will be able to balance out the loss and fund more sports. The fee does not increase coach salaries and does not go towards outside travel. Discussion. Andre moves to increase the athletic fee by \$15. Autumn seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.

B. **WTCHS** (7:00)

1. Looking for a 5% increase in student fees to \$10.25 to match inflation. World Touch brings higher profile speakers and performers to campus increasing student attendance while ensuring there is a broad representation of culture on campus. They are in their 47th year of running the program. Discussion. Sam moves to increase to \$10.25. Morgan seconds. Discussion. Motion passed.

C. **Office of Student Activities** (7:30)

1. Looking for a 7% increase in the Student Activities fee from \$14-\$15. The fees pay for the operations of the Student Activities office which includes the student org space and student workers. The increase is to match inflation. Discussion. Ariel moves to increase the fee to \$15. Andre and Brandon co-second. Discussion. Motion passed.

X. Adjourn

- A. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm